

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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. 55-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Holly Chant

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

Carried

Resolution No. 56-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Council meeting.

Carried

**Disclosure of Interest** – None.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Resolution No. 57-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, regular open council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

**Correspondence** – None.

**Disbursements**

Resolution No. 58-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the May 2023 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$816,797.14.

Carried

**By-Laws**

Resolution No. 59-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls to enter into an agreement with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

**By-Laws** (cont.)

Resolution No. 60-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls to enter into a Master Services Agreement and Statement of Works (2) with Circular Materials, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

**Staff Reports**

W. Kabel – Chief Administrative Officer – report attached. Councillor Brothwell asked if the life expectancy for the Nestor Falls Landfill site, of approximately 20 years, was also calculated by Stantec. W. Kabel indicated that it was.

H. Gropp – Community Development Officer – report attached. Also, we are excited to be a part of the Lake of the Woods District Stewardship Association's Celebrate Lake Life event June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, under the pavilion at the Harbourfront in Kenora. The CAO, CDO and Trails Coordinator will be attending to represent the Township. Councillor Chant asked what the elements are that were mentioned in the report for the highway corridor beautification. H. Gropp indicated that we are looking at complimentary improvements and installations.

**Reports from Committees**

H. Chant – Fire Rescue Services – there have been thirteen callouts this year, as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, including one near miss structure fire at Sioux Narrows. We have started our annual smoke detector campaign to promote smoke detector use and to help with installation of smoke detectors if homeowners are without. Training and certification efforts are ongoing. There are some challenges with attendance at training. The Ontario Fire Marshall's Mobile Live Fire Training Unit will be at our fire training grounds from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Chief indicated that Mayor and Council are welcome to join the department to check out the unit.

G. Black – reported that we have been invited to a meeting by Onigaming First Nation, along with other neighbouring First Nation community leadership on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The next All Nations Health Partners meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. New Gold has invited us to a meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There will be a Library Open House event at the Sioux Narrows Public Library, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Expressed thanks to M. Salvador for replacing and fixing the banners on our streetlights.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business**

Resolution No. 61-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada; and,

That National Indigenous History Month provides an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis; and,

That this is a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby recognizes June as National Indigenous History Month.

Carried

**New Business** (cont.)

Resolution No. 62-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That June is Seniors Month in Ontario; and,

That we recognize the hard work seniors have done all of their lives to make Ontario into the great place it is today; and,

That we acknowledge and recognize the amazing seniors and the positive impact that they have in our community; and,

That we all have seniors in our lives, whether they be friends, family or colleagues;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby proclaims June as Seniors Month.

Carried

Resolution No. 63-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That, around the world, June is recognized as Pride Month; and,

That June is a month for communities, workplaces and individuals to show their support and to celebrate diversity and love in all its forms; and,

That it is a time to honour the tremendous achievements made to expand inclusivity and equality for 2SLGBTQ+ people; and,

That it is a time to highlight the importance of creating communities and workplaces for all to feel connected and safe;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby proclaims June as Pride Month.

Carried

Resolution No. 64-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the CAO is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Canadian Mental Health Association – Kenora Branch – for the Mobile Mental Health and Additions Clinic.

Carried

Resolution No. 65-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That Council hereby authorizes the purchase of the New 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 in the amount of \$59,694.46, including tax.

Carried

Resolution No. 66-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby supports an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for Moose n' Fiddle in the amount of \$12,713 for audience development.

Carried

**New Business** (cont.)

Resolution No. 67-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby supports an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for streetscape improvements in the amount of \$180,000; and,

That Council recognizes that the Township's contribution is \$20,000, and that they will be responsible for any cost overruns associated with this project.

Carried

Resolution No. 68-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby supports an application to the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Housing Accelerator Fund for initiatives to support the development of housing in the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls.

Carried

Resolution No. 69-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby accept the 2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented by MNP.

Carried

Resolution No. 70-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the following be appointed volunteer Fire Fighters to the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Service: Greg Welter, Alec Bird, Alicia Medicine and Kyle Cameron

Carried

Resolution No. 71-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That Council hereby approve a Community Improvement Plan application from C & C Camp in the amount of \$6,000.00 for landscaping and signage.

Carried

**Delegations**

J. Kelso – Gibi Lake Property Owners Association – introduced himself, and his neighbour, L. Degelman, and thanked council for the opportunity to present to them. Wished to share updates, particularly on their [non-municipal] road. Discussed logging and MNRF activities. Gave a brief history of how they became a part of the municipality by provincial restructuring order. That they became municipal taxpayers, but that their road continues to be considered private. The logging activity on their road is anticipated to cease in approximately 10 years, after which the maintenance that is being done due to logging will also cease. The do feel that the situation is untenable and unfair.

**Delegations** (cont.)

They pay municipal taxes and they also pay for their road maintenance. It has been some time since they attended a council meeting and they are on a renewed quest to change their situation. They have met with the province, G Rickford, but as they are part of an organized municipality, some of the provincial programs available for private roads is not available to them. With equality and inclusivity being of importance today, they feel that they are not being treated equally or inclusively. Suggested a number of solutions, including the municipality asking the province to remove them from the municipality, for the municipality to ask the province for an exception for them for road grant eligibility, for the municipality to lower their taxes, for the municipality to take over the road. Also, for the municipality to work cooperatively with Missun to get an estimate for bringing the road up to standard for the municipality to take it over.

L. Degelman – wished to request another, short term, solution; for council to increase their 5% subsidy for their non-municipal road assistance, to 20%. Also noted that safety is their greatest concern, such as ambulance or fire department access.

Mayor Black – thanked them for their presentation. Indicated that council sympathizes with their situation. Council will consider their presentation and respond to their questions. We will get back to them.

J. Port – Director of Planning – indicated that there are dozens of private roads in the municipality. Discussion ensued regarding private versus municipal roads and the process to request that the municipality take over private roads. As well as the history of the restructuring process that brought them into the municipality by the province.

J. Kelso – reiterated that the situation is untenable regarding ongoing maintenance when the forestry activity stops, and the forestry company stops maintaining the road.

D. Brothwell - thanked the group for their excellent presentation. Let us talk about it and get back to you.

Mr. Degelman and Mr. Kelso thanked council again and asked for a timeline for a response.

Council indicated that they don't have a specific timeline to provide to them, but that they will get back to them.

**Adjournment**

Resolution No. 72-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

Carried

Members Present

G. Black

S. Salvador

D. Brothwell

H. Chant

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## Report to Council

<b>Date:</b>	June 6, 2023
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Wanda Kabel, Chief Administrative Officer
<b>Report:</b>	<p><b>Sioux Narrows Waste Disposal Site:</b></p> <p>The Sioux Narrows WDS is nearing capacity. As well, our site was without a current Design, Operations and Closure Plan (DOCP). This has been flagged by both the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MECC) and our Accountants through the annual audit process (Public Sector Accounting Standards).</p> <p>In 2022 we engaged the services of Stantec Consulting Ltd. to conduct and complete the necessary ground work and reporting for a DOCP for the Sioux Narrows WDS. We received the draft plan in April and the final version of the plan in May.</p> <p>As the Sioux Narrows WDS is without an established maximum capacity volume (due to having an aged ECA), Stantec has used industry acceptable use standards (test pitting and LiDAR surveys) to establish an estimated life expectancy. The current operational time remaining is estimated by Stantec to be approximately seven to nine years, but erring on the side of caution, they are using the lesser, seven years (ending in 2029).</p> <p>The DOCP is to serve as the Township's guiding framework and action plan towards winding down operations at this site, including post closure activities. The plan contains detailed closure operations, as well as indication of the Township's ideal outcome, which would be (best case scenario) converting the existing site to a transfer station.</p>



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The abridged summary is as follows:

- *Develop a workplan for key waste management actions or initiatives for the next 7 years including: land use plan process; hazardous waste removal; survey dates; monitoring activities; field investigation for SP2; recontouring; site preparation work leading up to closure (i.e., buffers); engagement, design and budget support for the future waste transfer station; and final capping.*
- *Obtain an updated LUP prior to initiating closure activities. The LUP will provide the Township with permission to implement measures and control over lands where waste is deposited on as well as allow use of land as the CAZ. No advancement of closure activities should occur until a revised LUP is in place. The LUP should include authority for the Township to access lands covered by the waste, buffer areas, the CAZ and the open space that the entrance road is located on.*
- *Initiate progressive infill deposition sequencing during the final years of operations to achieve landfill elevations. Reduce the landfill slopes to meet closure contouring in areas that do not meet 4H:1V design criteria.*
- *Initiate a feasibility study and detailed design for the WTS in support of budgetary planning for future waste management in Sioux Narrows.*
- *Evaluate the feasibility of installing new groundwater and surface water monitoring stations (SP2, Creek 3) near the downgradient CAZ boundary. Begin data collection, if feasible.*
- *The DO&C Plan should be updated with refined closure planning details based on*



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*volume estimations, water quality monitoring results and future site plans.*

- Initiate a topographical survey to verify closure elevation and volumetric capacity prior to entering closure planning phase (i.e., in 2024 or 2025).*
- Hold interim discussion with the MECP to review closure planning and the operational approach in support of site closure.*
- Verify the final closure monitoring program following further discussion with MECP, field investigations and installation of groundwater well SP2. Revise Section 11.0 to reflect the final closure monitoring program in support of a future ECA amendment for closure.*
- Prepare to submit an ECA amendment within 2 years of closure.*

These are the activities that Council and Senior Staff, along with the technical assistance of our Environmental Engineers, are and will be working towards in the coming years. This is one of the most critical matters facing our municipal operations at this time, as well as ensuring ongoing monitoring and best practice activities at our Nestor Falls WDS (which has a DOCP and a current estimated lifespan of another twenty years at the time of writing) and Sioux Narrows Septic Filtration Site/SFS (does not have the same regulatory guidelines for planning or life expectancy at the WDSs).



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## Report to Council

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	June 6, 2023
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Heather Gropp, Community Development Officer
<b>Report:</b>	
<b>Provincial Parks and Visitor Information Centre reporting:</b>	
<b>Nestor Falls</b> (submitted by Judy Holden and Kyle Dutka): Canadian May Long	
2019- May long brought in 43 people (we were closed on Sunday that year.) 2022- May long we had 34 and were open Sunday. 2023- May long we saw 51 people at the centre.	
I also compared the <b>U.S.</b> long weekend and they are as follows:	
U.S. long Weekend 2019- 28 (closed the Sunday)	
2022-34 visitors	
2023-42	
We found that a lot over our long weekend were from Manitoba. Quite a few young adults. And they made use of the facilities the Township offers. The trails, tennis courts, basketball were all put to use. After our long winter people did seem very excited to be travelling and camping again.	
Again, this year saw people travelling thru to the west. Three of the parties from Quebec which I saw significant. I noticed that trend last year as well. We had our first party of the year from Europe with a large foreign camper truck travelling across Canada	
We had a fair amount tell us we are the only Information Centre open and where very glad to find us. Our pamphlets are going out the door.	
Highway traffic was up both holiday weekends. Our total numbers amount to 181 as of May 28th.	
<b>The Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre</b> (submitted by Linda Bowles)	
May Long weekend:	
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup> -May 22/22 (open 7 days) = 98 visitors</b> <b>May 17th- May 21/23 (open 5 days) = 155 visitors</b>	



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2023 Week 2 May 24-28/23 (5 day open) = 174.  
2022 total for same week (open 7 days) = 155.  
Same week in 2019 (open 7 days) = 255

## **Sioux Narrows and Caliper Lake Provincial Parks:**

On opening weekend at Sioux Narrows Park (May long weekend) there were 38 camp-site reservations. Twenty of these reservations were seasonal campers. This number is quite high.

On opening weekend at Caliper Lake Provincial Park, (May long weekend) there were 8 reservations. Seven of these were seasonal campers. Please note that Caliper Lake is still not operating at full capacity. We continue to work with Ontario Parks to clean up the remainder of the damage and anticipate that the park will be fully re-open by the beginning of August.

## **Community Engagement and Communications:**

- On May 23, 2023 I attended the men's breakfast club for a presentation/discuss on capital projects.
- On May 30, 2023, the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hosted the Regional Economic Development Officers meeting at the Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre.
- On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Timothy Warner and I are invited to attend the Men's Breakfast Club to discuss the trail improvement projects and new trail related initiatives we have underway.

## **Housing:**

In conjunction with the Kenora District Services Board, we will be launching a housing survey in June for Nestor Falls residents. The purpose of this survey is to determine the exact housing needs in the community so that we can look at implementing the most beneficial housing solution in that community.

At today's meeting there is a motion to authorize an application to the Housing Accelerator Fund program managed by the CMHC. This fund is open to municipalities and aims to create more supply of housing at an accelerated pace and enhance certainty in the approach and building process. We are working on this application with Urban Systems and building off the regional housing work they have done with the KDSB. For information, the Housing Accelerator fund can be used in support of housing under any of the following categories:



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- 1- Investments in housing Accelerator Fund Action Plans
- 2- Investments in Affordable Housing
- 3- Investments in Housing Related Infrastructure
- 4- Investments in Community-related Infrastructure that supports housing.

The planning and development team continue to work with interested individuals who are looking at building housing in our community.

## **Capital Projects:**

All capital projects are on track and proceeding as planned.

Work is expected on the 4 season recreation facility starting June 9<sup>th</sup> and will be complete in mid-July.

The Nestor Falls Docks are nearing completion, with only a few outstanding elements remaining.

Bike Trails are scheduled to commence construction in September.

The new playground is expected to arrive at the NOSFC in July.

We would like to submit a community enhancement program application to the NOHFC. The purpose of this application is to apply for the necessary funding to “provide a vertical element that can be repeated along the corridor” as outlined in our Highway Corridor Redevelopment plan. A motion authorizing this funding request is part of today’s meeting. This application will cover a corridor beautification project that spans both Nestor Falls and Sioux Narrows.

## **Community Events:**

We are working on a complete listing for all community events. Once compiled this will be printed and circulated to all residents and businesses. There are many events happening in the community this summer and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy those which are of interest to them.

## **Trails:**

We have held meetings with Grand Council Treaty 3 staff to discuss the knowledge sharing project on our existing trails. This project was really well received and we are looking forward to implementing it this summer.



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