

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, at the Nestor Falls Municipal Office. 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. 28-25

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

Carried

Resolution No. 29-25

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 March 4th, 2025, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 30-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the minutes of the February 4th, 2025, Regular meeting and February 18th, 2025, Special meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 31-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the February 2025 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$606,792.10.

Carried

By-Laws

Resolution No. 32-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls to enter into a Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Services Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Staff Reports

H. Gropp – Community Development Officer – report attached. Not in attendance. Report read by W. Kabel. In January Council received a proposal from Ayrie Development regarding our second RFP for housing development on the Municipal land that is along Highway 71 and Father Moss Road. This development is for more affordable, modular unit type housing that is much needed in the community. In this instance steps that can be taken to investigate this opportunity include a title search, land survey and arrange for a community information session. Currently staff are seeking Council's direction on how to proceed. Council agreed to move forward with investigating the opportunity.

Reports from Committees

G. Black – Reported that she will be attending a Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee meeting later today, March 4th, 2025, at which the committee will be discussing Winter Carnival planning. The Carnival will be March 29th and 30th, 2025, and event information will be posted by the committee soon. She will be attending a Patient, Family and Elder Advisory Committee meeting March 5th, 2025. This committee is a working group for the All Nations Health Partners. On March 6th, 2025, she will be attending a get together to discuss a Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony planned for late summer 2025, as well as a Cross Border Fishing Issue meeting. She is also attending a Bridge Park Interpretive Signage meeting with Elders and Knowledge Keepers at Onigaming First Nation on March 17th, 2025 (postponed).

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 33-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby declares the municipal property described as 23R-3293 surplus; and,

That Council may convey this property directly, in whole or in part, to Ayrie Developments (Kenora) Inc. for housing and commercial development purposes.

Carried

Resolution No. 34-25

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That Steve Salvador be hereby appointed as representative to the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA).

Carried

Resolution No. 35-25

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That Andrew Poirier be appointed to the District of Kenora Homes for the Aged Board of Management to represent Area I – Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls – Kenora – for a term to commence once appointed by both Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls and Kenora, to November 14th, 2026.

Carried

New Business (cont.)

Resolution No. 36-25

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That Council hereby approve the Community Improvement Plan application of David Fetterly (Parkview) in the amount of \$1,434.82 for Signage.

Carried

Resolution No. 37-25

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby authorizes an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation (Capital Steam), in the amount of \$105,000 for boardwalk improvements to the Aspen Trail; and,

That Council also recognizes that it will be responsible for any cost overruns associated with this project.

Carried

Delegations

C. Madden – comments regarding the report on Municipal Accommodation Tax. Stated that he did bring handouts, but as there are not many people in attendance today, and he would prefer to speak to a more fulsome group, he will reserve these and his presentation to council until a later date. Asked if the matter of Municipal Accommodation Tax will be on an agenda. Council indicated that it is not planned for at this time.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 38-25

Moved by Matt Rydberg

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

M. Rydberg

S. Salvador

Mayor

Clerk

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Report to Council

Council Meeting Date:	March 4, 2025
Prepared By:	Heather Gropp- Community Development Officer

Trail Development:

This winter we have been focusing on the enhancement and development of our trail networks. We are hoping to get some of the work done so that this spring/summer/fall we are able to focus on building and expanding. Over the past 2 years we have made 2 applications to the Ministry of Natural Resources for permission to expand our trail networks on crown land. We are still awaiting approval from MNR, but in the last 2 weeks they have delegated us their authority to undertake consultation with our neighbouring Indigenous communities. We have begun this work. We will be holding a trails discussion with potentially impacted communities on April 4, 2025. Following this we will be holding a trails open house from 3:30-4:30 for the general public in Sioux Narrows and will be organizing a trails info session in Nestor Falls in early May.

We are in the process of finalizing a second Trillium Fund application to their Capital Projects stream to build an improved board walk system over some of the messier areas of the Aspen Trail. We intend to submit the application by the end of the day on March 5th. The application will 100% fund the construction of this new walkway in the amount of \$105,000. There is a resolution on today's agenda to approve the submission of this grant.

Bass Lake Park Redevelopment:

I have been working with our funding partners at NOHFC and FedNor on the applications for the redevelopment of Bass Lake Park. There are elements of the project that are ineligible for funding by FedNor but that NOHFC will cover. Therefore, we will be reworking the project into 2 separate applications. There will be a resolution at an upcoming meeting, once we have all of the details worked out.



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POP Up Shop RFP's:

The deadline for proposals for the Pop-up shop in and around municipal spaces in the community closed on February 28th.

LOT 2- Housing Development Proposal:

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- Title search
- Land survey
- Arrange for a community open house

At this time, staff are seeking Council's direction on how to proceed.

Nestor Falls Affordable Housing Update:

In early February we received the title for the Land in Nestor Falls including the Ambulance Base. The KDSB is interested and has agreed to proceed with an affordable housing project on this property. Initial conversations with the KDSB is that we will walk the land once the snow melts, to determine best use/fit for the project. We will then come back to council with a request to sever and transfer the land in similar fashion to the Seniors Housing Project in Sioux Narrows.



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Authorized Resolution

Nestor Falls Land Acquisition

MOVED BY: Director Harrison

NO: 2024-021

SECONDED BY: Director Sobchuk

DATE: January 18, 2024

RESOLVED THAT the Board o Directors authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to complete the purchase of lands in Nestor Falls for future development opportunities as outlined in the Director of Infrastructure’s Board report number BR2024-014.

DIVISION OF VOTES		
MEMBER	YEA	NAY
Barry Baltessen - Lake of the Woods North Unincorporated		
Dan Sutton - Township of Ear Falls		
Doug Lawrance - Municipality of Sioux Lookout		
Fred Mota - Municipality of Red Lake		
Gord Griffiths - Municipality of Machin		
Jack Harrison - City of Dryden		
James Dalzell - Township of Pickle lake		
Jodie Defeo - Township of Ignace		
Laurie Huffman - Oxdrift Unincorporated		
Lisa Moncrief - City of Kenora		
Mark Sobchuk - Lac Seul Unincorporated		
TOTALS		

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTION (Check One):

CARRIED: _____ **DEFEATED:** _____

F. Mota

CHAIR

[Signature]

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER