



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

**MINUTES OF THE COMBINED COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 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) AGENDA and ADDENDUM / ORDRE DU JOUR et ADDENDA**

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

**No. 2019/060** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on March 12, 2019 be adopted as  
 presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

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

**C-1** International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (Presenter: Neil Fox )

Neil Fox provided an update to Council regarding the International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM) outlining the events and the social and economic development which the Municipality of West Nipissing will benefit due to the magnitude of this massive event. An open house will be held in Verner on April 11, which open house will be focussed on volunteer recruitment. There are dozens of committees on which persons can volunteer or lend their talent. All of the communication is being funnelled through the website and the public is encouraged to visit the site to inform themselves.

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

**D-1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE .....NIL**

**D-2) SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH / SERVICES SOCIAUX ET SANTÉ**

**D-2(a)** Update – Villa Aubin Elevator

The Mayor provided Council with a brief outline of the meeting that held with the residents of the Villa Aubin which was held on February 8, 2019 along with representatives of DNSSAB. The Mayor provided a brief summary of the situation including funding which had been applied for and subsequently denied. There was a request to DNSSAB as to whether there were any funds in operations to fund the elevator and DNSSAB indicated that there are no such funds. Debt financing was to be raised with DNSSAB; however not a favourable option due to increased costs to all residents of West Nipissing. The Mayor

stated that Council should do whatever is within its purview to keep the issue in the forefront so that it remains a priority. Councillor Roveda also indicated that Mr. Marc Serré's office will be investigating as to why West Nipissing's application was not considered. Councillor Duhaime suggested that a letter be forwarded to the appropriate ministry expressing concern with respect to cuts. Councillor Roveda is seeking direction for wording from DNSSAB in order to communicate with the LHIN. It was requested to have letters forwarded to LHIN, DNSSAB and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to press the important need of an elevator in this facility.

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Léo Malette,  
Chair

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Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

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**D-3) PUBLIC WORKS / TRAVAUX PUBLICS .....NIL**

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**D-4) COMMUNITY SERVICES / SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES**

**D-4(a) Request re: Community Easter Egg Hunt**

Councillor Seguin summarized a request received from Allison Smith, seeking the use of the Goulard Park to host a free children's community Easter egg hunt on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The request indicates that multiple sponsors have already been secured. In the event of inclement weather, Mrs. Smith is seeking free use of the arena floor to host the event. A memo from the Community Services department was included indicating the in-kind staffing costs associated with the opening of the arena on a statutory holiday. Council agreed that the event proceed on the Monday as requested.

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Jeremy Séguin,  
Chair

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Stephan Poulin,  
Director of Economic Development and  
Community Services

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**D-5) ENVIRONMENTAL / L'ENVIRONNEMENT**

**D-5(a) 2019 Budget Deliberations – Environmental Services (Solid Waste) *(Ancillary Department document)***

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) provided a brief overview of the operations of the Waste Management Operations which is seeking an increase of 4.00% as a result of some reorganization and required upgrades to facilities and equipment. The CAO enumerated the various landfill sites and the private contractors which provide service to outlying areas. Upgrades to buildings and some legislated reorganization make up the bulk of the increase. Councillor D. Sénécal requested further information on certain upgrades to the Lavigne site. The Mayor requested clarification on multi residential levies and the possibility of increasing recycling pickups. The CAO indicated that the waste by-law is scheduled to be brought to Council for review in the near future. Councillor Fisher requested clarification on the commercial levies; Councillor L. Sénécal requested clarification on the increase in the WN Environmental due to required upgrades to core buildings. The Mayor requested confirmation that the extended hours for spring clean-up will be maintained for 2019. Councillor Larabie highlighted the exchange/free store program in River Valley which is working well.

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Roland Larabie,  
Chair

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Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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

**D-6(a) 2019 Budget Deliberations – Water & Sewer *(Ancillary Department document)***

The Chair of Water and Sewer provided a preamble and indicated that the Manager of Public Works will be providing an overview of the infrastructure and the Manager of Water and Sewer will speak to facilities. The Chair provided some statistics on the volumes of water treated and supplied to more than 8,000 West Nipissing residents. The Manager of Public Works provided an overview of the Community Water and Waste Water Projects which are scheduled for 2019 as well as the highlights of the 2019 budget. Mr. Ming provided an overview of the projects which are scheduled for various facilities including changing the filter media at both the Sturgeon Falls and Verner plants and robotic cleaning of the reservoirs at both plants. These projects are being undertaken at this time of the year in order to be carried out during lowest use periods. Mr. Ming also outlined steps which are being undertaken to address the issues at the newly installed Field sewage plant including changing methods of measuring and using the surge tank differently than in the past. The Chair indicated that without going line by line, the overall increase is anticipated to be 2.4.

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Dan Roveda,  
Chair

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Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**D-7) GENERAL GOVERNMENT / GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL**

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**D-7(a) Verbal Update – By-Law Enforcement (Presenter: Robert Pilon)**

Mr. Pilon provided Council with an update on by-law enforcement activities. He outlined the educational activities which he has undertaken to educate residents on parking issues and other by-laws about which people seem not to be aware such as watering on even and odd days and pushing snow across the road. Reminders have been left in mailboxes to warn residents. Mr. Pilon has also been working with the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA) with regard to environmental issues pertaining to increasing numbers of private camping trailers which are popping up as a result of local trailer parks being closed. Council expressed its appreciation to Mr. Pilon for the work which he has done and the progress which has been made to date. It was suggested that Council could be provided with a list of types of infractions and the revenue generated.

**D-7(b) Formalizing Assistance to organizations**

The Chief Administrative Officer shared with Council that due to the increased number of agenda item requests that a more formal system would be useful in both receiving and scheduling agenda items. The CAO suggested that a compendium be prepared and Council kept apprised of past, pending and future financial requests so that both staff and members of council are aware of what monies have been requested or are anticipated to be received.

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Lise Sénécal,  
Chair

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Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

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**D-8) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION .....NIL**

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**D-9) EMERGENCY MEASURES AND PUBLIC SAFETY / MESURES D'URGENCE ET SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE**

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**D-9(a) Update – Lavigne Fire Hall**

The Chief Administrative Officer shared with Council various documentation include the Chief Building Official (CBO) Inspection Report dated February 2019 as well as correspondence from the CBO and the Project Manager regarding the current status of the facility. Notwithstanding some issues which need to be rectified, the building appears to be structurally sound; however a structural engineer has been retained to attend at the property and conduct an inspection and prepare a report. It is hoped that

information will be available to share with Council next Tuesday. Councillor D. Sénécal expressed his concerns regarding the building with regard to the impending warmer weather. Councillor D. Sénécal raised issues of concern regarding mould; however the CBO has indicated that he does not believe there is mould and that it is staining. The CAO indicated that he would follow-up and re-confirm with the CBO.

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Christopher Fisher,  
Chair

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Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

A motion was tabled to extend the meeting beyond regular curfew in order to continue discussions:

Moved by: Councillor Larabie  
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

The motion was accepted by all.

**REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING /  
RÉUNION RÉGULIÈRE**

**E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION .....NIL**

**F) CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS / COMPTES ET COURIER .....NIL**

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

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

**I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES .....NIL**

**J) ADDENDUM / ADDENDA .....NIL**

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

K-1 The Mayor gave her report.

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

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

**No. 2019/061** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**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)** Nature's Trail Bridge
- (B)** personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - (ii)** Council Issues

**CARRIED**

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

**No. 2019/062** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

**BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Closed meeting of Council held on March 12, 2019 be adjourned at 10:10 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 **2019/01** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 12, 2019.

**No. 2019/063** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2019/18** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 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. 2019/064** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council held on March 12, 2019 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

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MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK