

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, April 7, 2026, in the Sioux Narrows Council Chambers. A quorum of Council was present and this was a duly authorized meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls. This meeting was made available virtually, and all participants were notified that they were being recorded.

Resolution No. 44-26

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

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

Carried

Resolution No. 45-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the April 7, 2026, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest - None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 46-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the minutes of the March 3rd, 2026, regular meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence - None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 47-26

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the March 2026 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$1,129,062.73

Carried.

By-Laws -

Resolution No. 48-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the by-law to authorize The Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, under Section 286(2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 to authorize the appointment of a Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk, and to appoint Cierra Parkhill as such, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by law as read.

Carried

Staff Reports

H. Gropp –CAO– report attached.

Pop-Up Shop Opportunity: Heather reported that in February of 2025, the Township circulated an RFP for pop-up shop opportunities throughout the community.

The original intent of this RFP was as follows:

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At the time the RFP was issued, the Township did not receive any proposals. In 2026, although the RFP was not re-issued, a request was received from the local 'Ice Cream Camper'.

Their proposal was as follows:

The proposal is to set up an ice cream camper at the information center to sell ice cream and beverages.

The season would run from June 13 to August 21, operating Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Once school is out on June 26, we would expand our hours to include Fridays, in addition to Saturdays and Sundays.

We would also like to confirm whether the Township would charge a hookup fee, as the camper requires access to power. This is an important factor for us to consider in determining overall feasibility and ensuring the venture is sustainable. The ice cream camper is intended to be a family-oriented initiative. Its primary purpose is to provide our children with a hands-on opportunity to learn about responsibility, customer service, and financial awareness. While we hope the venture is successful, our main goal is to give our children practical experience and a better understanding of how the working world operates as they grow into young adults.

Thank you for welcoming this opportunity.

This opportunity was shared with municipal staff who work out of the location. Concerns were expressed regarding limited electrical hook available, and the overall busy-ness of the parking lot. There was also concern about just permitting a business to randomly set up, but that was the intention of the previous RFP. It should be noted that the NF Info site was recently enhanced and includes more picnic tables and areas for families to sit and enjoy a cold treat. Council was generally in favor of this proposal by the Ice Cream Camper, but had a few concerns regarding how to charge for power and the competition this would bring to existing businesses in the area.

Heather recommended the following provisions would need to be met:

- Provide to the Township a detailed schedule of operating hours
- Provide to the Township a valid insurance certificate, as well as confirming that the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls would be named as an additional insured if selected
- Be willing to collect and remove all garbage and waste generated from the business daily.

- Provide a valid Health Unit Permit

Moving forward, staff and Council will work together to create a lease, and to charge a reasonable 'rental' fee based on cost per square meter.

Landfill Update: Heather also shared that the Township has received all of the compliance reporting on the Lagoon and two waste disposal sites. These have been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment as required and they will advise if they have any concerns. In 2024, these reports indicated that the remaining lifespan of the SN landfill was 8 years. This was unchanged in 2025, with the estimation again being 8 years. In 2024 these reports indicated that the remaining lifespan of the NF landfill was 16 years. In 2025 these reports indicate that the remaining lifespan in 2025 is 15 years. Further, there were a few maintenance related items identified in this report, such as access path clearing, coverage provision and the replacing of specific monitoring wells.

SN Clinic Transfer: The Township has formally indicated to the Ministry of Health that it wishes to terminate its agreement for the operation of the Nursing Centre effective April 30th, 2026.

Apartment Lease: Heather shared that with the relocation of the Health Hub to the old NWHU Building the apartment next to the SCFHT Clinic in the ambulance base has become vacant. Kenon has approached the Township looking for accommodations for their crews and sub-trades while working to build additional housing in our community. They are interested in entering into a lease for the space with the Township.

General discussion with Council took place, and Council unanimously agreed to not enter a lease agreement with Kenon. The space remains vacant.

Bass Lake Park: Heather shared that the construction tender for the 800 meter extension for the Bike trails connector as part of the Bass Lake Park redevelopment project has gone out and bids were due on March 31, 2026.

Once the Bid is approved by Council, construction is expected to start this spring.

The Township has also approved the ordering of the new playground, and are awaiting preliminary designs.

I. Port-Director of Planning & Development-CIP Application Thompson's Lodge-Report Attached Background: In the Summer of 2020, the Township adopted a new Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The intent of the plan is to provide for municipal infrastructure improvements in the highway commercial areas of Highway 71, and waterfront areas surrounding the government docks in SN and NF. The CIP also makes provisions for grants to private sector businesses and community organizations for building façade, signage and landscaping improvements. The grants are generally on a matching 50-50 basis. Trish Thompson of Thompson's Lodge submitted a CIP application for new signage. The cost estimate of two new signs is \$4,988.06, of which they would be eligible for a \$2,494.03 grant.

Council approved this grant.

Reports from Committees

H. Chant - SNNF Fire Department. There have been 6 total calls to date.

The fire department is planning a Grease Fire Demonstration at one of the Farmers Markets in August, and 'floating' the idea of a dunk tank. They are also planning to have the KDFMAA Smoke House at a July Farmers Market.

On April 25th, MNR (AFFES) will be offering a field exercise on wildfire suppression training. Which will be new for the recruits and a refresher for the experienced members.

Seven firefighters will be attending the HazMat Course in Kenora. After completing and passing both practical and written exams for AS&E, they will receive their certificate from the Ontario Fire Marshall. Fire Chief Mike Kakeeway is one of the instructors for the course.

The Fire Department is planning a FireFighter 1 skills weekend in May, so recruits can complete their practical and written exams for the Academic Standards and Evaluations.

Fire Chief Mike is using social media (Facebook) to inform the public that during Wildfire Season (April 1st- October 31st) daytime burning is not permitted. Burning is to be done between the hours of 6:00pm and 8:00am, with a valid permit, that can be purchased at the SNNF Municipal Office.

A Smoke Alarm Program will be beginning in May, which involves door-to-door visits.

Nestor Falls Recreation Committee:

-Winter Carnival was held March 6-8th. Reported a great turnout for the scheduled events, and overall positivity for how well the event was organized. They are still waiting on final expense reports.

-A senior's dinner was held on April 1st, with approximately 55 attendees. Big thanks to NF Marine and CloverLeaf for their sponsorship of the event.

-An Easter Egg Hunt was planned for April 3rd, with 20 kids in attendance. Overall great event for local families.

Rainy River District Municipal Association:

-An executive meeting will take place in Chapple on April 14th

-Holly will be attending the NOMA (Northern Ontario Municipal Association) Conference in Thunder Bay April 22-24th.

Sunset Country Family Health Team:

-Upcoming meeting on April 23rd.

D. Brothwell -

-Reported that the re-scheduled Planning Advisory Committee met, although Doug was not able to attend.

-Reported a lot addition to White Moose Road.

-The Nestor Falls- Automotive Repair Garage- Requires a Lot needing to be rezoned. The rezoning application will be coming to council in May

-No Police Services Board Meeting has been held

G. Black -

-Reported that the Fishing Borders Water Coalition, continues to fight US Anglers using Canadian waters. The Coalition of Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods Committees, Businesses and stakeholders was set up to bring the issues to the forefront.

S. Salvador-

-Reported that the Landfill Committee met March 27th. The environmental compliance reports for 2025 were reviewed. He also reported that the feasibility study is well underway. The Committee will be meeting with Stantec within the next few weeks to review landfill boundaries and develop a plan for the collection of solid waste. The committee reviewed new images of the landfill boundaries and has requested Stantec investigate further as part of the feasibility plan. -
-The committee is meeting with Naotkamegwanning to discuss waste management on April 30th.
-The committee is also in the process of finalizing hazardous waste collection dates.
-June 2nd, in Sioux Narrows and June 4th in Nestor Falls will be Waste Celebration days, to promote recycling within the communities. These events will also be used to share information, hand out landfill permits and provide residents with recycling containers. Invitations will be sent to residents in the coming weeks.

Old Business – none

New Business

Resolution No. 49-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council hereby approve the Community Improvement Plan application of Thompson's Lodge in the amount of \$2,494.03 for signage.

Carried.

Resolution No. 50-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby accepts the tender bid by Highline Trailworks in the amount of \$70,050.00 (+HST) for the construction of the Bass Lake Park connector Bike Trail

Carried

Resolution No.51-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with Kenon Builders for the lease of the municipally owned apartment space located at 10 Fickas Road.

Defeated

Delegations -

Shayla and Tim Marden-

Requested to speak with Council regarding concerns about parking at the NF Government Dock. They expressed a lack of designated parking was disruptive to local tourism, as well as their business operations. They expressed that they are big contributors to community events, such as the Senior's Dinner and are growing frustrated with the parking situation. After explaining their concerns, and how the parking situation would affect their upcoming summer clientele, they requested a designated parking spot for their business.

Council asked for clarification on their business activities.

Shayla explained that they often take clients for test drives of new boats, do service/mechanic calls to local camps, and deliver boats after purchase. Some of these activities require more time 'parked' than others. Demo-ing a boat could take approximately one hour, whereas a service call could take over three hours, depending on the issue at hand.

Clarification was given that their request was two spots, one for a boat, and one for a trailer, which required a limited 'pull through' spot.

Council expressed that they are pro economic development and want to do what they can to help local businesses, but are nervous about starting a precedent for businesses receiving designated spots.

General discussion among council was had and the following decision was made:

That the Township of Sioux Narrows Nestor Falls approves the use of two pull through business use spots, at the Nestor Falls government Docks, for designated commercial permit holders.

Fees based on seasonal set rate.

A formal resolution is to follow, at the May 5th Council Meeting.

Township staff and council will work together to work out permit or user fees, signage, as well as qualifications for approved businesses and time limits.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 52-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

Carried

Members Present

G. Black

H. Chant

D. Brothwell

S. Salvador

Gale Black

Mayor

Maurice Blau

Clerk

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Report to Council

Council Meeting Date:	April 7 th , 2026
Prepared By:	Heather Gropp, Chief Administrative Officer

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Recommendation: It is recommended that Council proceed with this proposal as outlined.

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Bass Lake Park Update:

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Council Meeting Date:	April 7th, 2026
Prepared By:	Jeffrey Port, Director of Planning & Development

Report: Thompson CIP Application (Thompson's Lodge – Nestor Falls)

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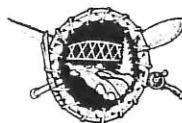
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Trish Thompson has made an application under the CIP program for new signage for Thompson's Lodge located in Nestor Falls. This business is located adjacent to the Government Dock, and is in a high profile location in the waterway corridor. The details of the application are as follows:

Item	Cost Estimate	Eligible Grant (50% to a maximum of \$3000 for the signage grants)
New highway and lodge signs	\$4,988.06	\$2,494.03
Total	\$4,988.06	\$2,494.03

Recommendation:

That the CIP grant application for Thompson's Lodge in the amount of \$2,494.03 be approved.



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