

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Nestor Falls Municipal Office. 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. 133-24

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

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

Carried

Resolution No. 134-24

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council meeting.

Carried

**Disclosure of Interest** – None.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Resolution No. 135-24

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the minutes of the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 regular meeting, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 zoning public meeting, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 special meeting and October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 closed session, be adopted as read and published.

Carried

**Correspondence** – None.

**Disbursements**

Resolution No. 136-24

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the October 2024 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$634,536.35.

Carried

**By-Laws**

Resolution No. 137-24

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls to enter into an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by the Solicitor General, having been read a first time, and deemed read a second and third time, passes the by-law as read.

Carried

**Staff Reports**

H. Gropp – Community Development Officer – report attached. In addition to those matters mentioned in the report, we are working on a business attraction initiative and hope to have the report ready to present to council in the new year. Also, she attended a meeting at the Kenora Airport regarding attracting a new airline. H. Chant – commented that she has walked the trails several times and saw the recent updates. It looks amazing. H. Gropp – it is shaping up to be the longest of its type in the region. She has received a lot of positive feedback.

**Reports from Committees**

H. Chant – Fire Department – provided updates from the Chief – there are two new recruits who joined in September. Training sessions are weekly. NFPA Level I and Hazmat training is ongoing. October was Fire Prevention week in Ontario. They attended three area schools, Sioux Narrows, Nestor Falls and Baibombeh. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the department hosted a Fire Prevention barbeque. The OPP, Paramedics and Treaty #3 Police attended to help raise awareness of all the emergency services provided for our communities. There is overall interest in doing this next year too. There is a planned cabin burn in November as an all-day live fire training session. The regional has a new Ontario Fire Marshall protection advisor, L. Lundy. We are receiving a Fire Prevention grant in the amount of \$5,600. We will be purchasing some new fire protection gear for our members. Nestor Falls Recreation Committee – they held a Halloween Dance in October. They also met to discuss potential Christmas events. They are also looking at partnering with the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee again this year for a pancake breakfast and photos with Santa. Rainy River District Municipal Association – an executive meeting was held on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at which they mostly discussed Annual General Meeting planning. The AGM will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Legion in Fort Frances. There will be a central committee communications meeting with Riverside on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Fort Frances. She is hoping to get more information on the new assisted living program spaces that they're going to be offering in the Emo, Fort Frances and Rainy River area.

G. Black – reported on the first in-person ANHP meeting held in quite some time, on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, in Kenora. They met again, virtually, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They discussed homelessness and addiction recovery treatment. They also discussed a funding application proposal for the Kenora district and after care. She attended our business appreciation events in Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. She also met with Minister Rickford and H. Gropp in Nestor Falls at the Red Pine Trail, which he wanted to see how they are progressing. Reported that she also attended the Pioneer Park special meeting, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the open house at our health hub in Sioux Narrows, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business**

Resolution No. 138-24

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That Council hereby approve the Community Improvement Plan application of Northwoods Realty for signage in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Carried

**New Business** (cont.)

Resolution No. 139-24

Moved by Doug Brothwell

Seconded by Holly Chant

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby authorizes an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation in the amount of \$450,000 for improvements to Bass Lake Park; and,

That Council acknowledges that any cost overruns are the responsibility of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls.

Carried

Resolution No. 140-24

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby authorizes an application to FedNor in the amount of \$450,000 for improvements to Bass Lake Park; and,

That Council acknowledges that any cost overruns are the responsibility of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls.

Carried

Chief J. Copenace – Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation – request for support to their opposition to the development of Kenbridge Road – discussion ensued regarding the request. Council agreed to support their request for a moratorium on exploration and mining activities, including clear-cutting for aggregate, in the traditional territories of the Ojibways of Onigaming until their State of Emergency is lifted and they can engage in good faith. Chief Copenace will be notified and MNRF will be copied in our response.

**Delegations**

D. Anderson – asked for clarification of the Zoning minutes that were passed. It was clarified that this was an application from an individual at a remote lake access only property to change their zoning to tourist commercial.

D. Anderson – asked when council expects to meet for the Pioneer Park zoning changes. It was clarified that it will tentatively be at the December council meeting in Sioux Narrows, but that notice will be carried out according to the requirements. And, that any specific questions about this should be directed to the Township’s planner, J. Port, by contacting him through his office.

E. Anderson – asked why we can’t build houses on the golf course property instead. It was clarified that the golf course property has very specific terms that prevent this.

E. Anderson – indicated that he thought the same thing about Pioneer Park. It was clarified that the Township is carrying out due diligence searches to find all of this out.

**Adjournment**

Resolution No. -14124

Moved by Holly Chant

Seconded by Doug Brothwell

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

Carried

Members Present

G. Black

H. Chant

D. Brothwell

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Mayor

Clerk

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## Report to Council

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Heather Gropp- Community Development Officer

### Community Events:

On October 8<sup>th</sup> we held 2 local business open houses. One in Sioux Narrows and one in Nestor Falls tied to a funders forum. Representatives from LOWBIC, FedNor, NOHFC, The Business Development Bank of Canada, and The Northwest Business Centre were all present. There were snack and gifts at both events for local businesses. Two local businesses attended the event in Sioux Narrows and one Community Group attended the event in Nestor Falls.

On October 21 we held an information session and open house at the new Health Hub space in Sioux Narrows. There were 11 people who came out to meet the existing practitioners and learn more about the new healthcare services available in our community. The practitioners were very happy with the turnout and are planning another info session in the new year. An extensive recruitment campaign will be underway in the very near future to increase the number of practitioners who operate out of the space.

On October 28, there was a virtual Municipal Accommodation Levy open house held virtually from 5-6:15p.m. There were 24 individuals who participated in this meeting. The meeting reviewed the revenue modelling for the municipal accommodation tax. There was a lot of feedback and input gained from the meeting that will go into the final report. It is expected that the report will be available for Council early in the new year.

### Capital Project update:

I have attached the current grant submission/capital projects update.

I am happy to share that we have completed the upgrades to the Sioux Narrows Government Dock Park. We are working through the final designs of both the Highway Corridor



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Beautification project and the Bridge Park project. There are some deficiencies and contractors will be on site over the next 2 weeks to get these completed. We expect to tender both of these projects in February so that they can be completed in the 2025 construction period. Construction of the Phase II development of the Bike trails is progressing really well.

We would like to consider beginning a project at Bass Lake Park in 2025-2026. This proposed project will be transformational to the space and will contribute to an exceptional experience for visitors and residents when combined with the work we have done on the Red Pine Trails. This project aims to achieve the following improvements:

- Upgrades and relocation of the washrooms
- installation of a splash pad/park
- upgrades to the playground equipment
- upgrades to the picnic structure- including BBQ area.
- extension of the trail network to contain a loop to Bass Lake park for access to washroom facilities.

This is a significant enhancement and it will come with significant cost. Preliminary estimates show costing of approximately \$1,000,000. Conversations have been had with funders who have expressed interest in us applying for grants which will cover 90% of the cost. The remaining 10% will have to come from the municipal budget, which can possibly be subsidized with community fundraising. Staff are looking for Council approval to submit the necessary funding applications. This project won't proceed without obtaining the necessary funding. There are two motions on the agenda today to authorize the applications to NOHFC and FedNor.

## **Pioneer Park- Environmental Assessment**

We received the finalized version the environmental assessment for the Pioneer Park property on Monday October 21,2024. This document will be posted publicly on our website.



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Project Name	Program Name	Funder	Project Number	Project total	Funding Amount	Project Status/Additional Notes
Totem Road Broadband	ICON	MOI	2020-08-1-1454219484	36,225	36,225	Complete
4 season multi-use recreation phase 1	ICIP-Community Culture and Recreation	MOI	2019-10-1-1419717539	1,003,000.00		Working with ICIP on Final Calim
Trail Development Coordinator	NOHFC- Skills and Talent	MND	740929	62,192	35000	Complete
Nestor Falls Community Centre	NOHFC- Community Development	MND	7500029	200,000	180,000	Completed June 2024
Bike Trails Phase 1	NOHFC Community Development	MND	750037	200,000	180,000	Working on Final Report
NF Government Docks Project	NOHFC Community Development	MND	75000123	200,000	180,000	Completed August 2024
Bridge Parks Upgrades and interpretation	NOHFC Community Development	MND	7500138	200,000	180,000	Approved- Design phase in progress. Wrap up expected Spring 2025
Sport Fishing Centre Exterior	Strategic Economic Infranstructure	MND	8100573	645,000	316,050	Complete- Final NOHFC Claim in progress
Phase II SN Government Dock	NOHFC Community Development	NOHFC	7510175	500,000	375,000	Complete- October 2024
4 season multi-use recreation phase 2	Commuity Enhancement Program	MND FedNor	7520075 514388	1,400,000 1,400,000	630,000 630,000	Complete Complete
Community Development Officer Phase 1	CIINO	FedNor	809136		177,700	Complete
Community Development Officer Phase 2	CIINO	FedNor	851-514423	216,000	154,800	Approved- Claims submitted on an ongoing basis until project end in June 2025.
Landfill remediation	NORDS	MND		488,758.35	488,758.35	5 year program-currently in year 3
NOSCF- HVAC Upgrade and Feburbishment	GICB	Federal Ministry of Infrastructure	AP000003428	219,000	175,200	Decline
Housing Development	Housing Accelerator Fund	CMHC		680,000	680,000	Decline-appeal submitted
Highways Corridor Beautification	NOHFC Community Development	MND	7500174	200,000	180,000	Approved- Design phase in progress. Wrap up expected June 2025
Bike Trails Phase II	NOHFC	MND	7520246	555,000	249,750	Approved- Construction started September 2024. Expected completion September 2025
	FedNor- new fund	FedNor		555,000	249,750	Approved- Construction started September 2024. Expected completion June 2025
Housing Development	Housing Accelerator Fund Phase II	CMHC		1,200,000	1,200,000	Application submitted. Awaiting Decision.
Community Trail Development and Programming	Grow Grant- Ontario Trillium Foundation	OTF		300,000	300,000	Application submitted. Awaiting Decision.
Library Expansion Project	NOHFC	MND	7500193	200,000	180,000	Approved- Project has commenced.
Sioux Narrows Seniors Centre- Expansion	NOFHC	MND		200,000.00	180,000.00	Phase I and Phase II applications submitted. Awaiting decision.