

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF SIOUX NARROWS - NESTOR FALLS**

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, October 18th, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Nestor Falls Community Hall. A quorum of Council was present and this was a duly authorized meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls.

Resolution No. 138-11

Moved by Jerry O'Leary

Seconded by Wayne Helliar

That the Mayor now calls this meeting to order to deal with matters pertaining to general.

Carried

Resolution No. 139-11

Moved by Wayne Helliar

Seconded by Norbert Dufresne

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the October 18th, 2011, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest - None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 140-11

Moved by Wayne Helliar

Seconded by Norbert Dufresne

That the minutes of the October 4th, 2011, regular open meeting of Council be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence - None.

Disbursements - None.

By-Laws - None.

Reports from Committees

G. Black - reported that she invited the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee to meet with her October 12th, 2011, regarding planning a kids dance for Halloween. Eight members attended. They are organizing a Halloween Dance for kids and an adult dance to follow on October 12th, 2011. The Recreation Committee co-chairs wrote a letter to council with a variety of questions. They will meet with Council, Tuesday, November 1st, after the regular council meeting. Councillor O'Leary commented that this would be a good opportunity for council to express any concerns with the Committee and vice versa. Councillor Black reported that the Recreation Committee's fundraising account balance, as of October 13th, 2011, is \$13,474.98. Commented that the meeting went well. Gave a Government Dock revenue report. At Sioux Narrows the fees collected in 2011 were \$7583.84 and at Nestor Falls they were \$1759.66. Discussion ensued regarding collection methods. Reported that the Provincial Park revenues for 2011 are \$57,866.64. Reported that the next Advisory Committee meeting for Sport Fishing Centre is

Reports from Committees (cont.)

Friday, October 21st, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. It is open to anyone who wishes to attend and the more people who get involved, the better. Reported that there is a problem at the Sioux Narrows Government Dock ramp with commercial haulers dumping sand. Council will invite contractors to meet with council to discuss the issue.

W. Helliar – reported that he spoke with J. Port, Director of Planning and Development, regarding the Nestor Falls Skating Rink property. J. Port has discussed property acquisition with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). MNR is suggesting that we start with a land use permit, after which it will be easier to initiate a purchase of the land. Discussion ensued regarding skating rink usage and fundraising. Commented that the flooding is volunteer based. Reported that he attended a Nestor Falls Recreation Committee meeting October 11th, 2011. The agenda included winter event planning, the Halloween Dance and Harvest Dinner. The Committee has decided to host a New Years' Eve Dance this year, as a joint event, partnering with Curling Club. The Curling Club will run a dinner and Recreation Committee with run the bar. Reported that W. Kabel, CAO, submitted an application to Ontario Tire Stewardship for the municipal landfill sites to become as registered tire collectors. This would permit a registered hauler to pick them up and we would receive a small stipend. Discussion ensued regarding tire and electronic waste.

J. O'Leary – asked Councillor Dufresne if he was able to find out how many drivers from Nestor Falls are licensed to drive the fire trucks. Councillor Dufresne answered that he did and the answer is two. Councillor O'Leary reported that the building at the golf course is essentially complete, with the exception of the door. Reported that the clubhouse was recently stained and looks great. The Ministry of Transportation 2011 road surface treatment project is complete. Reported that the golf course revenues in September were over \$10,000.00 and up to and including September, the revenue total in 2011 is \$77,095.93. Discussion ensued.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 141-11

Moved by Jerry O'Leary

Seconded by Wayne Helliar

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby agrees to terminate the Agreement for the Provision of Police Services under Section 10 of the Police Services Act, RSO 1990, c.P.15, with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; and,

Pursuant to the Agreement, written notice of termination shall be delivered to the Minister, and upon delivery the Agreement shall be terminated one year following.

Carried

G. Black – disagrees with terminating the contract. Does not want to reduce the service level we receive from the OPP under current contract.

New Business (cont.)

J. O'Leary – clarified that terminating the current contract does not remove the services we receive from the OPP. By cancelling the current contract, which will take one year to come into effect, the current billing arrangement can be renegotiated or changed to what is referred to as 5.1 service. Under our current contract we are allotted 2.48 officers. Under 5.1 that would change to 1.48, but we would continue to receive the service we need, but would pay for it on a usage basis.

G. Black – stated that she feels with all the break-ins we are currently having, that we could open ourselves up to further problems if there is a perception that we have a lessened police presence.

J. O'Leary – reiterated that the current contract will take one year before termination, which would give us an opportunity to renegotiate. Discussion ensued.

G. Black – stated that policing is an emergency service, just like ambulance and fire services, and does not feel it would be appropriate to decrease service levels where any are concerned.

B. Thompson – confirmed that we are not cancelling the OPP service, we are cancelling the contract that specifies our current funding arrangement, including specifications for 2.48 officers. If we cancel and go 5.1, we will receive 1.48 officers, but will also get additional services as are necessary. We should pay less under 5.1 than under our current contract.

G. Black – stated that if we spend less, we get less. Repeated that with the way crime is going these days, we shouldn't be decreasing our level of service.

B. Thompson – stated that he is not opposed to cancelling the contract, but is concerned that by cancelling it, we still don't know what the alternative service will amount to. And, despite our repeated requests for answers from the OPP, they are not providing us with the information we need.

J. O'Leary – confirmed that we asked for the alternative service financing estimates and we are not getting a straight answer.

N. Dufresne – stated that our only comparison is the communities in the Rainy River District. Those communities pay a lot less and they are 5.1 communities.

W. Helliard – stated that we would pay for our actual services received under 5.1 and feels that we would not be exposing ourselves to risk, as provincial matters will continue to be funded by the province and we would only pay for municipal type service calls.

J. O'Leary – commented that Inspector Lucas stated that we are totally different in our community than those in the Rainy River District and it isn't a valid comparison.

G. Black – her position remains unchanged, she does not agree with cancelling the contract.

Delegations

A. Brown – expressed concerns about the current draft zoning by-law. In his opinion, setbacks are unreasonable. Discussion ensued regarding zoning. Council confirmed that there will be further public consultation and that anyone who has concerns should contact the Planner, J. Port, as well as attend the public meeting. Anyone not able to attend the public meeting can obtain copies of the draft documents on the municipal website, or by requesting a paper copy from J. Port, and can certainly submit concerns in writing.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 142-11

Moved by Norbert Dufresne

Seconded by Jerry O'Leary

That the business of the meeting having been dealt with, a motion for adjournment is so made.

Carried

Members Present

B. Thompson

G. Black

N. Dufresne

J. O'Leary

W. Helliard

Mayor

Clerk