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Council Meeting August 10, 2023

Your Council met in a Regular Session on August 10, 2023.

Council received a report from MHBC, our contract planners, after the Province provided their comments regarding our draft Official Plan. Work has started in updating our draft Official Plan with comments received since February 2022. There will be an updated draft of our Official Plan presented to Council at some point in the fall and there will also be more public consultation. It was noted that the Province is in the midst of updating the Provincial Policy which hopefully will be ready prior to the finalization of our draft Official Plan.

Council received information from the Timiskaming Public Health Unit regarding the PurpleAir monitoring program that is being designed to provide better information on air quality, especially after the smoke in the air from this year's forest fires. Staff will notify the Health Unit of our interest to participate in this program.

The ICIP Green Funding program has been approved for projects in Temagami North. These projects are a Lagoon Disinfection Project, updating the chemical pump panels in our Water Treatment Plant and rehabilitation of the water tower. Council provided direction for Staff to contact the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) to receive an estimate on the work on the water tower and to start with the chemical pump panel replacement. The Lagoon Disinfection Project should be starting in the next couple of weeks. Council also directed Staff to start the application process to acquire long-term debt for our share of these project estimated to be \$1,150,000.

Speaking of OCWA, Council received the operations and performance report for the second quarter of 2023. There are a couple of values in the report where further information is being requested and will beereported to Council as answers are received. It was also noted that there are no longer deferred projects as part of these reports as there has been a concerted effort to work on these projects over the past few years.

Council has scheduled a special meeting on September 7, 2023. At this meeting, presentations will be heard from the seven people who have submitted their names to fill the present vacancy on Council. These are (listed alphabetically by last name) Joe Fontana, Barry Graham, Brian Koski, Derek Laronde, Scott Poirier, Suzanne Prefasi and Andrew Zyp. At the meeting on September 7th, after presentations have been heard, Council will make their selection and that person is scheduled to assume their seat at the table at the next Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for September 14, 2023.

Should you have a matter to raise with Council, requests for delegations or correspondence will be received until September 6, 2023. All items on the agenda can be found in our meeting packages on our website.