

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, at the Nestor Falls 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. 21-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

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

Carried

Resolution No. 22-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the March 7th, 2023, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 23-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the minutes of the February 7th, 2023, regular open and Zoning Public meetings be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 24-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the February 2023 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$704,961.98.

Carried

By-Laws

Resolution No. 25-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the by-law to govern the proceedings of the Council and Committees of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls, having been read a second time, shall be read a third and final time at the next regular council meeting.

Carried

By-Laws (cont.)

Resolution No. 26-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the by-law to amend By-Law No. 42 (Council Remuneration) and repeal By-Law No. 481, having been read a second time, shall be read a third and final time at the next regular council meeting.

Carried

Resolution No. 27-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the by-law to amend by-law no 279, being the Zoning By-Law (R. Ambs), having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Resolution No. 28-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls to enter into a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement (renewal) with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

Reports from Committees

M. Rydberg – reported that the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee’s first ever March-a-palooza event is upcoming, March 24-26, 2023. Events include a family fun night with indoor games on Friday, outdoor kids games and an all you can eat lasagna dinner on Saturday, and a pancake breakfast and snowmobile scavenger hunt on Sunday. All events will be held at the Sioux Narrows Community Hall.

S. Salvador– reported that he attended the most recent Library Board meeting. The board has two new members, J. Milligan and G. Race. They are planning an open house for June 25th, 2023.

D. Brothwell – reported that he attended a Planning Advisory Committee meeting on February 15th, 2023. There were two applications on the agenda. Both were approved.

H. Chant – reported on the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee’s Winter Carnival event, held March 3-5, 2023. There were 10 entries for dessert and 9 entries for the fish cook-off held Friday. Over 70 people attended. On Saturday, 158 fish derby tickets were sold, there were 15 teams in the cribbage tournament and 28 people in the snowmobile scavenger hunt. The canteen was hosted by It’s a Dog’s Life. There were 80 people at the dance on Saturday night. On Sunday, there were 30 children who took part in the kids games and 12 people who entered the lumber jack competition. Expressed thanks to all the Recreation Committee members, individuals, community groups, donors and volunteers who made the event a great success. Gave a fire department report. Training and education activities are ongoing. Reported that she met with the administrative person at the Nursing Station. Gave a summary of the current services, including medical doctors, RN, foot care and the hope that dental services may be restored. Noted that the RN is working on her Nurse Practitioner degree and shadowing one of the doctors. Reported that the Township will be refreshing the interior space soon.

Reports from Committees (cont.)

G. Black – reported that she participated in a position paper discussion, March 6th, 2023, with the All Nations Health Partners. Reported that she attended a municipal budget meeting earlier today, March 7th, 2023. Reported that MPP G. Rickford will meet with council March 10th, 2023, for a funding announcement at the Nestor Falls Government Dock. She attended the most recent Library Board meeting with Councillor Salvador, February 12th, 2023. Expressed thanks to Councillor Chant for introducing her to many residents at the Nestor Falls Winter Carnival.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 29-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Mayor and Police Services Board Chair, G. Black, be authorized to sign the OPP RIDE Grant Funding agreement.

Carried

Resolution No. 30-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the CAO be authorized to sign the Reconnect Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement.

Carried

Resolution No. 31-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

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 the Bridge Park upgrades in the amount of \$180,000; and,

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

Carried

Resolution No. 32-23

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 the Sioux Narrows Government Dock project in the amount of \$375,000; and,

That Council recognizes that the Township contribution is \$125,000, and that they will be responsible for any cost overruns associated with the project.

Carried

New Business (cont.)

Resolution No. 33-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That Caleb Lougheed be appointed to the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Service as Fire Fighter.

Carried

Resolution No. 34-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That council hereby authorizes payment made to the Minister of Finance in the amount of \$47,008.00, including HST, to complete the purchase of the crown land where the new Nestor Falls Ambulance Base is located.

Carried

Delegations

N. Dufresne – member of the Kenora District Homes for the Aged Board of Directors – gave a report on board business. For the first time in many years, they are functioning with full board membership. Staffing contracts were and are recently being negotiated. 2022 Audit is ongoing. They are continuing succession planning to replace the retiring CEO. They remain short staffed, both nurses and, even more so, personal support workers.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 35-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Holly Chant

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

D. Brothwell

H. Chant

Mayor

Clerk