



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

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT 6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR JOANNE SAVAGE  
COUNCILLOR YVON DUHAIME  
COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER FISHER  
COUNCILLOR ROLAND LARABIE  
COUNCILLOR LÉO MALETTE  
COUNCILLOR DAN ROVEDA  
COUNCILLOR JEREMY SÉGUIN  
COUNCILLOR DENIS SÉNÉCAL  
COUNCILLOR LISE SÉNÉCAL

**ABSENT:**

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

Councillor Séguin declared a conflict of interest pertaining to **Item D-1(c)** – Betty Road – Drainage Matter of the agenda.

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

**B-1** A resolution was passed to adopt the Agenda.

**No. 2020/417** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on December 3, 2019 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)** Proposed changes to the Tax Rate for Island properties (Councillor D. Sénécal)

Councillor D. Sénécal raised the issue of parity for island property owners with respect to the tax ratio for island residents. The Treasurer provided some clarification with respect to how some other municipalities are making adjustments for certain services. Several councillors indicated that they could not support such an initiative stating that services are shared across the municipality. Others indicated a will to explore the possibility of taking a look at what services the islands are not receiving in comparison to other properties. The CAO indicated that the services issue may already be factored into the assessment; however this would be subject to confirmation. Following discussion, a majority agreed that staff take a look at the options and identifying services as it relates to island properties and provide information at a future meeting.

**D-1(b)** Definition of Seniors in By-Law 2019/47 - Tax Assistance for Elderly and Disabled Residents who are property owners

The Treasurer provided information on the definition of “low income senior” in the municipality’s by-law for tax relief. The Treasurer also indicated that while the municipality is allowed to make its own definition; it would be difficult to set a threshold without social services input and cautioned that should

the Municipality wish to amend the current definition, that caution be taken in ensuring that the thresholds set can be applied across the board. It was identified that there are other groups which may also benefit from some sort of assistance.

**D-1(c) Betty Road – Drainage Matter**

The CAO provided additional information with respect to the recent presentation made to council by residents of Betty Road. The CAO conceded that there may have been some errors in communications throughout the process which, although unfortunate, would not have changed the staff recommendation. The CAO also indicated that there is a process under the *Drainage Act*; which provides for opportunities for appeals of assessment. The CAO also indicated that given the potential liability that he would not want to address the allegations made by the landowners. Following discussion, council generally agreed that the drainage process proceed and that, if possible, if there is some remedial work that can be done in the short-term to stabilize the slope. **Council agreed to defer the discussion concerning the assessment until the engineer's report is received.**

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Lise Sénécal,  
Chair

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Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

**MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING :**

At 7:50 PM, a motion was tabled to take a 10-minute recess.

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

**CARRIED**

**D-2) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION**

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**D-2(a) Casa Development - Quesnel Subdivision**

The Planner explained that in light of new information received, that the matter be deferred to December 17, 2019 in order to re-package the presentation for discussion.

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Denis Sénécal,  
Chair

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Melanie Ducharme,  
Municipal Planner

**D-3) EMERGENCY MEASURES AND PUBLIC SAFETY / MESURES D'URGENCE ET SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE ..... NIL**

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**D-4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE ..... NIL**

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**D-5) SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH / SERVICES SOCIAUX ET SANTÉ ..... NIL**

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**D-6) SEWER AND WATER / LES ÉGOUTS ET L'EAU ..... NIL**

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**D-7) ENVIRONMENTAL / L'ENVIRONNEMENT ..... NIL**

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**E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION**

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**E-1** A resolution was passed to approve By-Law **2019/97** to amend the Zoning By-Law for a certain property on Hwy 64.

**No. 2019/418** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law **2019/97**, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014/45, as amended, to rezone certain lands located at 12289 Highway 64 from Community Facility (CF) Zone to Rural Residential (RR) Exception Zone, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

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

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**F-1** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the meeting of Council held on November 19, 2019.

**No. 2019/419** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of Council held on November 19, 2019 be adopted, as  presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

**F-2** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on November 25, 2019.

**No. 2019/420** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on November 25, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

**F-3** A resolution was passed to receive the minutes of the Au Chateau Board of Management meeting.

**No. 2019/421** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Au Chateau Board of Management meeting held on October 16, 2016 be received.

**CARRIED**

**F-4** A resolution was passed to receive the minutes of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) meeting.

**No. 2019/422** Moved by: Councillor Fihser  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) meeting held on October 24, 2019 be received.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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**I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES**

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**I-1** A resolution was passed to authorize the Municipality of West Nipissing to transfer funds to West Nipissing Power Generation Ltd.

**No. 2019/423** Moved by: Councillor Larabie  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing hereby authorizes a transfer of \$1,500,000.00 (One million, five hundred thousand dollars) to West Nipissing Power Generation with no specific terms of repayment, bearing interest at a rate of the Bank of Canada's prime rate.

**CARRIED**

**I-2** A resolution was passed to authorize the Head of Council to approve expenditures for Council Legal Fees.

**No. 2019/424** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Larabie

**WHEREAS** Council has sought legal advice pertaining to a municipal Human Resources Investigation matter;

**AND WHEREAS** there will be ongoing legal expenditures with respect to the Human Resources Investigation matter;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby authorizes the Head of Council to authorize and approve invoices, **in the amount of \$3,082.64 for the period ending October 18, 2019**, relating to the current Human Resources Investigation matter.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**I-3** A resolution was passed to approve By-Law **2019/98** to establish a Code of Conduct for Board and Committee Members.

**No. 2019/425** Moved by: Councillor Larabie  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law **2019/98**, being a by-law to adopt a Code of Conduct for Boards and Committees, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

**I-4** Resolution to declare certain equipment as surplus and to authorize the disposition thereof.

**No. 2019/426** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Larabie

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the equipment described herein be declared as surplus for the Municipality of West Nipissing; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby authorizes the disposal of the said surplus equipment:

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

(1)	2004	Dump Trailer	2JDUTD22641002189
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**CARRIED**

**I-5** **Collective Bargaining Agreements (CUPE Local 525-01 and 535-02)**

The matter of the collective agreements for the two local CUPE bargaining units were discussed. The agreements were briefly summarized, and the CAO indicated that the ratifications were fairly straight-forward this time. Council agreed that the agreements are acceptable however that Council be informed in the future of union negotiations. **Concerns were identified with respect to the process and communications relating to the collective agreements.**

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**J) ADDENDUM / ADDENDA**

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

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

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

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**L-1** A resolution was passed to proceed into closed meeting.

**No. 2019/427** Moved by: Councillor Larabie  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

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

- (A) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
  - (i) Main Street gully – Update
  - (ii) Lease of municipal facility space
- ~~(D) labour relations or employee negotiations; **REMOVED**~~
  - ~~(iii) Collective Bargaining Agreements (CUPE Local 535-01 and 535-02)~~
    - **Moved to New Business**
- (E) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
  - (iv) Update – Morrison lawsuit
- (B) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - (v) Investigation Report – Human Resource Matter

**CARRIED**

**L-2** A resolution was passed to adjourn the closed session.

**No. 2019/428** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Larabie

**BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Closed meeting of Council held on December 3, 2019 be adjourned at 10:02 PM in order to proceed with the regular meeting

**CARRIED**

#### **M) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT**

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**M-1** A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2019/99** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 3, 2019.

**No. 2019/429** Moved by: Councillor Larabie  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2019/99** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019, 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. 2020/430** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Larabie

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council held on December 3, 2019 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

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MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK