

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 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. 15-17

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. 16-17

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Suzanne Bouvier

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the February 7th, 2017, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 17-17

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Gale Black

That the minutes of the January 17th, 2017, regular open Council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 18-17

Moved by Suzanne Bouvier

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the January 2017 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$388,293.29.

By-Laws – None.

Reports from Committees

S. Bouvier – reported that the Fire Chief arranged for an SCBA presentation for Council at 2:00 p.m., prior to the council meeting, regarding the ensuing purchase of replacement, compliant breathing apparatuses for the Fire Rescue Service. Reported that the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee's Annual Winter Carnival is this weekend. There will be many fun and family friendly events.

P. Hudson – reported that the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee's Annual Winter Carnival will be March 3rd & 4th this year. There will many events, including both returning favourites and new ones, including a fish fry contest and vendor blender. Reported that he attended, along

Reports from Committees (cont.)

with Mayor O’Leary and Councillor Dufresne, the Kenora District Municipal Association’s Annual General Meeting in Machin Township. Overall there were great, informative presentations. It was both a good learning and networking opportunity.

J. O’Leary – reported that he attended, as guests, the Rainy River District Municipal Association’s Annual General Meeting, along with Councillor Dufresne, on January 28th. Gave a summary of the presentations, which included the North West Local Health Integration Network, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund and Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board and New Gold. He also discussed the erosion of services at the Emo Hospital. Gave report of the Kenora District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting that he attended with Councillors Hudson and Dufresne. The presentations included Kenora Riding MP Bob Nault’s office, the Ministry of Infrastructure, the Northern Ontario Municipal Association, the Sioux Lookout’s Mayor’s Committee on Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Kenora District Services Board, the Northwestern Health Unit and the Kenora District Homes for the Aged. It was a great networking and sharing experience. Stated that the Northern Ontario Municipal Association’s Annual General Meeting will be in April. Discussion ensued regarding Sioux Lookout Truth and Reconciliation Committee, the resulting Friendship Accord, the Northern Food Distribution Centre project at Sioux Lookout and the Kenora Area Health Care Working Group, Doctor recruitment and the level of health care in the area.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 19-17

Moved by Suzanne Bouvier

Seconded by Gale Black

That Council hereby authorizes entering into an agreement with Allan Johnstone for the management of White Moose Golf Course; and,

Further, that the CAO is hereby authorized to sign the aforementioned agreement.

Carried

Generator RFP

Three submissions were received; Bowman Electric (22KW Generac for \$18,175.00), Ray Solar (22KW Cummins for \$35,799.97) and Kropelin Electric (50KW brand unspecified for \$49,338.00).

Resolution No. 20-17

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That council hereby accepts the proposal of Bowman Electric in the amount of \$18,175.00, plus HST, for the Nestor Falls Municipal Building and Fire Hall Standby Generator project.

Carried

Council agreed that the proposal from Bowman Electric is the most suitable for the Township as it is the lowest cost, that the 22KW generator meets the building’s load requirement of approximately 16KW, that Generac has the best warranty (specified in their proposal) at 7 years for the both the unit and transfer switch, and that the detailed specifications for the cold weather kits, concrete pad and all related project works meets the Township’s requirements.

New Business (cont.)

Resolution No. 21-17

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Suzanne Bouvier

Whereas reasonable access to community based health care services are essential to the basic needs and quality of life of the residents of Ontario; and,

Whereas the communities in the Rainy River District hold that a high performing health care system is essential to the quality of life for all residents in the Rainy River District; and,

Whereas the Emo Health Centre, through an erosion of services, no longer provides timely and adequate services close to home; and,

Whereas the absence of adequate and timely access to these services close to home attributes to economic hardships and has negative health impacts for residents; and,

Whereas an erosion of services and degradation of facilities does little to enhance doctor recruitment; and,

Whereas this is evidenced by the current doctor recruitment program showing few signs of success; and,

Whereas the health care system, as a publicly funded service, in effect belongs to the residents of Ontario and the Rainy River District; and,

Whereas publicly funded services, their directors and administrators, are accountable to, owe a duty of care to and have a moral and fiduciary responsibility to their funders, the residents of the Rainy River District; and,

Whereas the residents of the Rainy River District deserve open and fair consultation prior to any loss or change to their level of services, particularly those residents who reside in and access a particular community's facility that is facing such reduced or loss of services; and,

Whereas the residents of the Rainy River District deserve the best health care services and system, efficiently operated, with community involvement in decisions affecting such services;

Now Therefore be it Resolved That the Councils of the municipalities of the Rainy River District and communities of Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Onigaming First Nation and Big Grassy River First Nation hereby petition Riverside Health Care to abide by the principals of the Canada Health Act and the Patients First Policy to reinstate the services lost to the Emo Health Centre; and,

That the municipalities and First Nation communities direct the Riverside Health Care Board of Directors to review the existing service at the Emo Health Centre and implement a more effective service that meets individual and community needs; and,

That Riverside Health Care must engage the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Health Canada to collaborate and appropriately resource an improved health system for the Emo Health Centre catchment area; and,

That all municipalities in the Rainy River District, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Onigaming First Nation and Big Grassy River First Nation be requested to adopt resolutions in support of this petition to the Riverside Health Care Board of Directors to restore and enhance the health care services provided at the Emo Health Centre; and,

Further, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Health Canada, Kenora-Rainy River District MPP, Sarah Campbell, Kenora District MP, Bob Nault, and Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP, Don Rusnak.

Carried

Delegations – None.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 22-17

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Norbert Dufresne

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

Carried

Members Present

J. O'Leary

G. Black

P. Hudson

S. Bouvier

Mayor

Clerk