



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING /  
LA CORPORATION DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ DE NIPISSING OUEST

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**  
**ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR JOANNE SAVAGE  
COUNCILLOR YVON DUHAIME  
COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER FISHER  
COUNCILLOR ROLAND LARABIE  
COUNCILLOR LÉO MALETTE  
COUNCILLOR DAN ROVEDA  
COUNCILLOR DENIS SÉNÉCAL  
COUNCILLOR LISE SÉNÉCAL  
Ward 7 (vacant)

**ABSENT:**

**VIRTUAL MEETING / RÉUNION VIRTUELLE**

**A) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / DÉCLARATION D'INTÉRÊTS PÉCUNIAIRES**

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

**B) AGENDA and ADDENDUM / ORDRE DU JOUR et ADDENDA**

**B-1** A resolution was passed to approve the Addendum.

**No. 2020/332** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Addendum for the meeting of Council held on December 1, 2020 be adopted as  presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

**B-2** A resolution was passed to adopt the Agenda.

**No. 2020/333** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on December 1, 2020 be adopted as  presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

**C) DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS / DÉLÉGATIONS ET PÉTITIONS ..... NIL**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING / COMITÉ PLÉNIER**

**D-1) GENERAL GOVERNMENT / GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL**

**D-1(a)** Ward Boundaries for 2022 Elections (L. Sénécal)

Councillor Lise Sénécal provided a brief background stating that during the course of canvassing for the last election that she heard from many electors that they felt dissatisfied with the current ward structure, particularly in the urban core. Councillor L. Sénécal requested that Council consider amalgamating Wards 1 – 4 with the same number of elected Councillors, but elected at large. A round-table discussion indicated that some councillors supported the initiative and others expressed concerns for a variety of reasons. Following discussion, no consensus was reached to investigate the ward boundary study any further.

**D-1(b) COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Funding**

[Refer to the Addendum Section](#)

« Lise Sénécal »

Lise Sénécal,  
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

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**D-2) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE**

**D-4(a) Enhancing Cell Phone Services – Broadband Fund** *(R. Larabie)*

Council discussed recent federal funding which has become available to enhance broadband internet service in underserved areas of West Nipissing. The Mayor suggested reaching out to internet providers to make a delegation to council to provide information as to what these providers are doing to take advantage of this funding in an effort to address underserved areas in West Nipissing.

The Mayor also raised the subject of the Universal Broadband Fund – Rapid Response Stream funding which is available to internet service providers only. The Director of Community Services has obtained contact information for local providers and will be reaching out to the various providers to ensure that they are aware of the funding.

« Joanne Savage »

Joanne Savage,  
Chair

« Stephan Poulin »

Stephan Poulin,  
Director of Economic Development and  
Community Services

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**D-3) SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH / SERVICES SOCIAUX ET SANTÉ**

**D-3(a) Termination of Special 102 Funding Agreement – Au Chateau** *(J. Savage)*

Council discussed the upcoming termination of the Special 102 Funding for Au Château. The Municipality of West Nipissing, along with the Municipality of Temagami will be requesting a delegation with the Minister of Long-Term Care at the upcoming ROMA conference to see if there is transitional funding available to assist with the shortfall arising out of the termination of this funding. In the event that transitional funding cannot be obtained, the Municipality will have to consider options at budget discussions.

« Léo Malette »

Léo Malette,  
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

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**REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE**

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**E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION**

**E-1** By-Law 2020/69 passed for zoning amendment on Goulard Rd (R1 to R3)

**No. 2020/334** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law **2020/69**, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014/45, to rezone certain lands located on Goulard Road, Sturgeon Falls from Residential One (R1) Zone to Residential Three (R3) Zone, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed

**CARRIED**

**MOTION FOR RECESS:** at 8:00 PM, a motion was tabled for a 10:00 minute recess and then continue with discussions.

Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**CARRIED**

**F) CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS / COMPTES ET COURRIER**

**F-1** Resolution passed to adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

**No. 2020/335** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of Council held on November 17, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-2** Resolution passed to receive the minutes of the following boards/committees:

**No. 2020/336** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the following Boards / Committees be received :

| BOARD / COMMITTEE NAME  | MEETING DATES |
|---|---------------|
| West Nipissing Public Library Board                                 | • Oct-8-2020  |
| District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) | • Oct-28-2020 |

**CARRIED**

**G) UNFINISHED BUSINESS / AFFAIRES EN MARCHÉ ..... NIL**

**H) NOTICE OF MOTION / AVIS DE MOTIONS**

**H-1** Amendment to Procedural By-Law re: Number of monthly Council meetings (L Sénécal)

A Notice of Motion was received at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, from Councillor L. Sénécal.

**No. 2020/337** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

« **WHEREAS** on November 2019, as per a request made by Councillor C. Fisher to amend our Procedural By-Law which included to “move from 3 meetings a month to 2 meetings a month”.

**WHEREAS** in November 2019, as per directive by Council to staff, we received a memo from our CAO providing the information requested and his recommendation which was “to have two combined meetings from 3 to 2 meetings per month.”

**WHEREAS** in November 2019, Council amended its Procedural By-Law to decrease the monthly meetings from 3 to 2 meetings per month.

**WHEREAS** since November 2019, Council has frequently required to adopt a resolution to extend its curfew beyond 9:30PM.

**WHEREAS** special meetings were cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**THEREFORE**, I am requesting to reinstate three (3) meetings per month be reinstated »

Councillor Lise Sénécal briefly re-stated reasons for having brought the motion forward to reinstate the 3 meetings per month. Following a roundtable, a recorded vote was requested by Councillor D. Sénécal.

|                        | YEAS         | NAYS         |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| DUHAIME, Yvon          | ✓            |              |
| FISHER, Christopher    |              | ✓            |
| LARABIE, Roland        |              | ✓            |
| MALETTE, Léo           |              | ✓            |
| ROVEDA, Dan            |              | ✓            |
| Ward 7 (vacant)        | <del>X</del> | <del>X</del> |
| SÉNÉCAL, Denis         | ✓            |              |
| SÉNÉCAL, Lise          | ✓            |              |
| SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR) | ✓            |              |

**DEFEATED**

**I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES**

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**I-1** By-Law 2020/70 passed for financial of OPP Permanent Site – Capital Works via Infrastructure ON

**No. 2020/338** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law **2020/70**, being a by-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (“OILC”) for financing such Capital Works; to authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such works; and to authorize long term borrowing for such works through the issue of debentures to OILC; shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

**J) ADDENDUM / ADDENDA**

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**D-1(b)** COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Funding

The CAO and Treasurer provided information concerning the recent COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Funding recently announced by the federal government. The Treasurer indicated that the funding guidelines are very rigid and the matters to which the funding can be applied are very specific. The Treasurer stated that there are some HVAC projects which may qualify. The Treasurer will be participating in a webinar regarding the funding and will provide additional information to council thereafter.

**K) INFORMATION & QUESTIONS / INFORMATION ET QUESTIONS**

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**K-1** The Mayor gave her report.

**L) CLOSED MEETING / RÉUNION À HUIS CLOS**

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**L-1** Resolution passed to proceed into closed meeting.

**No. 2020/339** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we proceed into closed meeting as authorized in Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act (2001)*, to discuss the following:

- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
  - (i) Villeneuve Court

**CARRIED**

**L-2** Resolutions passed to approve previous CLOSED minutes:

- Nov-17-2020
- Jan-27-2020
- Jan-28-2020

**L-3** Resolution passed to adjourn the closed session.

**No. 2020/345** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

**BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Closed meeting of Council held on December 1, 2020 be adjourned at 9:35 PM in order to proceed with the regular meeting

**CARRIED**

**M) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT**

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**M-1** A resolution was passed to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**No. 2020/346** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2020/71** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

**M-2** A resolution was passed to adjourn the meeting of Council.

**No. 2020/347** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council held on December 1, 2020 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

« Joanne Savage »

JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

« Melanie Ducharme »

MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK