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Council Brief

The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held January 18, 2023:

- Indigenous Services Canada representatives made a presentation to Council providing an update on the 69 Seventh Avenue Temporary Use By-law and their plans to continue to operate a warehouse from this location for an interim period until a more suitable location can be identified. The warehouse is used to store supplies for Northern Nursing Stations.
- Council directed staff to continue to market the former Mayfair Theatre property for sale.
- Council directed staff to consult with the residents of Hudson regarding their needs and wants for a community centre, seek input on an interim location, and to explore a possible partnership with the Sioux Lookout Area Aboriginal Management Board (SLAAMB) for the construction of a new community centre in Hudson, and to report back to Council following those discussions. Council also directed staff to allocate \$10,000 in the 2023 operating budget to undertake repairs to the Lost Lake Drop-in Centre to ensure the environmental safety of the building until an alternate or new location is found.
- Council received the Bigwood Service Extension Project update in regard to cost changes.
- Council passed By-law No. 01-23, Being a By-law to Provide for the 2023 Interim Tax Levy and Late Payment Charges and approved the 2023 Interim Tax Levy to be due in two installments with due dates to be the last working date in February and last working date in April 2023.
- Council passed By-law No. 02-23, Being a By-law to Authorize the Temporary Borrowing of Monies to Meet the Current Expenditures of The Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout.
- Council adopted the compliance report for expenditures excluded from the 2023 budget, as a requirement of Ontario Regulation 284/09, and relating to tangible capital assets.
- Council authorized staff to create a Human Resources Reserve for the purpose of retiree benefits, collective bargaining and arbitration. Council also authorized the transfer of \$19,250 of the 2022 unused budgeted amounts for these purposes to the Reserve.

- Council received a report from the Chief Administrative Officer as it pertained to the delegated authority under By-law No. 104-21, Being a By-law to Authorize the Delegation of Authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Clerk, and the Treasurer to Conduct Certain Business of the Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and Its Council During the 2022 Municipal Election Restricted Acts Period. Legislation prohibits Councils from making certain decisions during “restricted acts” periods leading up to and immediately following a general municipal election. The purpose of the By-law was to enable senior staff to continue the business of the Municipality during these periods.
- Council received the Accessible Elections Report as information, pursuant to Section 12.1(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended. The report summarized actions taken to ensure the 2022 general Municipal Election was accessible.
- Council directed staff to terminate the contract for Blue Box Program effective June 30, 2023 with a proviso to extend the contract should it be required, and to notify Circular Materials that the Municipality wishes to opt into the program by transferring the responsibility of the Blue Box Program as of July 1, 2023 through to December 31, 2025, the transition period. Residents should not notice any changes to the recycling collection program. The Provincial Government has introduced a new system for the collection of recyclable materials, and as of July 1, 2023, the Municipality of Sioux Lookout will no longer be directly involved in the collection of these materials.
- Councillor Van Breda brought forward a Notice of Motion to seek Council’s support to lobby the Federal Government to reinstate the Northern Allowance for the Sioux Lookout Area. This matter will be discussed by Council at the February 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.
- Council approved amending Schedule “A” to By-law No. 68-22 (Being a By-law to Make Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees), by adding George Hoggarth to the Sioux Lookout Environment Committee and Wendy Simpson to the Municipal Accommodation Tax Committee.

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