

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

A regular open meeting of Council was held Tuesday, October 3rd , 2017, 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. 116-17

Moved by Suzanne Bouvier

Seconded by Gale Black

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

Carried

Resolution No. 117-17

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Norbert Dufresne

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the October 3rd , 2017, Council meeting.

Carried

Disclosure of Interest – Councillor Dufresne declared a conflict in the matter or res. 120-17.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 118-17

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Suzanne Bouvier

That the minutes of the September 19th , 2017, regular open Council Meeting be adopted as read and published.

Carried

Correspondence-none

Disbursements

Resolution No. 119-17

Moved by Norbert Dufresne

Seconded by Gale Black

That the September 2017 Disbursements, having been checked and found that all accounts are in order, passes same for payment in the amount of \$270,412.15.

Carried

By-Laws-none

Reports from Committees

S. Bouvier – shared a letter from Fire Chief Tyrell Griffith dealing with recruitment, volunteer commitments and community awareness campaign. She reported that the SN Rec Committee is planning a Halloween Dance on October 28th, 2017. The kids portion will take place from 5-8 p.m. and the adult portion will start at 8 p.m. for the evening.

N. Dufresne – reported that he and Mayor O’Leary attended the NOMA conference in Thunder Bay. The one day Immigration Forum also took place. He reported that there are 1,600 International students in Thunder Bay and the hope was they would be able to address the

worker shortages (50,000+) moving forward. Training will also be a large component to address the shortage. He also reported Municipal Affairs is updating By-Law and meeting accountability and transparency. Municipal housing, second units and affordable housing were also discussed. He reported he attended the Public Meeting on September 28th with the residents of Lakeview Terrace to discuss planning issues. He attended an emergency management session on September 28th with Sharon Bak of the Thunder Bay fire marshall's office. He also attended a District of Kenora Home for the Aged board meeting in Dryden on September 26th. Hubs (social services) are looking at integrating all services. Nothing has been approved yet. The idea is to eliminate duplication of services. He reported that to address the critical shortage of Personnel Support Workers, an in-house PSW program is being run at Pinecrest Home. A condensed course may take place in Red Lake as well.

I.O'Leary – also reported he attended NOMA conference. Bill 68 will have ramifications for municipalities, in particular financial sustainability. Meeting quorums are under the microscope – eg. 3 Councillors riding together in a car to a council meeting could constitute a quorum. Electronic participation at a Council meeting is not allowed. Community Improvement Plans and committing to financial planning is expected, and asset management plans need to be adhered to. This is to avoid needs peaks and valleys spending. Property and tax arrears collection will be changing from 3 years to 2 years in arrears for Tax Sale Certificate registration. MMA get concerned when tax arrears reach 15% of budget. Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls is currently at approximately 9%. Energy efficiency funding is being offered by other agencies – ie. Trillium Foundation, Federation of Community Municipalities. Municipality would need to get an energy efficiency audit plan to qualify for any of this funding. He also reported he attended the Public meeting on September 28th with the Lakeview Terrace property owners. He reported that Julie Bonds and Andrew Nisly will be spearheading a committee to establish a Property Owners Association. Council will discuss terms & conditions that would be acceptable in order to approve a land use permit with the Lakeview Terrace property owner's association should one be formed.

Old Business - none

New Business

Resolution No. 120-17

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Suzanne Bouvier

That Monique Dufresne be hereby appointed as a Volunteer Fire Fighter to the Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Service.

Carried

Resolution No. 121-17

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Norbert Dufresne

That the quote submission of MSO Construction Limited in the amount of \$80,400.00 plus HST be hereby accepted for the 2017 Road Surface Treatment project.

Carried.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 122-17

Moved by Norbert Dufresne

Seconded by Suzanne Bouvier

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

Carried

Members Present

J. O'Leary

G. Black

N. Dufresne

S. Bouvier

Mayor

Clerk