

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, February 18th, 2020, in the Nestor Falls 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. 22-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Phil Hudson

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

Carried

Resolution No. 23-20

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Gale Black

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the February 18th, 2020, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 24-20

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

That the minutes of the February 4th, 2020, regular open council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence - None.

Disbursements – None.

By-Laws – None.

Reports from Committees

G. Black – gave report of the most recent Library Board meeting. They have established an ad hoc committee to conduct a survey regarding increasing the Nestor Falls library hours. The board has decided not to host a spring fling event this year, as participation has been steadily declining. Reported that the next All Nations Hospital Partners meeting is February 21st, 2020. Commented that she attended the Sioux Narrows Winter Carnival event. Thanks to all of the volunteers who make these events such a great success.

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M. Rydberg – reported that he was out of town over the weekend but gave a report of the Sioux Narrows Winter Carnival event. There were many activities, for all ages, and he heard it was a great success.

P. Hudson – reported that the Fire Rescue Service hosted a Spaghetti Dinner as part of the Sioux Narrows Winter Carnival event. Funds raised will go towards a Station 2 Fire Rescue Boat. The dinner was well attended, well organized and a fun event.

A. Nisly – gave report of an Economic Development Committee meeting, February 14th, 2020, at which there was good discussion and they received a report from the Community Development Officer. We have requested Canadian TODDS to install highway signs for the hiking trails at Nestor Falls this season. There is an upcoming Facebook for Business workshop at Nestor Falls, February 26th, 2020. They discussed both the Sportfishing Centre programming and the Township's general marketing/advertising plan for 2020. Reported that the Economic Development Committee and Council will meet with City of Kenora representatives February 28th, 2020, to discuss the City's experience in implementing Municipal Accommodation Tax. The next Kenora District Services Board meeting is February 20th, 2020, in Dryden.

N. Dufresne – reported that he attended the Sioux Narrows Winter Carnival's Spaghetti Dinner event. It was well attended and lots of fun. Gave report of the most recent Police Services Board meeting, February 18th, 2020. The crime rate overall is down in Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls. Last week he attended a Community Safety and Policing Act roundtable session. The new Act has passed, but regulations are still being rolled out. The billing model for policing hasn't changed. The biggest change appears to be board jurisdiction. Discussion ensued.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Delegations

J. O'Leary – Northwestern Health Unit Board Representative – gave a report to Council. The Health Unit has been receiving much feedback from municipalities lobbying the Health Unit to absorb any funding gaps due to provincial changes and not increase municipal levies. While there are changes to provincial funding, there are no changes to the mandate; the government mandates the services, the Health Units must deliver the mandated services and the municipalities must share the costs for service delivery. How the government might assist with payment for services remains uncertain. There is a fear that streamlining services to reduce costs will affect the smaller communities and offices foremost. However, this also remains uncertain. The Health Unit is currently conducting an operational review.

J. O'Leary – asked if council is conducting a risk analysis regarding the leasing/purchase agreement with the Kenora District Services Board for the Nestor Falls Ambulance Base that considers the interest rate, ownership when the build costs are recovered, etc. Discussion ensued regarding financing. Council indicated that senior staff are currently running a risk analysis process with our accountants and lawyers to ensure that the municipality is protected.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 25-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

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

M. Rydberg

A. Nisly

P. Hudson

Mayor

Clerk