

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, June 2, 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. 82-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

Carried

Resolution No. 83-26

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the June 2, 2026, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 84-26

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the minutes of the May 5, 2026, regular meeting and the May 5, 2026 Public Zoning By-Law Amendment meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 85-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the May 2026 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$515,355.52

Carried.

Staff Reports

H. Gropp –CAO– report attached.

Heather shared with Council that on Tuesday May 19th, the Township's bank, Copperfin Credit Union merged their systems with Northern Credit Union. For Council's awareness unexpectedly, as a result of this merger access, to all township accounts was mistakenly given to all municipal signing authorities through their personal banking accounts with Copperfin. This full access to

municipal accounts was also given to one former employee of the municipality. We immediately followed up with Copperfin once we were made aware and the situation was resolved within 48 hours. We have done a thorough review of the accounts to ensure that everything is in order. Administration has requested a meeting with Northern Credit Union management to further discuss the occurrence.

SNNF Library: Following discussion from the May 5th, 2026 meeting, Heather shared that a reimbursement cheque in the amount of \$9,814.82, further to dispersing surplus assets from Library Services Centre pursuant to subsection 123(2) of the Not for Profit Corporations Act for the purpose of winding up the activities and affairs of the LSC, and in consultation with our legal counsel, determined that the funds should be applied to the library account and not the general municipal account. Consequently, there is a motion on today's agenda for Council to consider amending the 2026 operating budget for the library, decreasing the municipal contribution by \$9,814.82.

Red Pine Bike Trail: Heather reported that sometime in May there was substantial damage (vandalism) done to a 750 meter section of the Nestor Falls Red Pine Bike Trail (estimated value of the damage \$20,000.00). Heather and Mike will be meeting with the pit operator, although there has been nothing but cooperation where the trails are concerned, so MNR and the Township do not believe the operator is responsible. However, if the damage is found to be vandalism, an OPP report will be filed. The Township will also be looking for a formal easement from MNR and the operator.

Landfill Monitoring: Heather reported that the Township had been contacted by 2 new engineering firms interested in submitting proposals for our annual Landfill Monitoring contract. The Township did not solicit these proposals, but did agree to receive them. Additionally, our current contractor submitted a proposal (all proposals attached). There is a resolution on today's agenda to award the monitoring for 2026. All proposals were within budget, and it is noted that the proposal from Stantec Engineering is slightly higher, however they are the largest of the three companies. They have a long history with the Township and are very familiar with not only our monitoring program, but all aspects of our waste management. It is our recommendation to proceed with Stantec for the 2026 monitoring program.

Security Camera Update: Further to the deferral of the decision on the Security Cameras at the May 5th meeting, the issue of security cameras was discussed at the recent Police Services Board meeting. There is potential that a grant exists and Heather has reached out to the OPP contact to discuss what is possible. In addition to the camera grant, there is also a community safety zone grant available. There was also concern about on-going monthly costs for service with the proposal from Steven Wolfe. Heather reached out for clarification and determined that is a possibility depending upon which package is chosen. It was recommended that any camera installation should be connected to electricity rather than batteries. Wolfe Sound Systems provided a cost that is middle of the road, and have ensured that their cameras meet our needs. Where locations such as Red Pine Trail Head and the NF Cemetery it is recommended that strong motion sensor lights be installed in these areas as a deterrent.

Discussion: Will police presence be increased? Difficult to "catch" when someone will be there. Vandalism happening during the evening as well as the daytime hours.

Bass Lake Park Update: Heather presented the updated design drawings from the consultant. Discussion: Existing Pavilion -plan to keep it and upgrade it to standard. Fire pit on the located on water? Yes it is better to have it there vs people make their own. Pickle ball court addition? Why when there are courts at the NF Info Center? Just to enhance the area and people's experience while there. Questions about shade on the playground. Overall enthusiasm.

Job Description Review: Heather reported that all municipal job descriptions have been reviewed and revised to accurately reflect the work being done by municipal employees. There is a resolution on today's agenda to approve the 18 municipal job descriptions.

M. Kakeeway- Fire Chief- report attached

Fire Truck Unit 102 will need to be replaced due to ongoing reliability concerns, increasing maintenance costs, and operational limitations. It is understood that the replacement of this unit is not currently within the budget for the Township. Its replacement is also not included in our strategic plan as a priority. Unit 102 is a 30 year old vehicle that continues to fail despite considerable repairs. Estimated cost for a new unit is approximately \$620,500, with potential opportunities to explore used or pre-built units to reduce costs and delivery timelines.

Discussion:

Cost of new replacement: \$400,000-700,000

Problems: Leaking fuel, pump in back has crack in it (likely froze), making it unusable.

In dire need would use to haul fire boat or transport more firefighters to a call.

One councilor suggested concern about purchasing a used vehicle.

Also discussion about possible funding opportunities and/or grant applications.

Volunteer Pay per Call Increase. Currently doing a study to determine standard payments for similar sized departments in the geographic area.

Discussion: Who is doing the study? A company the Township has used for other such studies.

The pay stream has not been updated in a while. Will come back with a full grid.

R.Stelter-Director of Community Development-report attached

Early discussion REDI initiative: Study designed to help smaller communities access supports and systems that would not be feasible to develop independently.

Communications Strategy:

-social media strategy – intention to promote the community to support economic growth and tourism as well as providing clear, timely municipal information. Through the use of analytics, it has been determined that the Township's social media following features urban and regional visitors seeking travel inspiration as well as seasonal and permanent residents who need reliable municipal updates.

Moose n Fiddle update:

-planning underway, tickets on sale. grant has been secured through the Lake of the Woods Community Foundation to support additional family programming at this year's festival.

Reports from Committees

H. Chant -

Nestor Falls Recreation Committee:

-held their Cinco de Mayo event. Profit: \$685.35

Current bank account balance: \$6,625.03

Meeting being held this week to discuss Canada Day events (other than fireworks)

RRDMA:

-had general meeting May 20. Had speakers from Coeur (mining) sharing updates on their operations

-new programs from RRFDC

-water presentation from LOW Water Sustainability Foundation

-Grand Council Treaty 3, -calling on Canada to engage with US Federal Government and MN state governments to ensure Canada's obligations to Treaty 3 are fulfilled.

-Fort Frances and District Physician Recruitment/Retention committee shared that they have another doctor joining Fort Frances through the Practice Ready ON program, and 3 American doctors are in preparation to do locum work in Fort Frances. Emo now has their quota of 3 doctors filled, but Rainy River remains covered on a week to week basis with itinerant physicians and a NP.

Passing of Bill 9-

Ontario Law standardizing municipal codes of conduct.

June is Senior's Month – "Ontario Seniors-Let's Get Moving!"

Alzheimer's IG Wealth Management Walks – held in May in Kenora, Fort Frances, Dryden and Atikokan to support dementia care – donations go towards local year round resources and local support services.

D.Brothwell -

-PAC has not met

-PSB-met May 19th,

Jeff Evans primary officer

Went through police reports, low levels of crime. 2 criminal code charges (down 80% from quarter last year)

2 violent crime charges, down 30% from last year, threat of violence and firearm charge

0 property crime

0 drug crime

Cruiser time: 138 hours entire 3 month period, over 40% reduction time (primary reason due to officer retirement) Some officers came down on office hours only.

Recruitment Is happening.

Requested Hours that we paid for to be made up

Boating hours will be increased.

More public facetime requested

Separate reports for nestor falls?

Community Safety Zone requests. (Is a by-law of council) to come in July or Aug -Heather Grant for cameras discussed.

G. Black – attended the following

Attended meeting with Greg Rickford, Sioux Narrows Clinic – SCFHT

June 17, All Nations Health Partner virtual meeting

S. Salvador-

SNNF Library Board Meeting-no meeting

M.Rydberg – nothing to report

Old Business –

Resolution No. 86-26

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, received notice that the SNNF Library Board received a payment from the distribution of surplus assets share of \$9,814.82 from the liquidation of the Library Services Center (LSC) pursuant to subsection 123(2) of the *Not-for Profit-Corporations* Act for the purpose of winding up the activities and affairs of the LSC, as set out in the Act; and

WHEREAS, members of Council may propose amendments to the Proposed 2026 Tax Supported Budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Municipal Council hereby approved the following amendment to the 2026 Municipal Budget:

Reducing the municipal contribution to the Library Services overall budget by \$9,814.82.

Carried

Resolution No. 87-26

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby awards the contract for community safety cameras to Wolfe. The Township will work with Wolfe on the exact solution to be deployed and the final cost shall not exceed the quoted prices in the submitted proposal.

Carried

New Business

Resolution No. 88-26

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby awards the 2026 water quality monitoring and reporting contract to Stantec Consulting LTD. in the amount of \$55,975 plus HST.

Carried.

Resolution No. 89-26

Moved by

Seconded by Doug

That the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, in accordance with Municipal Policy B-14 (Job Descriptions), hereby approves the updated job descriptions for the following positions:

CAO
Director of Operations/Maintenance Supervisor
Clerk/Treasurer
Director of Community Development
Director of Planning and Development
Chief Building Officer
Fire Chief
Operations and Administrative Coordinator
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
Trails Maintenance
Community Engagement Coordinator
Golf Course Manager
Landfill Site Attendant
Maintenance Assistant
NOSFC Coordinator
Cleaning Personnel
Library Services Staff
Visitor Services Staff
Carried

Delegations –

Garrett Hagberg-

Stated he was just here as a first time observer and to learn how things work. He stated he would like to make suggestions on improvements at the Sioux Narrows Community Hall to increase tourism, and create new events. He was directed to meet with Ryan Stelter.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 90-26

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

S. Salvador

M.Rydberg