

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019, 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.

Resolution No. 146-19

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Phil Hudson

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

Carried

Resolution No. 147-19

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Gale Black

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the December 3rd, 2019, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 148-19

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

That the minutes of the November 19th, 2019, regular open council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 149-19

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

That the November 2019 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$270,601.04.

Carried

By-Laws – None.

Reports from Committees

G. Black – reported that she attended the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee meeting on November 20th, 2019, on behalf of Councillor Rydberg, who was away. Noted that the committee is comprised of a good group of people, with great enthusiasm. Reported that they are organizing a Christmas Dinner & Dance on December 13th, 2019, at the Sioux Narrows Community Hall. Tickets are on sale now. Reported that she will be attending an All Nations Health Partners committee meeting tomorrow, December 4th, 2019. There will also be a Leadership Team meeting tomorrow, that Mayor Dufresne will be attending.

Reports from Committees (cont.)

A. Nisly – gave report of the most recent Economic Development Committee meeting, held November 27th, 2019. Stated that the committee is comprised of a very positive and diverse group, with good momentum and they are providing valuable feedback to our Community Development Officer. The committee discussed several items, including the Experience Fishing Program, which is a Northern Ontario industry-led initiative that provides participating operators with free training, as well as fishing equipment and resources, aimed at increasing visitation from new markets and to share a love of fishing with those who have never experienced it. H. Gropp, Community Development Officer, updated the committee about several projects that the Township is currently working on, such as canoe route and bike trail development. We can expect the identified canoe route mapping to be ready in the spring, including new brochures. The bike trail development is in earlier stages, but we are continuing to work with industry experts and partner agencies on moving forward towards developing one of our Nestor Falls hiking trails into the regional network. The committee discussed the potential for a municipal accommodation tax for Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls. H. Gropp has been researching this and has had several discussions with communities in the Kenora and Thunder Bay region who have gone through the process and implemented this in their communities. The committee recommends to council that they look into the possibility of this and further fact find. It is understood that, if council does decide to look into it, that much more research is necessary, as well as significant public consultation.

N. Dufresne – gave report of the most recent District of Kenora Homes for the Aged Board meeting, held November 28th, 2019. They received a budget update, which is on track. They further discussed the ongoing industry shortage of Personal Support Workers. Reported that he will be attending the All Nations Health Partners Leadership and committee meetings tomorrow, December 4th, 2019, in Kenora.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 150-19

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby supports an Expression of Interest to the Province of Ontario for a third-party review project, titled Waste Management Facilities Service Delivery Review, in the amount of \$50,000.00, plus HST.

Carried

Resolution No. 151-19

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Gale Black

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby declares January 2020 as Alzheimer Awareness Month in an effort to reduce stigma surrounding Alzheimer and dementia related diseases.

Carried

Delegations

T. Griffiths – Chief of the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Service – gave report of a recent motor vehicle accident. There were ten of our Fire Fighters on scene. They felt well prepared, but it was a good learning experience due to the complexity of the situation. December is a busy month for Emergency Management. He will be working on our compliance report which is due to the province by year-end. Discussion ensued regarding equipment testing and training. Mayor Dufresne thanked the Chief and expressed council's gratitude to the department for their dedication.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 152 -19

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Gale Black

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

Mayor

Clerk