

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

A special meeting of Council was held Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, virtually. 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. 10-21

Moved by Gale Black

Seconded by Phil Hudson

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

Carried

Resolution No. 11-21

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Phil Hudson

That the Council of the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hereby approve and adopt the agenda for the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, special Council meeting.

Carried

**Disclosure of Interest** – None.

**Business**

Resolution No. 12-21

Moved by Andrew Nisly

Seconded by Phil Hudson

Whereas the effects of the global pandemic are devastating globally, nationally, provincially and locally; and,

Whereas the health and safety of the human race, Canadians, Ontarians and our residents is our number one priority; and,

Whereas health is a state of physical, mental and social well-being, not merely an absence of disease; and,

Whereas the province of Ontario is a beautiful and vast geographic marvel which contributes to a diverse and distinctive landscape; and,

Whereas measures that are put in place to mitigate conditions in one part of Ontario may not proportionately represent the needs of all parts of Ontario; and,

Whereas the health and safety of Northwestern Ontario is no more or less important than that of our Southern counterparts, but the measures that are put in place to mitigate risk in the densely populated and adjacent-to-densely-populated regions of Ontario, do not equally represent the risk in the Northern, Rural reaches of Ontario; and,

Whereas economic stability too, contributes to the state of health and well-being of our residents and communities; and,

Whereas the closure of our local small businesses under the current stay-at-home and lockdown orders, prohibiting in-premise services, drastically limiting construction type work, limiting accommodation-based occupancy to residential purposes only, and more, are disproportionately affecting our local economy, health and well-being in the north, an area that continues to see very low Covid-19 infection rates; and,

Whereas the various financial supports put in place for small businesses are not structured for the small business sector in Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls, leaving most ineligible to receive relief

**Business** (cont.)

from programs that are not tailored for businesses whose revenue streams are predominantly May through September, not including April, for which the most recent program uses as a benchmark, and many, if not all, sole-proprietors are ineligible for relief at all; and,

Whereas many of our local businesses are at or beyond the point of no return; and,

Whereas the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls hears and supports the needs of our small business community and recognizes that the current province-wide lockdown will only result in further devastating effects on our local economy, resulting in the loss of businesses throughout our municipality;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls hereby pleads with the Province of Ontario to:

- Increase consultations with communities and small businesses in the North to find realistic ways for supporting businesses throughout the lockdown;
- Revisit blanket-provincial measures to Covid-19 response;
- Allow small businesses to remain open to in-store sales, with limited capacity and increased safety measures;
- Allow accommodation-based operators to function on a risk-based, regionally appropriate model, with increased safety measures;
- Permit construction work on a risk-based, regionally appropriate model, with increased safety measures, especially in the North, where large infrastructure related to pandemic response and health care do not comprise the majority of projects; and,
- That provincial relief funding programs be broadened to better address the needs of tourism-based, seasonally-based and sole proprietor industries.

Further, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Hon. Victor Fedeli, the Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Health, Hon. Christine Elliott, the Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, the MPP for Kenora-Rainy River & Minister of Energy, Mines, Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs for Ontario, Hon. Greg Rickford, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Kenora District Municipal Association, the Rainy River District Municipal Association, and all Kenora and Rainy River District Municipalities.

Carried

**Adjournment**

Resolution No. 13-21

Moved by Phil Hudson

Seconded by Gale Black

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

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Mayor

Clerk