

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, February 16th, 2021, 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. 21-21

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

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

Carried

Resolution No. 22-21

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the February 16th, 2021, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 23-21

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the minutes of the February 2nd, 2021, regular open council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements – None.

By-Laws – None.

Reports from Committees

G. Black – gave a summary of the most recent All Nations Health Partners meetings, January 13th, 27th & February 16th, 2021, at which they discussed regional vaccinations, home & community supports, the Waterview Inn status, Food Security, the Assessment Centre, Mobile Testing and Isolation Units. In addition, they are working on a digital strategy, logo and branding. They reviewed their working groups, referred to as ‘buckets’, to determine what, if any, realignment may be required for efficiency and effectiveness. Discussion ensued regarding the Kenora area current COVID status and Minister Rickford’s recent Northern Ontario Heritage Fund program launch. Reported that the public libraries are now back open to in-person services, with Covid-19 protocols in place.

M. Rydberg – gave report of the most recent Economic Development Committee meeting, February 4th, 2021. The committee reviewed applications received to fill two vacant seats. The appointments are on tonight’s agenda under new business. The committee also had good discussion surrounding new initiatives, as well as the virtual Business Supports Information session being coordinated by H. Gropp, Community Development Officer. For information check

Reports from Committees (cont.)

the Township's Facebook page or contact H. Gropp.

N. Dufresne – reported that he attended the February 11th, 2021, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund announcement of new programs, which looks very promising for the North. Gave report of the most recent District of Kenora Homes for the Aged board meeting. All residents who wanted the vaccine have received their first dose. All of their homes continue to maintain a zero-infection rate. There is rapid testing at all of their long-term care homes. The annual report has been published and is available for viewing online. Their budget was approved, resulting in a levy increase of slightly less than 2% for Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls. Gave report of a meeting with MPP, G. Rickford, today at which they discussed the new NOHFC funding programs and the Yellow/Protect response to Covid in our region.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 24-21

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Gale Black

That Council hereby appoints the following members to the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Economic Development Committee, concurrent with term of council: Jeff Polakoff and Charles Madden.

Carried

Delegations

J. O'Leary – NWHU Board Representative – gave report of the big transition to Yellow/Protect effective today. There are 34 Health Units in the province and all are in various pandemic response stages. Discussion ensued regarding reporting, statistics and vaccinations. Discussed the impact to municipal budgets when the province's transitional funding ceases and the local share of health unit budgets increase. As well, the province's previous announcement regarding health unit modernization which could result in amalgamations. In our area, this could mean that the health unit services are administered out of Thunder Bay, impacting local representation. Discussion ensued regarding the current outbreak in the Kenora Health Hub area, rapid testing, vaccinations and the potential for future cross border land travel.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 25-21

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

P. Hudson

M. Rydberg