

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, November 17th, 2020, 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. 125-20

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

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

Carried

Resolution No. 126-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Gale Black

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the November 17th, 2020, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – None.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 127-20

Moved by Matt Rydberg

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the minutes of the November 3rd, 2020, regular open council meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence - None.

Disbursements – None.

By-Laws – None.

Reports from Committees

A. Nisly – gave report of the Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Economic Development committee meeting held earlier today, November 17th, 2020, at which the committee discussed 2021 marketing initiatives, 2021 content/programming at the Sportfishing Centre and reviewed the 2020 season. Discussed the potential reasons for the positive visitor statistics over the summer and the potential in further concentrating our marketing efforts in the region. Reported that the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee is officially rebooting. They will be meeting soon to plan 2021 winter programming. He is a council member on the committee and plans to attend the meeting. He will be attending the Kenora District Services Board Committee of the Whole meetings, November 18 & 19, 2020. Reported that K. Pochailo, Forester for Miisun Integrated Resource Management Company, met with Council today to discuss two small forest harvest blocks off of Totem/Apache & Father Moss Roads. As well, our local MP, E. Melillo, stopped in for an unofficial visit with Council and Senior Staff today, and remains present at tonight's council meeting.

Reports from Committees (cont.)

G. Black – reported on the most recent All Nations Health Partners meeting, November 4th, 2020, at which they discussed: their draft logo which they expect to be presented with on November 18th, 2020, the launch of primary care services at the shelter, the isolation centre that has been secured by the Kenora District Services Board at the Waterview Inn, the Leadership meeting held November 13th, 2020, online engagement sessions scheduled throughout November to gather information on primary care needs in the area both on- and off-reserve and the ongoing investigation of issues identified at LifeLabs in Kenora. Reported that she attended a Nestor Falls site planning session with Little Blue to go over their preliminary site development plan for the MTO Rest Stop area at Nestor Falls. There was also a Library Board meeting, November 15th, 2020. The next All Nations Health Partners meeting is on November 18th, 2020, and there is a Primary Care Engagement session on November 19th, 2020, at which she will be participating, as well as four other area residents. She will be attending her first Kenora Food Security Network committee meeting on November 19th, 2020, coordinated by the Kenora Association for Community Living. The next Planning Advisory Committee meeting is November 25th, 2020. Reported that the 50 Plus Centre will soon be offering a new program to its members, called Senior Centre Without Walls. It is a free, interactive telephone-based program that connects their members from the safety of their homes and is available to both their Canadian and U.S. members. Reported that the Ontario Provincial Police have notified us that they will be hosting a Stuff a Cruiser event on December 3rd, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in downtown Sioux Narrows.

N. Dufresne – gave report of the All Nations Health Partners Leadership meeting he attended November 13th, 2020, at which the All Nations Health Partners reported to and sought guidance from the Chiefs and Mayors in the All Nations Health Partners area regarding a number of matters, including: this Ontario Health Team is unique in that it involves both municipal and indigenous communities working together, of the 60 teams across Canada the All Nations Health Partners Ontario Health Team was selected to be featured in a health journal, discussed ministry involvement, their stake in poverty, their communication strategy and having stability in co-chair representation. Reported that there was a Police Services Board meeting earlier today, November 17th, 2020, at which they reviewed the 2020 statistics to date. Violent crime since last year is down by 50%, property crime is down by 25% and there has been zero drug crime. Community Safety Officer, G. Adams, gave a report of their boat and snowmobile patrols in 2020 to date, as well as their plans to continue.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 128-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Gale Black

That the attached Terms of Reference for the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Inclusion and Diversity Committee be hereby adopted.

Carried

We will be looking at this committee starting in early 2021 and will soon be seeking municipal residents to sit on the committee. Municipal resident members should have experience working on diversity and inclusion issues and have lived experience as a member of a group which has historically experienced discrimination or oppression.

New Business (cont.)

Resolution No. 129-20

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Matt Rydberg

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby supports an application to the *Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) Program* in the amount of \$60,728.75, to bring high speed connectivity to approximately 10 businesses and local residents in the northern part of Sioux Narrows; and,

That Council recognizes the total project cost is \$242,915.00 and that our funding partners (not including the ICON Program) are responsible for any costs and cost overages.

Carried

This project is supported in principle by the municipality. The municipality is not conducting the project works or contributing financially. It is a private sector project.

Resolution No. 130-20

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Andrew Nisly

That the following items from the Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre be hereby declared surplus and shall be sold by closed bid: Boston Whaler Boat, Johnson Motor and Trailer.

Carried

Delegations

J. O’Leary – Northwestern Health Unit Board Representative – reported that the Health Unit is very busy working with schools, which includes audits and safety protocols. Stated that the schools are doing a fantastic job. The Health Unit is also highly involved with Long Term Care Homes. Other current programming includes their flu shot clinics, including one that was recently held at Nestor Falls. Discussion ensued regarding national, provincial and regional COVID-19 statistics. Further discussion ensued regarding the Nestor Falls Ambulance Base. Council discussed that the project is moving forward, but that we did have to wait for Ministry approval before we could start with ground preparation.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 131-20

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

M. Rydberg

A. Nisly

P. Hudson