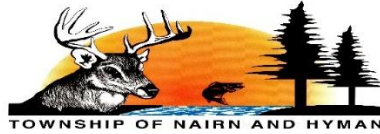


# MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN &  
THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN



Monday, August 19, 2024

There was a Joint Emergency Meeting of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Township of Baldwin that was held at the Nairn Community Centre on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. (The meeting was open to the public and recorded to allow for viewing on our website)

**PRESENT:**

Township of Nairn and Hyman	
Amy Mazey	Mayor
Trevor McVey	Deputy Mayor
Wayne Austin	Councillor
Guy Despatie	Councillor
Rod MacDonald	Councillor
Belinda Ketchabaw	CAO, Clerk Treasurer

Township of Baldwin	
Vern Gorham	Mayor
Jason Cote	Deputy Mayor
Bert McDowell	Councillor
Ray Maltais	Councillor
Holly Zahorodny	Clerk Administrator/Treasurer

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None.

**DELEGATIONS**

Resolution 2024-EM1-6 was passed to have the representative from the Ministry of Transportation, Darren Stephenson address the two Councils to provide a brief description of the project to transport and deposit the naturally occurring radioactive material and answer questions.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM1-1**

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey

SECONDED BY: Jason Cote

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Amy Mazey will chair the joint Emergency Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin.

**CARRIED**

**CONCERNS REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION AND DEPOSITION OF NATURALLY OCCURRING RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS TO THE AGNEW LAKE TAILINGS MANAGEMENT AREA**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM1-2**

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey

SECONDED BY: Guy Despatie

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation the Township of Baldwin have been informed of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine and Nipissing First Nation reserve land, and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) in the Township of Nairn and Hyman; and

**WHEREAS** this decision has significant implications for the environment, public health, and safety of the surrounding communities, including those within the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin; and

**WHEREAS** the decision to transport and deposit NORM to the ALTMA site was made without any consultation with the Township of Nairn and Hyman or the other municipalities bordering Agnew Lake, resulting in the exclusion of local municipalities from the decision-making process; and

**WHEREAS** the exclusion of local municipalities from this process represents a serious breach of trust and a disregard for the well-being of the residents of these communities; and

**WHEREAS** there are significant concerns among residents regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

**WHEREAS** the risks associated with NORM are well-documented, and the proximity of the ALTMA to Agnew Lake heightens the concerns regarding the potential contamination of this vital water source; and

**WHEREAS** according to information received from the Ministry of Mines, there are already some areas of the ALTMA site where dose estimates exceed the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's regulatory limit for casual site users; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin held a joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of NORM at the ALTMA site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocols, and the future management plan for the ALTMA site; and

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin insists that environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearings to ensure transparency and community involvement; and

**THAT** the Province of Ontario enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM; and

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**MEDIA RELEASE TO BE PREPARED**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM1-3**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Jason Cote

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin have formally expressed their strong concerns regarding the transportation and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive material to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area in the Township of Nairn and Hyman; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** both Councils direct that these concerns be communicated publicly through a media release to ensure that the residents of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin, as well as the municipalities along Highway 17 that this material will be transported through, are informed; and

**FURTHER THAT** the media release shall highlight the potential environmental and public health risks, the potential contamination of drinking water and the exclusion of local municipalities from the decision-making process.

**CARRIED**

**SIGNATURE PETITION**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM1-4**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Bert McDowell

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin have formally expressed their strong concerns regarding the transportation and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) in the Township of Nairn and Hyman; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation has initiated this project without prior consultation with the municipalities; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin directs the initiation of a signature petition to require the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation to halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities and an inclusive consultation process has been conducted; and

**THAT** the Province of Ontario enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM.

**CARRIED**

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM1-5**

MOVED BY: Ray Maltais

SECONDED BY: Guy Despatie

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin directs that a Town Hall Meeting will be scheduled and invite representatives from each Ministry involved; and

**FURTHER THAT** members of the public may send in written comments, questions or concerns in advance of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MTO TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM1-6**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Vern Gorham

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Township of Baldwin agree to have MTO representative, Darren Stephenson, address the two councils.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM1-7**

MOVED BY: Jason Cote

SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** “Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin at its joint emergency meeting held on August 19, 2024” be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed in open council and its number shall be 2024-27.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM1-8**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Bert McDowell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**

**These minutes shall not be considered as official minutes until they have been approved by council at their next meeting.**