

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, January 16th, 2018, 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. 11-18

Moved by Suzanne Bouvier

Seconded by Phil Hudson

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

Carried

Resolution No. 12-18

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Norbert Dufresne

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the amended agenda for the January 16th, 2018, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 13-18

Moved by Norbert Dufresne

Seconded by Suzanne Bouvier

That the minutes of the January 2nd, 2018, regular open Council Meeting and closed session of Council be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence

-A letter was received from the Kenora District Festival of the Arts requesting Council Financial Support for their 74th Annual Festival. It was agreed to donate \$50.00 from Council Donations Budget. Carried.

Disbursements-None

By-Laws-

Resolution No. 14-18

Moved by Norbert Dufresne

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls to enter into a Lease agreement with the Kenora District Services Board for Ambulance facility operation, having been read a first time and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Reports from Committees

N. Dufresne – Reported that True Grit have finished laying out the new footprint for the Nestor Falls Landfill. He also reported that both Loaders from the Sioux Narrows Landfill have now been repaired. He also reported that the Loader at the Nestor Falls Landfill had run out of fuel which due to the cold temps had made it difficult to get running, however, that has now been remedied. He reported that the work to increase the insulation in the crawl space under the Nestor Falls Community Hall has been 70% completed. He also reported that Roads equipment are all in good working order.

G. Black – Reported she had attended a Library Board meeting this morning. The board has decided to use the funds from the ILDS grant to purchase e-reader equipment and the books that are to be uploaded on them. She also reported that she had participated in a conference call with the First Nations-Community Infrastructure Partnership Project which is a regional working group looking into regional Landfills. The next face to face meeting of this group is February 13th, 2018 in Sioux Narrows. She reported that the Digital Signs in both Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls are operational and ready for community event programing. She also reported that as of meeting time, all roads have been plowed.

P. Hudson – Reported he attended the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee meeting on January 7th, 2018 to begin planning for the Nestor Falls Winter Carnival. He reported that the New Year's Eve Dance had a profit of \$328.93 and it will be shared with the Nestor Falls Curling Club. Some questions arising out of the meeting were why can't the chairman of the Rec Committee keep a key for the Community Hall. It was explained it was to ensure the integrity of municipal facilities by limiting the circulation of access keys to authorized users only (Policy C-10). Adequate planning for required facility use will ensure that the key will be available to sign out (ie the key will physically be available in Nestor Falls). He reported that a question was also raised as to what the responsibility for cleaning was after an event at the Community Hall. The Rec Committee felt when they went to use the Hall for the New Year's Eve Dance that it was not adequately cleaned (had not been swept, and some of the Rec Committee's table cloths had been used by the organization using the facility before them). In answer, reference was made to Policy C-2 of the Community Hall rental agreement. It was suggested that the Rec Committee could expect that if and when upgrades are made to the Nestor Falls Community Hall that they could expect additional storage solutions for their equipment to ensure it's integrity. Phil also asked if Rec Committee members (and other community members) would have opportunity for input into the renovation plans at the Nestor Falls Community Hall. It was suggested that all user group interests are being considered in the plans.

S. Bouvier – Reported that the Sioux Narrows Rec Committee had a Ugly Xmas Sweater dinner and dance on December 16th. It was a very fun event and the profit from the event was \$344.25. She also reported that Fire Department budgeting plans are ongoing.

I. O'Leary – Reported he attended the DSAB meeting in Dryden on January 11th. He also attended the RRMA meeting on January 13th in Fort Frances. He reported that comparing notes there are similar challenges between both DSAB's. He reported there were great presenters at the RRMA. It was stressed that in light of the Senator Lynn Beyak situation, it was advised that Municipal Councillors should educate themselves on topics before making public statements. He also reported that Bill 148 will bring some municipal changes as well.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Delegations –

Wayne Helliard asked if there are any policies being considered for new landfill locations for Nestor Falls. Mayor O’Leary replied that further to past studies, there are actually 3 sites identified. However, the current location is being maximized to accept waste from Nestor Falls residents. Another option that could be considered is using a transfer station. The municipality is in good shape for current useage.

Wayne also asked what would happen to the parking area capacity at the Nestor Falls Community Hall if the proposed renovations occur, and also what plans are in place for expanding the building. Council replied that there would be a substantial increase in the size of the building and that some of the parking area currently in use would have to be used. However, reconfiguration of the site will address this problem.

Jolene Helliard asked about getting lottery licensing for the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee and/or the Nestor Falls Curling Club. She was advised that any non-profit can get charitable status, however the Rec Committee would not fall into this category so would not be eligible. Jolene said the Curling Club did have charitable status at one time, and it was suggested that an application for a lottery license for fund raising should be made under it. She was also advised that the Rec Committee could look at other options that do not require a lottery license to help with an event. She will do so.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 15-18

Moved by Suzanne Bouvier

Seconded by Gale Black

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

S. Bouvier

N. Dufresne

P. Hudson

Mayor

Clerk