



Baigrie Appointed to Permanent Mayor for the Township

“Council utilized voting system in Open Council to Appoint Permanent Mayor”

January 15, 2024 Ignace, ON At its regular Council meeting on January 15, 2024 Township Council endorsed a report brought forward by Interim CAO Cathy Cyr that provided recommendations to Council on filling the vacant full-time Mayor’s position in Ignace. Council decided to move forward with the recommendation whereby Council itself nominated and voted in the new full-time Mayor rather than just appoint the interim Mayor into that position. After some debate on the potential deferral of appointing the permanent Mayor into the position for another three months, Council decided to proceed based on ensuring permanent leadership for the community at this time. In a tight 3-2 vote with Councillor Defeo, the other nominated Councillor for the Mayor’s position, Kim Baigrie was successful and was appointed as the new full-time and permanent Mayor of the Township of Ignace. The incoming Mayor as well as a new annual rotating Deputy Mayor, between the other Councillors, must now be sworn in and take the oath of office and that will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council.

“I was delighted to let my name stand and to accept both the nomination and the permanent Mayor’s position for this amazing Township” stated incoming Mayor Kim Baigrie. “Having served as the Interim Mayor since March of last year has certainly groomed me for this position and I have quickly learned that there are so many moving parts to the leadership of Ignace, and so much that we still have to collectively work on and accomplish, especially during this very critical period in our history. This year, we really need to come together as both a unified Council and a community to make decisions about our willingness to potentially host a deep geological repository, strengthen our stakeholder and indigenous relationships, work more closely with regional, provincial, and federal governments and stabilize and then grow our community tax base”, Baigrie went on to state.

“I look forward to working and representing all of the diverse voices in our community. We have to continue to look forward as a small northern municipality at our most critical strengths, building upon our relationships with local groups and beginning to focus more on our tourism and economic opportunities, through the development of meaningful and creative partnerships with our local businesses. We now have a strengthened team of professionals behind us, and I look forward to working with the team at the Township to move progressively forward on all of these initiatives. I thank the community for their ongoing support and patience and the confidence to guide us through the next few years” stated incoming Mayor Kim Baigrie.

Incoming Mayor Kim Baigrie and a new Deputy Mayor will be formally sworn in and take the oath of office on Tuesday February 20, 2024.

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