



## **“Ignace Council Appoints New Interim Mayor”**

**Ignace, ON April 5, 2023** –At a Special Emergency Meeting of Council, on April 4, 2023, Ignace Council appointed **Councillor Kim Baigrie** as the Township’s new Interim Mayor to oversee the daily business of Council until a more concrete plan is in place on moving forward with options to review, analyze and determine the process to replace the former Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

“These are unfortunate times for the Township of Ignace, as we have had to make some difficult decisions over the past few weeks in this community about democracy and protection of our employee’s rights. Regardless, it is never easy to make these significant changes to the leadership of Ignace Council so early into our term, but we must remember that first and foremost, that we were all elected in a democratic system, to act with the utmost professionalism and always at the accountability of those who elected us as Councillors to put this community first”, stated newly appointed Interim Mayor Baigrie.

Council will continue to remain focused on the priorities of the community, the continuation and uninterrupted services at the Township office and the initiation and cooperation into a variety of investigations taking place at the workplace. “We are committed to ensuring that we comply and provide all necessary information to the appropriate authorities engaged to investigate a variety of matters and issues that have led to the resignation of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in Ignace”, stated Councillor John Taddeo.

As these matters involve Township staff, Council members and others, the Township is not a liberty to further discuss any of the specifics around the personnel or the issues related to these up-coming investigations.

Interim Mayor Baigrie and Council are committed to ensuring that all information related to progress with both the process around replacement of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor’s positions, as well as any public information related to the on-going operations at Township Hall will be shared with the ratepayers of Ignace.

“We are now looking forward to moving this community in the right direction, re-engaging our Provincial and Federal partners, as well as driving new economic development initiatives forward in a timely and progressive manner for Ignace,” stated Councillor Defeo.

Thanks again to all of our citizens for their on-going support, dedication, and patience while we move through this time of transition.