



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

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

PRESENT: MAYOR JOANNE SAVAGE
COUNCILLOR YVON DUHAIME
COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER FISHER
COUNCILLOR ROLAND LARABIE
COUNCILLOR LÉO MALETTE
COUNCILLOR DAN ROVEDA
COUNCILLOR DENIS SÉNÉCAL
COUNCILLOR LISE SÉNÉCAL
WARD 7 (vacant)

ABSENT:

VIRTUAL MEETING / RÉUNION VIRTUELLE

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 Approve the Agenda.

No. 2021/14 Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor L. Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on JANUARY 19, 2021 be adopted as
 presented / amended.

CARRIED

C) DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS / DÉLÉGATIONS ET PÉTITIONS

C-1 École St-Marie School (Field) (*Presenter: Ken Paquette*)

Mr. Ken Paquette made a presentation to Council concerning the dilapidated school property in Field. Mr. Paquette provided a slide show and video demonstrating the disrepair of the building. Mr. Paquette highlighted the concerns of the residents of Field and all residents of West Nipissing concerning the ongoing safety and aesthetic issues. Pursuant to the Procedural By-law, the matter will be further discussed at the first meeting in February.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

D-1) COMMUNITY SERVICES / SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES

D-1(a) Updated Accessibility Plan (2021-2025) (*Presenter: Sylvie Bélanger, Chair – Accessibility Committee*)

Sylvie Bélanger, Chair of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee, along with Lynn Duhaime, presented the updated West Nipissing Accessibility Plan as is legislated under the ODOA. Ms. Bélanger highlighted certain updates to the Plan and advised Council of the Committee's mandate which is to ensure accessibility to all municipal facilities and services by all residents and persons with disabilities. Ms. Bélanger highlighted the municipal building assessment which has recently been prepared and stated that the recommendations of the assessment will be utilized in carrying out the Plan's mandates by a proposed deadline of 2025, while acknowledging that some of the recommendations may not be achievable due to financial constraints. Ms. Bélanger noted that since 2004, a significant number of the identified barriers have been addressed.

D-1(b) COVID Update *(verbal)*

The Director of Community Services provided an update on recent changes to municipal facilities as a result of the recent Stay at Home Orders and the extension of Emergency Orders by the Province of Ontario. Recently, the local Health Unit has issued guidelines and restrictions. Arenas, pool, rinks, sliding hills and fitness centre remain closed. Walking trails can remain open and the trails at the Museum are still available for residents to walk or snow shoe. A key component of community facilities are the arenas and the Director has reached out to user groups to find out if they intend to resume their uses if the emergency orders/further restrictions are lifted. They have also indicated that if the guidelines are modified such that uses are altered, they may not continue their use. At present, two arenas are sitting idle and the Director stated that perhaps Council may wish to look at the arenas at a future meeting to determine the feasibility of keeping both open. Council agreed to monitor the situation, keeping the provincial trends in mind in determining whether or not the orders will be extended and then look at making a decision.

« Mayor Joanne Savage »

Joanne Savage, Mayor
Acting Chair

« Stephan Poulin »

Stephan Poulin,
Director of Economic Development and
Community Services

D-2) SEWER AND WATER / LES ÉGOUTS ET L'EAU

D-2(a) Verner Water Feasibility Study

Alan Korell, assisted by the Manager(s) of Water and Waste Water, presented the Verner Water Feasibility Study. Mr. Korell outlined the various options outlined in the study which range from "do nothing" to a new water plant or a new ground water supply. The options of doing nothing or limiting growth are not realistic. The option of bringing the water to Verner from Sturgeon Falls is feasible. The upgrade of the existing water plant in Verner, which would be less than bringing the water from Sturgeon is cheaper, but the problems associates with the source water would not be alleviated. The preferred option is to bring a pipe from Sturgeon Falls to Verner along the railbed where the water would be re-chlorinated and distributed. It was suggested that the next steps include getting the project "shovel ready" with a view of being ready in the event that either funding becomes available to make the project viable or to be ready in the event that something happens that there is no choice. In order to do so, the design would have to be prepared at a rough magnitude of \$400,000. No direction is being sought at this time however analysis and discussions will continue and the matter will return to council when a decision point is required.

« Councillor D. Roveda »

Dan Roveda,
Chair

« Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau »

Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,
Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION FOR RECESS: at approx. 8:05 PM, a motion was tabled for a brief recess and then continue with discussions.

Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

CARRIED

D-3) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION

D-3(a) Industrial Park Lands

- (i) Receive updated appraisal
- (ii) Offer to purchase land

Council considered an updated appraisal report obtained for the Industrial Park Lands. Following discussion, Council was in general agreement to sell the property at the appraised price; however it was requested that a policy be implemented prior to so doing in order to set out the criteria for disposition of municipal lands. It was also requested that the proposed buyer be contacted to provide additional information concerning the proposed development.

