

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, July 6th, 2021, 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. 87-21

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. 88-21

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the July 6th, 2021, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – Councillor Rydberg declared a conflict of interest with the zoning by-law amendment.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 89-21

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the minutes of the June 15th, 2021, regular open council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 90-21

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the June 2021 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$580,142.40.

Carried

By-Laws

Resolution No. 91-21

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Gale Black

That the by-law to amend (Bowerbird Holdings) by-law no. 279, being the Zoning By-Law, 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 – welcomed S. Salvador to Council. Congratulated M. Kakeeway on his new posting as Fire Chief. Reported that the Public Libraries are now open to in-person services. Gave report that a new visiting specialist has been announced by the Lake of the Woods District Hospital; Dr. Leslea Walters, Gynecology. Reported that she attended a Food Security Committee Meeting June 17th, 2021, and an All Nations Hospital Partners (ANHP) meeting on June 30th, 2021. There will be an ANHP Patient Advisory Committee meeting on July 8th, 2021 and an ANHP Governance meeting on July 17th, 2021.

M. Rydberg – reported that council members and senior staff attended a 4-season Recreation Complex project update presentation by Northern Sky Architecture on June 29th, 2021. Once they are able to, according to interprovincial Covid-19 public health guidelines, they are looking forward to attending an in-person site meeting.

N. Dufresne – gave a summary report of the Kenora District Municipal Association Executive Committee meeting held June 17th, 2021. They are working on lobbying the province on a common issue experienced by municipalities in the Kenora District; asking for less red tape and easier access to crown land for municipal purposes. Reported that he also attended the Northern Sky Architecture presentation on June 29th, 2021. Stated that the Township was shocked and dismayed at the surprise announcement by Copperfin Credit Union of their decision to permanently close the Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls branches, as well as the branch of a peer municipality in the district, at Ear Falls. Council is pursuing all avenues and will insist on a meeting with the Board of Directors.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 92-21

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the following seasonal personnel be hereby appointed: Christine Fontaine, Debra Fraser, Alexia Gate, Greg Hagen, Bradley Henry, Judy Holden, Doreen Holland, Al Johnstone, Micaela Jolicouer, Olivia Kreger, Dawson Lentz, Andrew Letander, Ben Libitka, Nick Libitka, Mohamed al Makkaoui, Jen Merrel, Judy Piotrowski, Elska Swandel, Emma Townson, Dennis Whalen and Kolby White.

Carried

Delegations

Maury Swenson/Kathy Valentini – Sioux Narrows Arts Festival Committee Executive – thanked council for authorization to use the curling club, but at this stage we are not permitted to operate the festival under current covid protocols. Discussed their musings on alternatives and that they will continue to pursue options, however, artists will be informed that the festival is likely cancelled again this year. Artists in the Park could be an alternative option. Discussed some of the outdoor events and activities that they will be organizing this summer; including a bag piper who will perform every Saturday in July at 7:00 p.m. at Bridge Park, a children's concert at the Sportfishing Centre grounds, an art exhibit at the Sportfishing Centre, an outdoor art exhibit at the Iron & Clay grounds, and an exhibit at the Douglas Family Art Centre in Kenora to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Arts Festival; Art at the Lake. This runs from July 23rd to August 9th, 2021. They also hope to organize a screening of a video they commissioned for the 60th Anniversary. Details on all events will be forthcoming. Council expressed thanks to the Arts Festival Committee for their commitment, dedication and hard work.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 93-21

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

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

S. Salvador

Mayor

Clerk