

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, May 2nd, 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. 48-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

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

Carried

Resolution No. 49-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the May 2nd, 2023, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 50-23

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the minutes of the April 4th, 2023, regular open and Zoning Public meetings be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence – None.

Disbursements

Resolution No. 51-23

Moved by Steve Salvador

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the April 2023 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$198,456.83.

Carried

By-Laws – None.

Staff Reports

H. Gropp – Community Development Officer – report attached. Also discussed requests for renting the Sportfishing Centre for public and private functions. Council is agreeable to use for free-to-the-public events, but not private rental events. The community halls are available for private rental events. The estimated time of completion on playground installation at the Sportfishing Centre is late July. We also applied for playground enhancements through the

Staff Reports (cont.)

Inclusive Communities Grant for both the Sportfishing Centre and Bass Lake Park. Also, the timeline for completion of the roof and remaining project works at the 4-season Recreation Facility is the end of July.

Reports from Committees

H. Chant – Fire Rescue Service – gave a report of the Open House event, held April 25th, 2023, at Station 1. It went well and about 30 people attended. We had two new recruits apply who will start training this month. Councillor Chant expressed thanks to the Fire Chief, Fire Fighters and other volunteers who helped with the event. Reported that the Chief has ordered a new portable pump for Station 2, as well as new helmets. A flyer is going out soon for the annual smoke detector campaign. There is a possibility of declaring the oldest fire truck surplus. Nestor Falls Recreation Committee – reported that the committee received a quotation for a projector and screen for installation at the Nestor Falls Community Hall. Councillor Chant did indicate to the committee that they do need to wait for the Community Hall renovations to get underway. Discussed some electrical needs related to the installation. Reported that Mental Health Week is May 1-7. This year's theme is My Story. Events and activities organized by the Northwestern Health Unit and the Canadian Mental Health Association are ongoing in our community, as well as across the district. There was a barbeque today at the NWHU office in Sioux Narrows earlier today. Discussion ensued regarding calendar of events for the week, as well as ways to participate.

S. Salvador – reported that work is going to start on remediating the Lobstick Bay Road Causeway to repair damages caused by the high water in 2022.

G. Black – reported that our council, staff and consultants met with Onigaming's Chief, council and staff on April 26th, 2023, regarding our trail partnership. Reported that she will be attending a special funding announcement on May 3rd, 2023. It is a joint event hosted by the Kenora District Services Board, Hon. Greg Rickford, MPP Kenora-Rainy River, Minister of Indigenous Affairs Ontario and the Minister of Northern Development. A few other upcoming events include: a Retirement Tea for Ontario Provincial Police Constable Gord Adams on May 9th, 2023, the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee's Annual Spring Barbeque on May 13th, 2023, Kenora District Services Board's Regional Housing Strategy presentation on May 15th, 2023, the next Police Services Board meeting is May 16th, 2023, and the next All Nations Health Partners meeting is on May 17th, 2023.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 52-23

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls hereby awards the revised phase 1 construction project (Bike Trails) to Precambrian Trails in an amount not to exceed the existing confirmed funding of \$175,000.

Carried

New Business (cont.)

Four sealed bids were received for the surplus floating docks at Nestor Falls Government Dock. All were received by the deadline and in the prescribed form. They were opened at the council meeting. Bids received were as follows: Lake of the Woods Lodge \$3,000.00, Mike/Erin Gate \$2,200, Clint Brown \$2,100 and Byron Walker \$2,000. Council accepted the highest offer, of Lake of the Woods Lodge.

Resolution No. 53-23

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Steve Salvador

That council hereby accept the bid of Patrick Boyd of Lake of the Woods Lodge in the amount of \$3,000, plus tax, for the surplus, used floating docks from Nestor Falls Government Dock.

Carried

Delegations – None.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 54-23

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

S. Salvador

M. Rydberg

D. Brothwell

H. Chant

Mayor

Clerk

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Report to Council

Council Meeting Date:	May 2, 2023
Prepared By:	Heather Gropp, Community Development Officer
Report:	
Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre:	
<p>Facility usage: We have received requests for the usage of the facility outside of operating hours. These requests are for community events and private functions. The community events would be free, or low charge and are requesting use of the facility free of charge. The private event does not request free usage of the facility. We have not typically rented out the facility.</p>	
<p>Partnership with AKRC: We are entering into a partnership with AKRC and the Sport Fishing Centre to bring new and exciting programming to the Sport Fishing Centre in 2023. We have been working out the details and will be sharing them as part of our summer programming series to the community.</p>	
Bike Trails:	
<p>We have had the awarded contractor withdraw their services for the construction of the Bike Trails in Nestor Falls. Therefore, we have negotiated with the second bidder and it is recommended that we proceed with Precambrian Trail builders on the adjusted scope of work, which will focus primarily on the enhancements and linkages of the Red Pine Trail. The new Red Pine trail description is as follows:</p>	
<p><u>(New) Red Pine Trails Description</u></p>	
<p>The new Red Pine Trails will expand on the existing network and will include the creation of the following trail alignments which will be signed to facilitate wayfinding for users:</p>	



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- A new climb trail will provide users with a more gradual option to ascend the ridge adjacent the trailhead parking area (max. 5% slope). The climb trail will start at the trailhead and will terminate at an existing trail alignment upslope, which continues climbing the ridge to the start of the green and blue flow trail segments.
- The green and blue flow trails are one-way descents that meander through the red pine plantation. The flow trails are designed specifically for mountain bikes and will showcase numerous trail features including rollers, berms, and jumps that are positioned in a way that harnesses a rider's momentum to minimize pedaling and braking. The open understory and the mature pine forest canopy in this location provides an idyllic setting for these trails.
- The black diamond trail continues to ascend the ridge from the start of the green and blue flow trails to the ridge apex. From there, the trail begins a descent through the mixed-wood forest environment which is characterized by exposed bedrock and large glacial boulders. The trail will follow sustainable grades down the ridge and will tour users through the rugged forest environment characteristic of this location.
- Each flow trail ends at an existing trail alignment toward the bottom of the ridge. Trail users then have the option to return to the top of the ridge via 1 of 2 existing trails.

Marketing:

Our 2023 marketing efforts are under way. We have been working with the City of Kenora and our partners at Destination Ontario and Destination Northern Ontario on an exciting campaign into the US that will launch next month. We have also received some preliminary footage from our Media Snowmobile tour which will be very helpful next winter.



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