



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

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019 AT 8:30 AM**

**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**

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

**B) ADOPTION OF AGENDA / CONFIRMATION DE L'ORDRE DU JOUR**

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

**No. 2019/042** Moved by: Councillor Larabie  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the Budget Meeting of Council held on February 23, 2019 be adopted as  presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

**C) 2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION / PRÉSENTATION BUDGÉTAIRES POUR L'ANNÉE 2018**

**C-1** Municipal Budget

- The Mayor welcomed everyone and turned the floor over to the Chair of General Government who noted that members of Council should work together for the benefit of the community as a whole to obtain the best possible budget outcome for 2019.
- The Treasurer gave a brief overview of all departments, highlighting areas in which savings were achieved and other areas in which challenges were encountered.
- The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) indicated that Council's role is to make strategic decisions for the municipality in terms of priorities such as IPM, bilingualism, etc.
- Councillor Roveda raised the issue of the individual wards' priorities based on what was heard during election campaigns. The CAO responded that the document presented largely consists of core services, as well as items such as the IPM.
- A discussion regarding process (strategic planning session versus budget) as to which should have come first. The Mayor identified her own role in the strategic planning session having not occurred but indicated that lack thereof should not prevent council from discussing the overall budget resulting in an acceptable increase.

**C-2** Community Services

- The Director of Community Services gave a brief overview of the departments, infrastructure and services which make up the Community Services Department. Buildings including all leases and tenancies in municipal buildings. There is a need to ensure that buildings are maintained.
- Council discussed various lease agreements including Cache Bay trailer park.
- A list of buildings was requested including age and state of repair.

**C-3 Public Works**

- The Chair of Public Works provided a brief overview of the importance of Public Works.
- The Manager of Public Works gave an overview of operations and discussed key increases including fleet and employee complement.
- The Manager outlined a proposed agreement with Dokis First Nation for a cost sharing agreement for maintenance of Dokis Road. Council was supportive of the initiative.
- Strategic placement of equipment in future (ie. grader in Lavigne).
- IPM – work and manpower were discussed.
- Shared part-time employees for Community Services and Public Works discussion.
- A descriptive breakdown of services and rents as well as materials was requested.

**C-4 Drains**

- The Director of Corporate Services and Planning gave a brief overview of the role of municipal drains and how the municipal portion of the assessment is assessed.

**C-5 Fire Services**

- The Chair of Emergency Services provided a preamble of the importance of fire service
- The Fire Chief presented the budget including a proposed increases in the fleet and building reserves;
- Concerns regarding existing buildings and training facilities were raised;

**C-6 Planning & Building**

- The Director of Community Services presented the Planning and Building budget;
- Questions concerning revenues and Human resources were discussed

**C-7 Economic Development**

- Councillor Roveda stated that although IPM is important, business people have expressed that the Economic Development Committee be reinstated.
- The Director of Community Services outlined the special projects associated with the IPM which have been included in the budget.

**C-8 Corporate Services**

- Councillor Seguin asked the Director to elaborate on what the entire tax bill received by residents actually entails (education, landfill, hospital levy etc.)
- The Chair summarized her meeting with the Director of Corporate Services and elaborated on her view of the proposed line item for translation services.
- The CAO indicated that revenue consists of taxation, grants and user fees.
- Request was made to create a separate line item for by-law enforcement
- It was suggested that a legend be provided to better understand what is included in the various headings.
- Councillor Duhaime requested a breakdown on the overall surplus which was explained by the CAO and Director of Corporate Services and being savings in various departments due to reduced HR costs (sick leaves), unexpended projects, hydro savings,

**C-9 Mayor and Council**

- Councillor Roveda raised the issue of compensation for additional mileage for Councillors travelling a distance for meetings as well as the reduction in wages due to now being taxed on their entire salary.
- Enquiry was made as to allocation for the Integrity Commissioner.

**C-10 Heritage and Emergency Measures**

- A recommendation was made to roll the Heritage Committee funds into the Museum budget;

**D) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT.**

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It was agreed that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at which time the Boards and Committees will be discussed as well as a general discussion on an acceptable increase.

D-1 A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2019/13** to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Budget meeting.

**No. 2019/043**    Moved by:        Councillor Roveda  
                          Seconded by:      Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2019/13** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2019, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

D-2 A resolution was passed to adjourn the meeting.

**No. 2019/044**    Moved by:        Councillor Roveda  
                          Seconded by:      Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the BUDGET meeting of Council held on February 23, 2019 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

  
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JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

  
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MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK