

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, May 7th, 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. 52-19

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. 53-19

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the May 7th, 2019, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 54-19

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the minutes of the April 16th, 2019, regular open Council Meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence

Kenora & Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation – request for the continuation of an annual operating grant, in the amount of \$2,500.00, that we have been providing to the Foundation since their inception in 2005. The Foundation also provided a list of grants approved for charitable organizations in Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls. They total almost \$107,000.00. Council agreed to contribute \$2,500.00 in 2019.

Resolution No. 55-19

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

That the correspondence be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Disbursements

Resolution No. 56-19

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the April 2019 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$258,385.35.

Carried

Reports from Committees

G. Black – gave report of the most recent Library Board meeting, May 3rd, at which they scheduled their next meeting, June 6th, 2019, at the Nestor Falls branch, at which they will plan a Fall Fling Open House to be held in Nestor Falls in September. She also attended an All Nations Hospital Partners meeting, May 1st, at which they completed a Health Team Self-Assessment application. This will be submitted to the province for consideration. If approved, they will then proceed to a second phase, which is a much more comprehensive application process, in order to gain status as an Ontario Health Team. Reported that the next Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Community Safety and Well-Being Committee meeting will be May 15th.

M. Rydberg – reported that the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee has been working hard, gathering great prizes and getting setup for the Spring Barbeque which is this coming weekend, on May 11th. Reported that he did get in touch with the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding a request at a previous council meeting regarding further information on Fishing License Issuer permits. The Ministry does have a freeze on approving any new sites at this time. Discussed that they do have a waiting list of businesses who want to issue. In the meantime, current vendors and online self-service is available. A request was made to council to consider offering this service through our Information Centres. Currently, council is not going to add or provide fishing license services at our municipal facilities.

P. Hudson – reported that the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee's Easter Dinner event was a success. Approximately 85 people were in attendance, including 26 children. They made a profit of \$92.45.

A. Nisly – gave report of two issues brought to his attention. An area adjacent to the Nestor Falls Government Dock needs to be tidied up. The Maintenance Staff have been notified and the cleanup will be added to their spring worklist. As well, a resident was concerned that treated materials are potentially being placed in the burnables pile at the Sioux Narrows Waste Disposal Site and being burned. This was a misunderstanding. We don't burn treated lumber. We have clarified the matter with our staff and the resident has been notified and thanked for bringing it to our attention.

N. Dufresne – gave report of the most recent Kenora District Services Board meeting, April 16th, at which they discussed the provincial budget and the potential impact on programming. While funding is stable in 2019, the future is uncertain. Reported that he attended the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's Annual General Meeting. It was a good conference, with good Keynote Speakers and several Ministers were in attendance. A great number of items were on the agenda, including presentations by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Hydro One, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and the Ombudsman of Ontario. Ontario Northland made a presentation regarding rail and bus transit in the North. A new Cardiovascular Surgery ward is coming to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. This will greatly improve cardio patient services in Northwestern Ontario, as many patients currently have to travel to Southern Ontario. They also discussed provincial funding impacts to public health units. In northwestern Ontario, municipal funding formulas will change; our local levy will increase 5%. They also discussed the uncertainty regarding potential District Social Services Administration Board consolidations. It was also announced that a new jail will be built at Thunder Bay.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 57-19

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Gale Black

That Heather Gropp be hired for the position of Community Development Officer.

Carried

Delegations

T. Griffiths – gave a Fire Rescue Services report. He recently attended a Kenora District Mutual Aid Association meeting in Wabigoon. The Ministry of Natural Resources is anticipating a busier than normal fire season. He indicated that there will be a Rural Firefighting Course available at the 2019 FireCon conference in Thunder Bay, however, it is not NFP standardized. Therefore, while it is good experience and does have merit, it is not certified training. There was a call-out on April 27th, due to a sparking transformer that did affect power and telephone service to residents in the area. Reported that thirteen of our fifteen department members completed a display fireworks course. Our online fire permit system is up and running, at snf.burnpermits.com. It is working out well so far. It is beneficial to be able to see the locations of burning as voluntarily reported by residents who call the automated, toll-free number. Discussion ensued regarding fire permits. Reported that he is coordinating potential joint training opportunities with J. Colling, the Fire Chief for Alberton, Chapple, Emo and La Vallee. As well, our Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls fire team continues to meet and train weekly.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 58-19

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

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