

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, February 4th, 2020, 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. 15-20

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Phil Hudson

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

Carried

Resolution No. 16-20

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the February 4th, 2020, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest - None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 17-20

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the minutes of the January 21st, 2020, regular open council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence - None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 18-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Gale Black

That the Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment as follows: December 2019 - \$370,123.81; and, January 2020 - \$443,901.27.

By-Laws

Resolution No. 19-20

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls to enter into a Private Road Agreement with Shirley Margaret Brown and Allan Burrirt Brown, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Reports from Committees

G. Black – reported that the next Library Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 9th, 2020. Reported that the All Nations Hospital Project team cancelled the Public Forum scheduled for earlier today at Sioux Narrows. When they reschedule, we will post the new date and time.

M. Rydberg – reported that the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee’s Annual Winter Carnival event will be February 14th - 16th, 2020. There will be a Kids Dance, hosted by Parent Council, Kids Games, Snowmobile Derby and a Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Fire Rescue Service, and more. For a complete event listing, check our social media and local bulletin boards.

A. Nisly – reported that the Kenora District Services Board attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association’s Annual General Meeting in Toronto, January 19th – 21st, 2020. They represented our area and were able to garner greater, combined time with Ministers to discuss region-wide concerns. Reported that he attended a Ministry of Health Consultation on Public Health & Emergency Health Services Modernization session at Niisaachewan, January 22nd, 2020, hosted by Chief Lorraine Cobiness, Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Kenora District Services Board. The session is part of a series of Ministry of Health consultations regarding the transformation of public health, the modernization of emergency health services and the Province’s plans to end hallway health care. There was also a public session on January 23rd, 2020, in Kenora. Gave report of the Kenora District Municipal Association’s Annual General Meeting in Sioux Lookout January 31st - February 1st, 2020. The theme was ‘Join the Journey to Green’. There was good discussion and networking.

P. Hudson – reported that he attended the Rainy River District Municipal Association’s Annual General Meeting in Devlin January 25th, 2020. It was a good meeting with good speakers, including: Environment and Climate Change Canada, regarding phosphate levels in our lakes and blue green algae; the Rainy River District Social Services Board regarding childcare programs, housing programs and funding challenges; wildfire protection and a fire smart program that involves an assessment of local communities for forest fire hazard areas; and, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Disaster Recovery Assistance.

N. Dufresne – further discussed the Kenora District Municipal Association’s Annual General Meeting in Sioux Lookout that he attended along with Councillor Nisly, January 31st - February 1st, 2020. The general theme was going green and climate change. The keynote speaker was Graham Saunders of Lakehead University regarding climate effects in Northwestern Ontario. Several resolutions were passed that will be forwarded to upper levels of government lobbying on behalf of the Kenora District. Reported that he attended and made a formal presentation at a provincial budget consultation with Minister of Finance Rod Phillips in Kenora on February 3rd, 2020. The Minister was requesting local community leaders to present ideas on how the province can improve the lives of Ontarians. The presentation he made on behalf of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls discussed ways that can make life more affordable for residents and businesses, employment readiness, connectivity and broadband, connecting people to places, the highway twinning project, and healthier and safer communities.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 20-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

WHEREAS the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls and the Kenora District Services Board have determined the existing Emergency Services Centre/Ambulance Base in Nestor Falls is in need of replacement; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls has agreed to construct a new facility, and lease it to the Kenora District Services Board for a period of 20 years; and,

WHEREAS THE Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls has prepared a proposal to the Ministry of Natural Resources for the acquisition of Crown land as the site of the new facility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls supports the acquisition of Crown land as set out in said proposal for the sole purpose of the construction of a new Emergency Services Centre/Ambulance Base in the community of Nestor Falls.

Carried

Delegations

T. Griffiths, Chief of Fire Rescue Services – gave a brief Fire Department report. Things are business as usual. They have had no recent callouts. Training continues weekly. He will be coordinating a DZ license training course for between 4-6 of our members.

S. Salvador – announced that there will be a fundraising Pancake Breakfast at Crystal Harbour on the Sunday of the Sioux Narrows Winter Carnival weekend, February 16th, 2020, and all proceeds will be donated to A Dogs Life Fostering Network. Everyone is welcome.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 21-20

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

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

P. Hudson

A. Nisly