

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022, 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. 94-22

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

Carried

Resolution No. 95-22

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 August 2nd, 2022, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest - None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 96-22

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the minutes of the July 5th, 2022, regular open Council and Zoning Public Meetings be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 97-22

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the July 2022 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$493,761.60.

Carried

By-Laws – None.

Reports from Committees

S. Salvador – stated general concerns over the landfill sites and dock debris we will likely start to see come in when clean up begins after the high water damages.

M. Rydberg – expressed thanks to the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee for organizing the summer swim lesson program by Sunset Swim Academy. Also thanked the Township for paying

Reports from Committees (cont.)

for the lesson program. Also thanked the volunteers who transport the fish after bass tournament activities.

G. Black – reported that the Northwestern Health Unit provides free dental services to eligible people of all ages. For more information, people can contact our local office at 807-226-9626, ext. 312745. Also, information is posted on the Township’s Facebook page. Expressed gratitude to everyone who was and continues to be involved in the July 18th, 2022, disaster storm event at Nestor Falls, including our residents and businesses who continue through recovery. Reported that there will be a Planning Advisory Committee meeting August 3rd, 2022, an All Nations Health Partners meeting August 10th, 2022, and Bike Trails stakeholder meetings August 12th, 2022. Discussed the Moose n’ Fiddle Music Festival. Indicated that a written statement was received by D. Holland, with 18 signatures on it, requesting that the 2022 festival event be held at Sioux Narrows Provincial Park. This music festival event is about Caliper Lake Provincial Park. With the Park remaining closed at this time due to the extreme damages sustained by the storm of July 18th, 2022, it is simply not feasible this year. Did we consider alternate locations? We did think about this. Notwithstanding that the festival is what it is because of its location at Caliper Lake Provincial Park, the logistics around electrical power and security, not to mention the work that goes into organization and operations, moving an event that truly is best suited to and about Caliper Lake Provincial Park, is not possible. It is a very sad and difficult decision, but it is not the wrong decision.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 98-22

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the attached policies as reviewed and/or containing minor edits be hereby adopted by Council.

Carried

Delegations

P. Harkness – thanked council for taking the time to listen. He wishes to share his frustration over his neighbour, Mr. Billings, who recently applied to change his zoning to Tourist Commercial to allow for Short Term Rental use. He further outlined the summary of events leading up to Mr. Billings’ application refusal by the Township and subsequent appeal of Council’s decision, for which a hearing is upcoming. Despite this, and a warning letter issued to the neighbour to cease Short Term Rental activities, he indicates that his neighbour continues to carry on the uncompliant activity that is the subject of this matter. He feels that the Township should be taking action and charging his neighbour.

J. Port, Township Director of Planning - he understands Mr. Harkness’ frustration. As the matter is currently under appeal, spending public money on enforcement isn’t prudent when a decision has yet to be made. Particularly as it is a possibility that Mr. Billings could win his appeal. Discussion ensued regarding process and compliance.

P. Harkness – expressed that he has no faith in the process and is disappointed.

B. Harkness – expressed general problems associated with Short Term Rentals and the damage to communities, neighbourhoods and the housing market.

Further discussion ensued regarding the challenges faced by communities respecting Short Term Rentals, their effect, the various ways in which municipalities are handling them, and means of enforcement. Acting Mayor Black thanked everyone for their presentation to council.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 99-22

Moved by Matt Rydberg

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

S. Salvador

M. Rydberg

P. Hudson

Mayor

Clerk