

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, at the Sioux Narrows 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. 80-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

Carried

Resolution No. 81-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the August 1st, 2023, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – Councillor Rydberg declared a conflict of interest with any disbursement items related to Viking Landscaping, as they are staying at his business establishment.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 82-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the minutes of the July 4th, 2023, regular open council and Short Term Rental Statutory Public meetings be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 83-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the July 2023 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$468,592.59.

Carried

By-Laws

Resolution No. 84-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the by-law to amend (Short Term Rentals) By-Law No. 279, Being the Zoning By-Law, having been read a first and second time, may be read a third and final time, September 5th, 2023.

Carried

By-Laws (cont.)

Resolution No. 85-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the by-law to amend the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Official Plan (Short Term Rentals), having been read a first and second time, may be read a third and final time, September 5th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 86-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the by-law to authorize the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls to enter into an agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (Nestor Falls Government Dock), 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 – Community Development Officer – report attached.

Reports from Committees

G. Black – gave report of recent meetings and events she attended, including: July 6th, attended an event at which the Minister of Education and Minister/MPP G. Rickford held to announce the addition of childcare spaces in the district; July 11th, attended the Recreation Committee Meeting, but there wasn't a quorum; July 11th, she also attended the speaker event at the Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre, featuring the International Joint Commission Watershed Coordinator, T. Newton; July 12th, she attended an All Nations Health Partners meeting; July 19th, she attended the speaker event at the Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre, featuring the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Trail Coordinator, T. Warner; July 24th, she attended a funding announcement by Minister/MPP G. Rickford, for Bridge Park improvements and landscaping/boat launch at the Sioux Narrows government dock property; July 26th, she attended another All Nations Health Partners meeting; and, July 27th, she attended the Northwestern Health Unit's Open House celebrating their organization's 75th anniversary.

D. Brothwell – reported that, in follow up to a request from Gibi Lake residents, that he and Director of Planning, J. Port, made a site visit to their access road. By his estimation, the road is in a pretty good state of repair. There are a few trouble areas. He does not believe that it is quite up to a standard by which the municipality would consider taking over maintenance at this time, but it does appear reasonable that the residents at Gibi Lake could, having an assessment by a qualified road professional or engineer, bring it up to standard for council's serious consideration in future. Council would need to determine if we wish to proceed down that pathway. J. Port – indicated that a missing piece of the puzzle is certainly cost. The road section to consider is approximately 5 kilometres in length, from the highway to the fork/turnoff. J. Port will follow up in writing with an update to the resident's spokesperson. Council will need to have a formal discussion in future to provide to the residents. D. Brothwell also remarked that the new play area at the Sportfishing Centre is looking great so far and he can't wait to see it completed.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 87-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the attached updated policy, Workplace Anti-Harassment, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Resolution No. 88-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the Mayor & Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls are in full support of hosting the Moose n' Fiddle Music Festival at Caliper Lake Provincial Park in Nestor Falls, Ontario on August 25 & 26, 2023; and,

That, in this way, they acknowledge the Township's funding commitment towards the project; and,

That this outdoor summer music festival is vital to the community of Nestor Falls and acts as an economic driver better enabling local restaurants, grocery stores, retail shoppes, motels and lodges to increase earned revenues; and,

That the Township has approved the budget and recognizes that projected expenses are \$71,752 and that we have allocated \$19,032 towards the festival and should there be any cost overruns or revenue shortfalls, the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls is committed to meeting all financial obligations (including any and all overruns).

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby supports the application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (community events stream), with a request of \$12,713 to help offset artist fees, production expenses and audience development.

Carried

Resolution No. 89-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

Whereas global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

Whereas the impact of these “disruptive technologies” on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

Whereas any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario's goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

Whereas growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

New Business (cont.)

Whereas implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

Whereas some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

Whereas some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

Whereas a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

Now, therefore, be it resolved,

That: Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further.

That: The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long- term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further;

That: A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

Delegations

G. Welter – resident on Laughing Water Road. Indicated that he has traffic concerns from and asked if signage could be posted by the Township, such as ‘slow hidden driveways’, children playing and/or speed limit. Council agreed to direct the maintenance department to look at installing some signage.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 91-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

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

Carried

Members Present

G. Black

S. Salvador

M. Rydberg

D. Brothwell

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Report to Council

Council Meeting Date:	August 1, 2023
Prepared By:	Heather Gropp, Community Development Officer
Report:	
Capital Projects:	
<p>I have received the following updates from Jarnel construction regarding the 4 season recreation facility: They are working on completing the sidewalls and gables as well as the line painting and electrical. They are anticipating this will all be complete by the end of August and apologize for the delay in completion. The final drawings for line painting will include 3 pickle ball courts and 2 basket ball courts as well as templates on the boards for the hockey ice surface.</p>	
<p>The NOSFC playground has had the mulch delivered. The slide will be arriving in the community on August 7th. Viking contracting will be on site during the week of August 7th and they anticipate completion of the project by the 11th of August.</p>	



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