

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, January 18th, 2022, via Zoom. 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. 7-22

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. 8-22

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the January 18th, 2022, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 9-22

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Gale Black

That the minutes of the January 4th, 2022, 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 All Nations Health Partners meeting she attended January 12th, 2022, by Zoom. The committee discussed the hard work and dedication of health and public services personnel. Also reported that the restrictions limiting Northwestern Ontario resident access to Manitoba health care continues; to only patients with immediate threat to life and limb, including neonates, where transfer to Manitoba is essential because the travel time west to Manitoba would provide a definite survival advantage for the patient versus insisting that they go east. Reported that she attended an Economic Development workshop today.

N. Dufresne – reported that the Kenora District Municipal Association's Annual General Meeting will be held by Zoom January 19th and 20th, 2022. He will be attending.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 10-22

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That Council hereby adopt the attached 'Right to Disconnect Policy', Number B-34.

Carried

Resolution No. 11-22

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Gale Black

Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and,

Whereas the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and,

Whereas one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of 'joint and several liability,' which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and,

Whereas, the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of 'joint and several liability;' and,

Whereas the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and,

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby supports AMO's recommendations; and,

Further be it resolved that the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby calls on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address "joint and several liability" before the end of the government's current term so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities.

Carried

Resolution No. 12-22

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That Council hereby accept the proposal of Scatliff + Miller + Murray in the amount of \$74,225.00 + HST for site design for the Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre Interpretive Park and Natural Playground project.

Carried

Resolution No. 13-22

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby supports an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for the Four-Season Recreation Facility Cover, in the amount of \$630,000; and,

New Business (cont.)

That Council recognizes that the Township's applicant contribution is \$140,000, and that they will be responsible for any cost overruns associated with this project.

Carried

Resolution No. 14-22

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby proclaims January as Alzheimer Awareness Month.

Carried

Delegations – None.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 15-22

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

S. Salvador

P. Hudson

Mayor

Clerk