1. Changes to Agenda

a) 14795

Moved by Leeanne Woestenenk  Seconded by Patricia Bailey

THAT the following changes be made to the April 14, 2020, Council Agenda:
Add Under New Business:
7.6 Water and Sewer Budget

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

a) Ken Blodgett declared a pecuniary interest on agenda Item 7.3.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

a) 14803

Moved by Aaron Wright  Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the minutes of March 9, 2020, Council Meeting, and the minutes of March 16, 2020, and March 26, 2020, Special Council Meetings be adopted as presented.

Carried
4. Correspondence

a) Town of Midland re: Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for 2020

Moved by Aaron Wright  
Seconded by Leeanne Woestenenk

WHEREAS The Town of Midland, in the Province of Ontario, is proposing a solution to the Federal Government regarding financial help to alleviate the stress on taxpayers concerned with paying their property taxes for 2020;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Midland Propose the following:

1. Residential Properties (primary residence only)
   a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed at or below $500,000.00 by each governing provincial property assessment body; and
   b. Waive 50% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed below $1,000,000.00; and
   c. Waive 25% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed above $1,000,000.00.

2. Industrial, Commercial and Farm Properties
   a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all; industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed at under $10,000,000.00; and
   b. Waive 50% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed between $10,000,000.00 and $50,000,000.00; and
   c. Waive 25% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties assessed above $50,000,000.00.

3. Federal Transfer Payment to Canadian Municipalities
   a. In lieu of the annual municipal property taxes, the Federal Government transfers funds to municipalities across Canada, as a one-time grant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT while Gore Bay Council agrees that many taxpayers will feel a financial burden during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gore Bay Council supports the proposal made by The Town of Midland to the Federal Government concerning property taxes for 2020 and the be so advised.

FURTHER THAT The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau be advised of Council’s support of Midlands Resolution.

Carried

b) Bell Re: Application to Canadian Radio-Television and TeleCommunications Commission

Moved by Patricia Bailey  
Seconded by Leeanne Woestenenk

WHEREAS Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has
established a Broadband Fund that provides up to $750 million over five years to provide broadband Internet access services in eligible underserved areas across Canada.

AND WHEREAS Bell Canada is submitting an application and is asking for support;

AND WHEREAS Gore Bay would benefit from improved highspeed internet;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay Council approve sending a letter of support to Bell Canada towards their application to CRTC.

Carried

5. Boards and Committees

6. By-Laws

a) Confirmatory By-law

14806

Moved by Patricia Bailey          Seconded by Ken Blodgett

THAT By-law No. 2020-11 confirmatory by-law receive its first, second and third readings and finally passed this 14th day of April 2020.

Carried

b) By-law 2020-12 Amendment to Zoning By-law 80-19 re: File No. 8019ZBL-20-002 Andrew and Mehgan Woods

14807

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk          Seconded by Aaron Wright

THAT By-law No. 2020-12 re: Amending Zoning By-law No. 80-19 receive its first, second and third readings and finally passed this 14th day of April 2020.

Carried

7. New Business

a) Ontario’s Action Plan Responding to COVID-19 re: Property Tax Initiatives

14808

Moved by Aaron Wright          Seconded by Ken Blodgett

WHEREAS The Minister of Finance has announced the deferral of the upcoming quarterly (June 30) municipal remittance of education property taxes to school boards, as well as the deferral of the September 30 quarterly municipal remittance to school boards;

AND WHEREAS by deferring these payments by 90 days each will provide municipalities the flexibility to, in turn, provide property tax deferrals to local residents and businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Province will adjust payments to school boards to offset the deferral;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay Council approve deferring the April 30, 2020 taxation due date for 60 days and the September 30th taxation due date for 60 days.

Carried

b) Water Financial Plan

14809

Moved by Paulie Nodecker  
Seconded by Ken Blodgett

THAT Gore Bay Council approves the 2020 – 2028 Water Financial Plan as presented.

Carried

14810

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk  
Seconded by Aaron Wright

THAT Resolution No. 14804 be rescinded.

Carried

8. Closed Session

9. Adjournment

a)

14813

Moved by Patricia Bailey


Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk