



TOWNSHIP OF SIOUX NARROWS-NESTOR FALLS

is requesting proposals for consulting services for:

Economic and Tourism Growth Research and Community Consultations

The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls is seeking to retain the services of a professional firm to complete research and community engagement to direct efforts in terms of economic and tourism growth opportunities within our community. The Municipal Community Economic Development Strategy (adopted May 2022) Goal 2.2 identifies that the Municipality should “Develop tools, resources, and communications that strengthen the Township as a place for Growth and Investment.” Within this overall goal, tactic number 3 calls for us to “research options to fund economic and tourism development activities.” This project is underway to help us achieve this goal. It will also help us understand ways to increase support to tourism and economic development activities in our community.

We expect that this research and community consultations will assist us by providing steps we can implement to successfully achieve this goal in our strategy. Specifically, the Township is looking for a firm to:

- Research comparable Municipal Accommodation Taxes, and Business Improvement Areas.
- Identify the potential impact that the implementation of these types of programs will have on our community in terms of funding tourism and economic development activities.
- Engage in community consultation and information sessions regarding these types of initiatives in our municipality.
- Identify implementation models for these initiatives that would be effective in our municipality.
- Complete a summary report, including recommendations, for Council consideration.

The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls is located along the eastern shores of Lake of the Woods. Lake of the Woods is one of the world's largest inland, freshwater lakes with over 14,000 islands and 65,000 miles of shoreline. We are a full-service community marked by a quaint and charming lifestyle while surrounded by an abundance of natural resources. As a small municipality, approximately 700 residents

in the winter months and 5000 in the summer months, the Township takes pride in its community spirit. The main industry is tourism, with over 80% of our businesses being tourism based. There are over sixty customer service facilities offering a wide range of retail, hospitality, personal, financial, emergency and other services.

Interested consultants are invited to prepare a proposal which clearly indicates how the consultant will carry out the work set in the project terms of reference.

Consultants will have access to the project terms of reference and the Townships of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Community Economic Development Plan, Highways Corridor Development Plan, and Bike Trails study and procurement plan to prepare their proposals. All interested consultants must submit one electronic copy of their proposal. All proposals must be submitted by noon on **Tuesday April 9th, 2024.**

Proposals and requests for further information should be directed to:

Heather Gropp- Community Development Officer: hgropp@snnf.ca

Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls

Phone: 807-226-5241 ext 209. Toll Free: 888-408-3812 Cell: 807-464-2720

Web: www.snnf.ca