

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, at the Sioux Narrows 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. 12-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

Carried

Resolution No. 13-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the February 7th, 2023, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – Mayor Black declared a conflict of interest with any invoices of Ambs Industries, as her husband works for Mr. Ambs.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 14-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the minutes of the January 3rd, 2023, regular open and closed session council meetings be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 15-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the January 2023 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$640,500.94.

Carried

By-Laws

Resolution No. 16-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the by-law to govern the proceedings of the Council and Committees of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls, having been read a first time, may be read a second and third time at an upcoming regular council meeting.

Carried

By-Laws (cont.)

Resolution No. 17-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the by-law to amend By-Law No. 42 (Council Remuneration) and repeal By-Law No. 481, having been read a first time, may be read a second and third time at an upcoming regular council meeting.

Carried

Resolution No. 18-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the by-law to amend by-law no 279, being the Zoning By-Law (KDSB), having been read a first time, and deemed read and second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Reports from Committees

D. Brothwell – reported that he attended a regional meeting respecting the new fire fighter training standards coming into effect in Ontario. By July 1st, 2026, all fire departments must be in compliance. Discussion ensued regarding legacy and current certification standards. May have some recommendations to revise our current by-law.

M. Rydberg – gave report of the most recent Kenora District Services Board meetings he attended, January 18-19, 2023. Barry Baltessen was nominated and reappointed as Chair and Mark Sobchuk is vice-chair. Reported that the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee appointed a new Chair, Jackie Kast, and vice-Chair, Chris Sinclair. He expressed thanks and appreciation to Charlie Madden and Brittany Valentini for their past service and hard work as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Stated that the next meeting is tonight, February 7th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The committee will meet the first Tuesday of every month, at the Sioux Narrows Community Hall at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and new members are always appreciated.

H. Chant – reported that she attended a Fire Team Training session at Nestor Falls recently, where she observed the department's training activities, asked questions of the Chief and Deputy, and discussed the new changes in training regulations. They also discussed debriefs and the department asked her, through the Health Unit, if she could put together packages and information on Mental Health supports. She has put together support and information packages and will drop off at their training session later tonight. She also discussed with the CAO having CMHA to come out again and make a presentation to the department on PTSD. She received a written report from the Fire Chief. He provided a new equipment wish list as well as an outline of the department's plan to meet the new training standards. Reported that the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee is in full planning mode for the upcoming Winter Carnival. They have sent letters out requesting donations. Donations in recent times are down. She discussed with them their non-profit status and indicated that, as they have funds in the bank, they should use them if they need prizes. They do have some funds earmarked for equipment for the Nestor Falls Community Hall. The next meeting will be February 16th, 2023. Reported that the Mobile Mental Health and Addictions Clinic is beginning to provide in-community services this week.

G. Black – reported that she will be attending an open house in Kenora tomorrow, February 8th, 2023, organized by MPP G. Rickford, at which the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, S. Clark, will be present. Reported that the next Library Board meeting will be February 12th, 2023. The next Police Services Board meeting will be February 21st, 2023. We are scheduled to meet

Reports from Committees (cont.)

with Onigaming Chief and Council again on February 27th, 2023. Reported that she will be attending the next All Nations Health Partners meeting. Stated that she congratulated Treaty #3 on their Geoportal launch. Reported that Health Connect has now changed to Health 811. Also, reported that we will be receiving the services of a new Pediatrician in the district for outpatients beginning this month.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 19-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the following be appointed as members to municipal committees of council: Sioux Narrows Library Board – Gerry Race, Joyce Milligan, and, Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee – Jackie Kast, Chris Sinclair, Kevin Kast, Brittany Valentini, Marc Valentini, Kathy Valentini, Melissa Plazio, Matt Beacham, Charlie Madden, Dawn Madden, Jake Bennett, Pete Horley, Jake Blosser, Caitlyn Campbell, Matt Rydberg (Council).

Carried

Local Purchasing – our local hardware stores contacted the municipality and stated that they feel that contractors hired by the Township for capital projects should be required to buy building supplies and materials at local hardware stores. They feel that, as the municipality is spending public money, that it should be spent locally. Council discussed that most projects for which the municipality would hire a contractor to complete are done so through grants. Grants are typically always under federal, provincial, or federal-provincial programs. These funding program agreements specifically prohibit what is referred to as sole-source purchasing. Sole-source purchasing is the specification of where a contractor shall buy their supplies. The Township cannot direct contractors where to buy their materials under these agreements. However, when the municipality is directly involved in the purchasing of goods, all reasonable attempts are made to purchase locally. Council absolutely agrees that their priority is being responsible with public funds. They also agree that supporting local businesses is of utmost importance. Council agrees to continue to shop local when we can. Where contractors are hired for municipal projects, they can suggest buying local but don't feel like we can mandate it. The hardware stores will be notified.

Delegations

K. Valentini – Sioux Narrows Arts Council – indoor exhibits planned for the summer at the Sioux Narrows Community Hall. Was hoping to buy real bulletin boards, with their funds, to install in the space, but would require assistance to install them. Discussion ensued. Council agreed. W. Kabel, CAO, will work on the project and keep K. Valentini up to date.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 20-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

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

Carried

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Members Present

G. Black

M. Rydberg

S. Salvador

D. Brothwell

H. Chant

Mayor

Clerk