



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 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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

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. 2019/045 Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the BUDGET meeting of Council held on February 26, 2019 be adopted as presented / amended.

CARRIED

C) 2019 BUDGET PRESENTATION / PRÉSENTATION BUDGÉTAIRES POUR L'ANNÉE 2019

- Councillor Lise Sénécal requested clarification on the reserve position shown in the Corporate Services budget,
- Councillor Denis Sénécal raised the issue of the Lavigne Fire Station and the structural deficiencies of the building. Councillor D. Sénécal requested information on whether there are any imminent plans to address the issues raised by the engineering firm in its report.
- The Mayor suggested that members of Council visit all of the municipal facilities in order that members can have a visual of the facilities being discussed at the table.
- Councillor Lise Sénécal suggested that the Chief Building Official carry out an inspection immediately and report back to Council
- A short discussion was held concerning amalgamation of municipal services however the public was assured that there is no immediate intention to make any decisions in that regard.

C-1 BOARDS

- Councillor L. Sénécal indicated that she wished to see the heads of departments present the board budgets; in particular the Chief of Police. Mme Sénécal also requested that the budget for police be for six months only.
- The CAO and Director of Community Services indicated that the Museum is no longer a Board and its budget is wholly under the Community Services Budget. The Museum Manager will be attending Council to make a presentation in the near future and Council will be taking a tour of the museum.
- Mme Carole Marion, CAO of the West Nipissing Public Library provided Council with an overview of the Library operations and highlighted that the Library has gone through and will be going

through some staffing changes. In addition, the library has undergone a pay equity and employee remuneration review.

- The Librarian highlighted that most special projects are funded through reserves.
- The Clerk highlighted that the Cemetery Board has not yet approved the budget, but no changes are anticipated due to existing maintenance contracts and use of own forces for interments.

C-2 SERVICE PARTNERS

- DNSSAB - Councillor Roveda provided the highlights of the DNSSAB budget. Mr. Bradbury will be attending to make a presentation to Council in the very near future to provide details on the challenges of the DNSSAB in relation to homelessness, ambulance services, addictions, etc.;
- Health Unit - Councillor Roveda provided brief highlights on the Health Unit in light of very recent news concerning the reorganization of the Province's health delivery. It is not anticipated that the provincial changes will result in an impact for the 2019 year;
- Animal Control – the Mayor suggested that the NBSPCA be invited to make a presentation regarding the animal control services;
- Au Chateau – the amount shown in the budget consists of the overall operating increase along with an increase in reserves. The CEO of the Au Chateau will be invited to make a presentation in the near future to provide Council with a presentation in the near future;

C-3 CAPITAL BUDGETS

- The Chair of Public Works walked Council through the proposed 2019 Capital Budget and Council made enquiry on various proposed projects including asphalt, ditching, sidewalks, bridge inspections, rail crossings and culverts.

D) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

It was agreed that the meeting be adjourned to Monday, March 4th at which time the remaining Capital Budgets will reviewed and general discussion on an acceptable increase can begin.

- D-1 A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2019/14** to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Budget meeting.

No. 2019/046 Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal
 Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2019/14** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 26th 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. 2019/047 Moved by: Councillor Fisher
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BUDGET meeting of Council held on February 26, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR

MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK