

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Nestor Falls 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. 139-20

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Gale Black

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

Carried

Resolution No. 140-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Council meeting.

Carried

**Disclosure of Interest** – None.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Resolution No. 141-20

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Gale Black

That the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, regular open Council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

**Correspondence** - None.

**Disbursements** – None.

**By-Laws**

Resolution No. 142-20

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

That the by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures in 2021, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

**By-Laws** (cont.)

Resolution No. 143-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Gale Black

That the by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and payment of Interim Taxes for the year 2021, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

**Reports from Committees**

G. Black – gave report of the All Nations Health Partners (ANHP) meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The ANHP subgroup, Patient Partners, presented a draft Terms of Reference for the development of Patient/Family Advisory Councils. Plans will be formalized to assist Long Term Care residences and other partners with Covid response. Gave report of the ANHP meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Ontario Health Team funding was announced and a budget committee will be set up moving forward. Compassionate Kenora is looking for a new space to carry out their primary care work. There has been an increase in crisis calls and they expect this will continue through the holidays and well into winter. The Waterview Inn is expected to open for emergency temporary stays starting December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Isolation space has been reserved at a location apart from the Waterview. Work is progressing on a digital strategy to help connect different aspects of ANHP, reduce barriers and help develop a patient-centered, seamless and holistic health care system.

M. Rydberg – reported that the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee met December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. They purchased a commercial ski trail grooming drag to assist volunteers with trail maintenance and tarps to assist with easier skating rink flooding. Committee members also installed a number of Christmas trees around the downtown area in Sioux Narrows.

P. Hudson – reported that the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee met December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. They are hosting a sleigh ride event on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

A. Nisly – reported that he attended the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. In addition to the sleigh ride event, they are also running a snowman contest.

N. Dufresne – gave report of the most recent, virtual, District of Kenora Home for the Aged board meeting, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. All three of their homes remain Covid-19 free. Acknowledged all the staff and those involved for their diligence and efforts. They reviewed the budget and while there was an increase in spending due to the pandemic, there was also increased offsetting provincial funding. As well, despite a long period of staff shortages, they are now operating with sufficient staffing levels.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – None.

**Delegations**

J. O'Leary – Northwestern Health Unit Board Representative – shared his sense of optimism with rapid testing developments and vaccine program rollouts. Gave report of reductions to 2020 municipal levies due to provincial stabilization funding. There will also be mitigating funding from the province to the Health Units in 2021, which will also result in stabilized levies to municipalities, but in 2022, they are forecasting up to 30% increases for municipalities. The Health Unit is in a difficult position, as the province mandates their programming and funding. A 30% increase for the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls would be in the \$10,000 range.

**Delegations** (cont.)

Discussion ensued regarding potential reductions and amalgamations of Health Units as part of the provincial reforms announced in 2019, as well as rapid testing.

T. Griffith – Fire Chief – gave summary of a recent significant fire call event. He wished to acknowledge and thank a local restaurant, the Neighbourhood Eatery, for their generous donation of hot food, after hours and delivered, for the fire team. It was very much appreciated.

**Adjournment**

Resolution No. 144-20

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Phil Hudson

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

Carried

Members Present

N. Dufresne

G. Black

A. Nisly

P. Hudson

M. Rydberg

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Mayor

Clerk