



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 MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 AT 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: MAYOR JOANNE SAVAGE
COUNCILLOR YVON DUHAIME
COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER FISHER
COUNCILLOR ROLAND LARABIE (LATE)
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. 2019/048 Moved by: Councillor Séguin
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the BUDGET meeting of Council held on March 4, 2019 be adopted as presented / amended.

CARRIED

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

C-1 CAPITAL BUDGETS

- The Chair of Community Services outlined the projects being carried over from 2018 as well as the projects scheduled for 2019. A question arose concerning the renovations to the temporary OPP facility and a request was made to receive an overall report outlining all of the costs associated with the OPP transition.

C-2 POLICE SERVICE

- The Chief of Police provided a summary of the 2019 operating budget. The 2018 year end resulted in a surplus in excess of \$118,000. The Chief indicated that in light of the change in local policing that there would be no capital acquisitions for 2019. The Chief outlined the assumptions on which the 2019 projections were made.

C-3 DISCUSSION

- The CAO summarized the options which have been outlined throughout these presentations as well as the further items which have been identified throughout the discussions.
- The Mayor sought direction from Council on the strategic decisions which were identified.
- Councillor Duhaime requested clarification on what the increase would be per household as a starting point. At 5% the average household would experience a tax increase of approximately \$67.00. The CAO reminded Council that a status quo budget would be 5.5%.
- Councillor Lise Senecal indicated that she would not be comfortable agreeing to the general budget until the sewer and water budget has been presented.
- The Mayor suggested that the strategic decisions be addressed one by one in order to provide clarification and discussion.
- A \$25,000 reduction in Public Works fleet was suggested.
- Questions arose concerning various fleet and facility reserve contributions.

- Council related projects – Councillor Seguin indicated that CANO would be willing to spread their request over 3 years; Councillor Roveda suggested that a committee be struck to look at how contributions are made to the arts; both Councillors Senecal supported the project; Councillor Larabie indicated that he felt the request was excessive; Councillor Duhaime indicated that his research indicates that the entertainment provides economic stimulus to other businesses; Councillor Fisher indicated that the programming could be more local; Council generally agreed that the request be honoured over 3 years with measurable built in and that a member of council be appointed to the CANO board.
- Council agreed to a \$40,000 contribution to reserve to Au Chateau.
- Dokis Reserve Road was agreed to.
- A discussion was held concerning the technology and staff was directed to explore options concerning the presentations.
- A discussion concerning the bilingualism by-law and proposed funds in the budget were discussed.
- The CAO suggested that the \$40,000 reserve to Au Chateau could be deferred.
- The Mayor requested from Council advice if there are any projects not included in the budget which could be considered at this time:
 - Councillor Roveda suggested the sidewalk on Coursol be prioritized, the implementation of an Active Living Committee, as well as the feasibility of putting monies aside for the Arts; Councillor Roveda also suggested a “slush fund” for future asks.
 - Councillor Seguin suggested 24 hour access to the gym, a bike path or paved strip on rue Principale; a baseball field and a Youth Action committee.
 - Councillor Larabie suggested that the boat launch in River Valley be reinstated.
 - It was suggested that the streetlight policy be added to a future COW meeting.
 - Councillor Lise Senecal suggested a ditch cleaning program.

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

Moved by: Councillor Roveda
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

CARRIED

- Councillor Fisher mentioned the Food Bank; Search and Rescue, the Field school, the rink roof and First Response;
- Councillor Denis Senecal suggested that gravel on Carol Road be prioritized in light of the tourism for the IPM;
- An agreement to subsidize the Food Bank’s rent was agreed to.

D) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

It was agreed that the meeting be adjourned to Monday, March 18th at which time general discussions on an acceptable increase can continue.

- D-1** A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2019/15** to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Budget meeting.

No. 2019/049 Moved by: Councillor Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2019/15** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 4th day of March 2019, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

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

No. 2019/050 Moved by: Councillor Séguin
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BUDGET meeting of Council held on March 4th, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR

MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK