

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, in the Nestor Falls 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. 1-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

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

Carried

Resolution No. 2-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the January 6th, 2026, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 3-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the minutes of the December 9th, 2025, regular meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – Letter from Trish & Patrick Thompson, owners of Thompson's Lodge, requesting council approval for patron parking for their new restaurant (adjacent property) at the Nestor Falls Government Dock. Council discussed charging a Commercial Seasonal Parking fee with up to 5 spots being made available. Staff will coordinate with the Thompsons to designate the spots, and if the Thompsons wish to erect signage they can do so at their own cost. The Township will not be policing the parking spaces, however.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 4-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the December 2025 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$640,696.98.

Carried.

By-Laws –

Resolution No. 5-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the by-law to provide an Interim Tax Levy and payment of Interim Taxes for the year 2026, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Resolution No. 6-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures in 2026, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Resolution No. 7-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the by-law to amend by-law 488, being the By-Law to establish a fire department for the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, having been read a first time, shall be read a second and final time at the January 6th, 2026, regular council meeting.

Carried

Resolution No. 8-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby confirm By-Law 584, By-Law 585 and By-Law 586, passed at the December 9th, 2025 Council Meeting, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second time and third time, passes the By-Laws as read.

Carried

Staff Reports

H.Gropp -CAO – report attached. Heather drew attention to the Economic Development Tracker which showed quite a bit of progress, with very high completion rates. She stated KDSB housing project for Nestor Falls is moving along (5-10 family style units). The land is now owned by the municipality and we are just waiting for the survey to be able to transfer the land to KDSB. She is also working on the transfer of the land at the Sioux Narrows Hall site from KDSB to the municipality, and then transferring the land on Fickas Road from the municipality to KDSB to be able to move ahead with the Senior's housing in Sioux Narrows. Doug and Holly both acknowledged the usefulness of the EDO tracker document. Heather will also provide the grant tracking spreadsheet to Council at the next meeting.

J.Port - Planner – report attached. Informed Council that the Planning Advisory Committee has been short one member for quite some time. Bill Pope has addressed his willingness to fill the vacant position, and Jeff feels he will be a very knowledgeable member to the committee. Jeff recommends Council appoint Bill Pope to the committee to the end of this term of Council.

Reports from Committees

H. Chant - Fire Department: Calls to date: Total = 33

The Firefighter Christmas dinner was held at Yellowbird Lodge, awards were handed out and the food was great. Unfortunately, the weather kept most members home.

The department ended the year 2025 with a total of 33 fire calls. The last one being a structure fire on Airport Road in Sioux Narrows on December 18th around 4am, it was cold/windy and blowing snow. Nine firefighters responded and were back in service around 8:30am.

A hazmat course has been set for April 9th to the 12th, 2026 in Kenora. Seven firefighters are enrolled from our department.

The department's 2nd year grant from the OFM has been received, (for \$33,114.89). This was used to purchase new turnout gear, balaclavas, gloves, washing machine and drying rack, a couple of air cylinders for our SCBA's, and foam eductor for foam applications on fuel spills or other hazmat incidents.

Nestor Falls Recreation Committee- Holly attended their meeting January 5th, 2026. Planning is under way for the Winter Carnival which will be held March 7th & 8th, 2026. The committee is firming up the events and organizing everything. They are starting Board Game Night on January 16th, 2026, and would like to hold it once a week, but want to see what the interest is first. It will be held at the Log Tavern. The committee is also looking at doing a "Gal"entine's event in February for ladies, similar to the Spring Tea they held.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – the Township is hosting their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, January 10th in Nestor Falls. The day runs from approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gale will be there to welcome everyone. Speakers include NWHU, MMAH, District of Rainy River Services Board, Rainy River District Ontario Health Team, MNDM, Rainy River Future Development Corporation, Rainy River First Nations, and Heather Groppe will be giving an Economic Development presentation

G. Black – reported that passenger air travel has been restored daily between Kenora and Thunder Bay. Beginning January 15th, North Star Air will introduce new scheduled passenger service between Kenora and Thunder Bay, providing reliable, direct flights that strengthen economic, social and transportation links across Northwestern Ontario. This new route represents a significant milestone for the Kenora Airport and the broader region.

Gale plans to attend the Sioux Narrows Rec Committee meeting on January 6th, the RRDMA conference in Nestor Falls on January 10th, the All Nations Health Partner meeting January 7th (virtually) and the Closed Council meeting in Sioux Narrows on January 15th.

Old Business – none

New Business

Resolution No. 9-26

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

Whereas the Planning Act, RSO 1990 provides municipalities with the power as the approval authority for consents, minor variances, plans of subdivisions & condominiums and property standards, and;

Whereas a municipal council can delegate these powers to a Planning Advisory Committee, and; Whereas the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls has previously approved the establishment of a Planning Advisory Committee and;

Whereas the Planning Advisory Committee is comprised of seven (7) members, and;

Whereas the Planning Advisory Committee presently has six (6) members, which is one member short of the full complement of membership;

Therefore be it resolved that Bill Pope, resident of Nestor Falls, be appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee for the remainder of the duration of this term of Council.
Carried.

Delegations - none

Adjournment

Resolution No. 10-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

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 (virtual)

Gale Black

Mayor

Maureen Hansen

Clerk

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Report to Council

Council Meeting Date:	January 6, 2025
Prepared By:	Heather Gropp, Chief Administrative Officer

Housing:

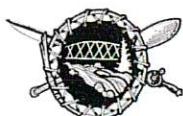
As an update, an agreement for Land Sale/Purchase was signed with Ayrie Development for the transfer of 1.3 acres of land for the Phase One Development of Pioneer Park. The development agreement for the road was also signed. Ayrie is expected to begin mobilizing their crews on either December 29th or January 5th and will be continually working on the site.

We continue to work with the KDSB on the surveying and land transfer for the Nestor Falls housing development and the surveying and land swap for the Seniors Housing Development in Sioux Narrows.

Community Economic Development Plan:

Attached to this report is our Community Economic Development Plan tracker. In May 2022, Municipal Council adopted the Community Economic Development Plan. Since that time, Township staff have been working diligently towards its implementation. The tracker will show the progress made to date on all areas of the plan. The completion rate of the items within this plan is high. A number of items scheduled for completion by the end of 2026 will bring this plan almost to completion, with the exception of tasks that will be continually ongoing and never truly complete. It should also be noted that there were items identified in the plan that are not possible to complete due to changing circumstances. These items have been identified in Red on the tracker.

Staff will continue to implement the outstanding items on this plan throughout 2026 as well as the Highway Corridor Development Plan and we will look at evaluating any outstanding items and the implementation of additional strategy and direction early in 2027.



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Report to Council

Council Meeting Date:	January 6th, 2026
Prepared By:	Jeffrey Port, Director of Planning & Development

Introduction: Appointment to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls has a Planning Advisory Committee which has received delegated approval authority from Council to make decisions of consents, minor variances, subdivisions & condominiums and property standards.

The committee is comprised of 7 members, all of which are local residents. All members are appointed by Council, and serve for the duration of the term of Council.

The committee is supported by the Director of Planning and Development, who processes planning applications and prepares planning reports for consideration, and a decision, by the committee.

For some time PAC has operated with six (6) members, one member short of its compliment of seven (7). This has led to some difficulty in ensuring there is a quorum for PAC meetings. In the fall of 2025, the Township has advertised for volunteers to sit on the committee for the remainder of this term of Council.

Mr. Bill Pope, a resident of Nestor Falls, has submitted an application to the township to sit on the committee. Mr. Pope is the former owner of "Falls Hardware" in Nestor Falls, and is now retired since selling the business.

Mr. Pope has always been an active member of the Nestor Falls community, and would be a welcome addition to PAC.

Recommendation:

That the Township of Sioux-Narrows-Nestor Falls Council appoint Bill Pope to the Planning Advisory Committee for the remainder of this term of Council.



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