« Councillor D. Sénécal »

Denis Sénécal,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Municipal Planner

D-4) EMERGENCY MEASURES AND PUBLIC SAFETY / MESURES D'URGENCE ET SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

D-4(a) Safety Issues on Toronto Street

The Manager of Public Works provided information to Council regarding concerns raised by residents of Toronto Street/Highway 64 about safety issues. Mr. Remillard provide input from the MTO concerning the implementation of an all way stop sign who did not support the initiative indicating that such signage can cause more accidents than it might prevent. The OPP did not have any motor vehicle collision data which would support a stop sign being required. Given the MTO and OPP recommendations, the Manager did not recommend additional traffic signage. Other options include maintaining status quo, re-opening Dovercourt Road or adopt a by-law for traffic control signals. Following discussion, Council agreed that the area continue to be monitored and that the traffic speed indicator (calming device) be moved to the other side of the road to obtain additional data regarding traffic counts and speed of persons heading toward town.

D-4(b) Request to use municipal parking lot for deliveries to private business

Council discussed a request to use the municipal parking lot across from Town Hall for deliveries. Following discussion, Council agreed that additional information concerning the time and frequency of deliveries is required prior to making a firm decision. Staff was directed to reach out to the individual to find out what the anticipated delivery schedule is. Council agreed that parking and safety to pedestrians are a priority and need to be considered.

« Councillor C. Fisher »

Christopher Fisher,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Clerk

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

D-5(a) Update re: Community Sharps Bin on John Street

Council discussed a request from the NBPSDHU for an additional Sharps Bin. Some members indicated that since the first bin is not being fully utilized that perhaps the installation of an additional bin might be premature. Others indicated that they would like to see an additional bin installed to assist in ensuring that needles are not discarded. It was agreed that the one bin be maintained in the short term.

« Councillor L. Malette »

Léo Malette,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Clerk

D-6) PUBLIC WORKS / TRAVAUX PUBLICS

D-6(a) Street Light at Comeau Road (D. Sénécal)

Council received a request for a streetlight at the turnaround at Comeau Road. The Manager of Public Works identified that the residents should submit a petition as provided by policy and the Manager would assess the situation in accordance with the policy.

D-6(b) Wolseley Bay Bridge Update (D. Sénécal)

Councillor D. Sénécal requested an update on the status of the Nature's Trail Bridge. The CAO reiterated that the funds which were previously set aside for the project are insufficient to complete the project given the additional work which is now required to complete the project, however Council would have to determine whether the repair of this bridge is a priority at Budget time.

D-6(c) Request for sanding on Presqu'île Road (R. Larabie)

Council discussed a request for winter sand on Presqu'île Road. The Manager of Public Works stated that there are concerns with such request due to the precedent setting. In addition, the winter maintenance policy speaks to the process for obtaining winter maintenance. Council generally agreed that entertaining

a “one-of” request would not be fair to residents of other private roads and may cause damage to municipal equipment. The policy for requesting winter maintenance should be adhered to.

D-6(d) Winter Maintenance Standards *(J. Savage)*

The Mayor requested information as to what the standards are for maintenance during storm events and suggested that Council enact a by-law setting out the standards by which roads are maintained. The Manager of Public Works stated that maintenance is based on provincial standards for different classes of roads which sets out the frequency and criteria by which roads are maintained. The Manager also stated that there is a service request management system which the employees get on their phones and they will go out and patrol or deploy staff to address, if deemed necessary.

« Councillor Y. Duhaime »
Yvon Duhaime,
Chair

« Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau »
Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,
Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION FOR EXTENSION: A motion was tabled to extend the meeting beyond the regular curfew time.

Moved by: Councillor Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

CARRIED

D-7) ENVIRONMENTAL / L'ENVIRONNEMENT

D-7(a) Follow-up re: Cache Bay Recycling

Council discussed the matter of a request to install recycling bins in Cache Bay. The Mayor expressed concern that the matter had not been addressed in a timely manner and requested that the Chair take it back to the WNES board for budgetary discussion.

« Councillor R. Larabie »
Roland Larabie,
Chair

« Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau »
Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,
Chief Administrative Officer

REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE

E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION

E-1 By-Law 2020/61 to rezone certain land on Old Hwy. 17 from RR to RR-3

No. 2021/15 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law **2020/61**, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014/45, to rezone certain lands located on Old Highway 17, Verner from Rural Residential (RR) Zone to Rural Residential Exception Zone 3 (RR-3), shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

Council requested that the Consultant join the meeting to address questions. Mr. Goodridge responded to questions regarding the buffer and site plan submitted. Councillor Larabie noted that although he supports the initiative he does not believe it is the right place. Mr. Goodridge outlined the criteria by which a planning application must demonstrate if the matter is appealed to the LPAT. Mr. Goodridge stated that the application conforms to the Official Plan, is consistent to the PPS and meets the intent of the zoning by-law, he also stated that he believes that the application constitutes good planning.

F) CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS / COMPTES ET COURRIER

F-1 Adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

No. 2021/16 Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor L. Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council held on JANUARY 5, 2021 be adopted, as presented / amended. **CARRIED**

F-2 Receive the disbursement sheets.

No. 2021/17 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
 Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the account payables disbursement sheets for **NOVEMBER 2020** be received. **CARRIED**

G) UNFINISHED BUSINESS / AFFAIRES EN MARCHÉ NIL

H) NOTICE OF MOTION / AVIS DE MOTIONS

I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES

I-1 Adoption of updated Accessibility Plan

No. 2021/18 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

WHEREAS at the meeting held on January 19, 2021; Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing received a presentation of the updated municipal Accessibility Plan from the Chair of the WN Accessibility Advisory Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing adopts the updated West Nipissing Accessibility Plan (2021-2025), as presented, which shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

I-2 Letter of Concurrence – Communication Tower at 141 Bear Lake Rd (Northern Rigging)

No. 2021/19 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

WHEREAS Northern Rigging & Tower Maintenance Ltd. wishes to erect a free standing 96 metre self-supporting telecommunications tower on a site located 141 Bear Lake Road, in the Township of Hugel, West Nipissing, District of Nipissing to meet the needs for high quality, high speed internet services in West Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS Northern Rigging & Tower Maintenance Ltd. has complied with the Municipality of West Nipissing's Policy No. 2012-407 for establishing Telecommunications Tower/Antennae Facilities in circulating notice with regard to the construction of the proposed tower and by holding the required public consultations;

AND WHEREAS Northern Rigging & Tower Maintenance Ltd. is required by Industry Canada to consult with land use authorities and to obtain a statement of concurrence therefrom;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing hereby approves that the Municipality issue a statement of concurrence to Northern Rigging & Tower Maintenance Ltd. for the proposed free standing Telecommunications Tower at 141 Bear Lake Road, in the Township of Hugel, West Nipissing Municipality for the delivery of high-speed internet services in West Nipissing.

CARRIED

I-3 Grant exemption from No Cut Policy – Olivier Rd., Verner (C. Dubuc)

No. 2021/20 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

WHEREAS at the meeting held on January 19, 2021, Council received a request from Céline Dubuc seeking authorization for an exemption of the municipal No Cut Policy no. 2009/268 in order to proceed with the installation of natural gas services to her newly constructed home located at 871 Olivier Road in Verner;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes an exemption of the Municipality of West Nipissing No Cut Policy no. 2009/268, in order to proceed with the installation of natural gas services at 871 Olivier Road in Verner, as requested by Céline Dubuc.

CARRIED

I-4 Appointment to the West Nipissing Public Library Board

No. 2021/21 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Councillor Mayor Joanne Savage be appointed to the West Nipissing Public Library Board for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 term.

Councillor L. Malette requested a recorded vote:

	YEAS	NAYS
DUHAIME, Yvon	✓	
FISHER, Christopher		✓
LARABIE, Roland		✓
MALETTE, Léo		✓
ROVEDA, Dan		✓
WARD 7 (vacant)	X	X
SÉNÉCAL, Denis	✓	
SÉNÉCAL, Lise	✓	
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)		

DEFEATED

I-5 Appointment to the West Nipissing Environmental Services Board

In response to the vote on the preceding matter, Councillor Lise Sénécal withdrew her name from the proposed appointment and there was no vote on this matter.

~~**No. 2021/** Moved by: Councillor
Seconded by: Councillor~~

~~**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following Councillor _____ be appointed to the West Nipissing Environmental Services Board for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 term~~

I-6 Support for Bill C-213 – to enact the Canada Pharmacare Act

No. 2021/22 Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received a request seeking support for Bill C-213 to enact the *Canada Pharmacare Act*; which seeks to establish a universal, single-layer, comprehensive and public pharmacare plan that is accessible and affordable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing authorizes the signing of the “e-petition” supporting Bill C-213 to enact the *Canada Pharmacare Act*.

CARRIED

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 Proceed into closed meeting.

No. 2021/23 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we proceed into closed meeting as authorized in Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act (2001)*, to discuss the following:

- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - (i) Villeneuve Court – Sale of land

CARRIED

L-2 Approval of previous CLOSED minutes:

Due to time constraints, Item L-2 was removed and postponed to the next meeting.

L-3 Adjourn the closed session.

No. 2021/24 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed meeting of Council held on JANUARY 19, 2021 be adjourned at 10:35 PM in order to proceed with the regular meeting

CARRIED

M) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

M-1 Confirm the proceedings of Council.

No. 2020/25 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2021/05** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 19th day of JANUARY 2021, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

M-2 Adjourn the meeting of Council.

No. 2021/26 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council held on JANUARY 19, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

« Mayor Joanne Savage »
JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR

« Melanie Ducharme »
MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK