

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, March 5th, 2019, in the Sioux Narrows 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. 24-19

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. 25-19

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the March 5th, 2019, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 26-19

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Gale Black

That the minutes of the February 19th, 2019, regular open Council Meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 27-19

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the February 2019 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$391,869.34.

Carried

By-Laws

Resolution No. 28-19

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the by-law to appoint persons as Integrity Commissioners and to authorize the execution of agreements with appointees, having been read a first time and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Reports from Committees

P. Hudson – reported that the Nestor Falls Winter Carnival was this past weekend. It was a success. The Fire Rescue Service raised over \$1,000 at the pancake breakfast towards the Station 2 Fire Boat Fund. They don't yet have a full financial report that includes the canteen, but they made a profit from that as well.

N. Dufresne – gave report of the most recent District of Kenora Home for the Aged meeting he attended on February 28th, 2019. The board is still looking for additional members. If anyone is interested, they can contact DKHA. Reported that he attended the Nestor Falls Winter Carnival. He extended thanks to everyone involved. It was a great event.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 29-19

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the attached Integrity Commissioner Investigations Procedure and Travel-Car Allowance Policies be hereby adopted.

Carried

Resolution No. 30-19

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

WHEREAS public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and,

WHEREAS the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Public Libraries engage with the community and contributes to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and,

WHEREAS the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Public Libraries continue to seek funding opportunities through donor development to increase services and expand programming outside of their core funding; and,

WHEREAS the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Public Libraries continue to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of local libraries within their communities and to cease the 20-year budget freeze to local libraries in an acknowledgement to the services they offer to all residents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the consumer price index; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport; to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs; to our local MPP; to the Association of Municipalities Ontario; to the Ontario Library Association; and, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

Carried

Resolution No. 31-19

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

WHEREAS The Ontario government is currently undertaking a review of the Endangered Species Act to *“improve protections for species at risk, consider modern and innovative approaches to*

New Business (cont.)

achieve positive outcomes for species at risk, as well as to look for ways to streamline approvals and provide clarity to support economic development.”

WHEREAS the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls understands that the CFSA is an equivalent process to the ESA; and

WHEREAS changes made to the ESA must include the consideration of climate change on habitat on all species at risk policy; and

WHEREAS changes made to the ESA must recognize the cumulative impact of all species at risk policy on a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS socio-economic impact analysis must be completed and shared with impacted stakeholders and Indigenous communities prior to any species at risk policy being implemented; and

WHEREAS even under a permanent regulation or legislative change to the ESA recognizing equivalency, species at risk policy and prescriptions delivered under the CFSA must consider the impacts of climate change and the cumulative social and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS Ontario has a window of opportunity to ensure a workable outcome on species at risk policy that provides a long-term solution that protects jobs and the economy; and

WHEREAS the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls remains concerned that the Federal Government could step into non-Federal lands and prescribe how forests will be managed through an unworkable Section 11 conservation Agreement or Emergency Protection Order; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls in an effort to support the forest industry strongly encourages the Ontario Government to recognize equivalency between the ESA and CFSA through a permanent section 55 regulation or legislative change to the ESA. While working under the CFSA, the forest sector requires species at risk policy and prescriptions that consider the impacts of climate change and the cumulative, social and economic impacts.

Tabled for further information.

Delegations

M. Swenson & K. Valentini – Sioux Narrows Arts Council Co-Chairs – thanked the Township for all of their assistance and support of the Sioux Narrows Arts Festival event. They appreciated the efforts of the Township in assisting with the Festival’s printed programs, the ad in the Bridge & Falls publication, the social media and flyer advertisements and all the work that was done at the site by M. Salvador and his crew, including the increased parking, the leveled area for the food trucks and porta-potties, removing a danger tree by their storage shed, cleaning out the interior space, etc. As well M. Salvador came out in the evening to their event at the Community Hall when there was trouble with the breakers. Indicated that 4,000 people attended the 2018 festival event and they had nine brand new artists in 2018. They have some big news about the arts festival; as it began in 1961, 2021 will be its 60th anniversary. It is possibly the longest running festival in Northwestern Ontario. Their goal is to focus on celebrating their anniversary with a short video promotion. They are working with Up River Media who has provided them with a proposal to create a short documentary style film, showcasing the history, the artists, both past and present. They hope to gather footage from the 2019 festival and get interviews. The idea is to have it screened at the information centres as well as throughout Northwestern Ontario. The cost is \$6,900.00. They are hoping to partner with the Township, including municipal representation on a committee to plan and guide the anniversary celebrations and possibly assist with funding. Other activities include curating a special show with art from festival participants, updating festival signage and possibly installing some permanent signage. Mayor Dufresne thanked them very much for attending the meeting and presenting to council. The township will consider their request. Stated that it’s a wonderfully organized event. Thanked them and the festival volunteers for all their hard work. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 32-19

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Phil Hudson

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

Carried

Members Present

N. Dufresne

G. Black

P. Hudson

A. Nisly

M. Rydberg

Mayor

Clerk