



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 5, 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 The Mayor requested to add an Addendum to the Agenda to discuss the Verner Water issue.

No. 2021/01 Moved by: Mayor Savage
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Addendum for the meeting of Council held on January 5, 2021 be adopted as
 presented / amended.

DEFEATED

B-2 Adopt the Agenda.

The Mayor requested an Amendment to the Agenda to include a Closed session discussion concerning a confidential personal matter. The request was not supported.

No. 2021/02 Moved by: Councillor Malette
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on January 5, 2021 be adopted as
 presented / amended.

CARRIED

C) DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS / DÉLÉGATIONS ET PÉTITIONS NIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

D-1) GENERAL GOVERNMENT / GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL

D-1(a) Website – Overview of new format

Communications staff, Kim Cuillier and Kassandre Jolin provided an overview of the new municipal website, providing highlights of the features and enhancements including a number of new interactive modules such as Service Requests and Recycle Coach. Council members expressed approval of the new website and the enhanced features.

D-1(b) Request for tax levy by WNGH for operation of CT Scanner

The Director of Corporate Services provided an analysis of the request by the West Nipissing General Hospital for the imposition of a levy to assist in the staffing of the new CT Scanner recently installed. The Director explained how the levy would be applied. Council was generally in agreement that the matter be further discussed in the course of budget deliberations. Some members expressed concern regarding the possibility of setting precedent and discussions regarding how the levy be distributed ie: vacant land, commercial property, etc. The Treasurer was directed to come back to Council with the legal mechanics of imposing such a levy, all to be discussed at budget time.

D-1(c) Discussion re: 2021 Budget Process

Council discussed the Budget process to be undertaken for the 2021 year. The CAO provided a memo setting out a proposed framework for budget deliberations. Following discussions, members were not in agreement to move forward without 2020 actual numbers which will move the process start to mid to late February. Staff will send out proposed dates for consideration.

MOTION FOR RECESS: at 8:01 PM, a motion was tabled for a brief recess and then continue with discussions.

Moved by: Councillor Duhaime

Seconded by: Councillor Malette

CARRIED

D-1(d) Offer to purchase land - Villeneuve Court (east side)

Council considered a request to purchase the remainder of the vacant land located at the corner of Villeneuve Court and Bay Street. Council was agreeable to staff requesting expressions of interest in the lands prior to making a decision on declaring it surplus.

D-1(e) Discussion re: Possible Assistance due to COVID (Y. Duhaime)

Councillor Duhaime requested Council consider providing some assistance to West Nipissing tax payers by holding back on interest and penalties for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director of Corporate Services provided information regarding how some municipalities are providing assistance. Council was in general agreement to provide assistance. Following discussion, the Treasurer agreed.

« Councillor L. Sénécal »

Lise Sénécal,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Clerk

D-2) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION

D-2(a) List of municipally owned properties - Vacant buildable and Water access properties

Council reviewed the revised list of municipal vacant residential lands prepared by the Municipal Clerk/Planner. Following discussion, Council directed staff to prepare a draft policy providing a framework for assessment and disposition of municipal surplus property by Council.

« Councillor D. Sénécal »

Denis Sénécal,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Municipal Planner

D-3) EMERGENCY MEASURES AND PUBLIC SAFETY / MESURES D'URGENCE ET SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE NIL

D-4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE NIL

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

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

D-7) ENVIRONMENTAL / L'ENVIRONNEMENT NIL

REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE

E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION

E-1 By-Law 2021/01 to correct the special drainage rates for a tile loan application (S. Guillemette)

No. 2021/03 Moved by: Councillor Malette

Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

WHEREAS at the meeting held on November 17, 2020, Council passed By-Law No. 2020/65 approving a Tile Loan Application made by Steven Guillemette in the amount of \$32,000.00;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has been advised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs that the borrower's allowable tile loan amount has been reduced to \$23,200.00;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2021/01, being a by-law imposing special annual drainage rates upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the *Tile Drainage Act*, application made by STEVEN GUILLEMETTE, (Part Lot 2, Conc. 2, Twp. of MacPherson – Roll No. 48-52-100-001-04500) in the Municipality of West Nipissing, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

F) CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS / COMPTES ET COURRIER

F-1 Adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

No. 2021/04 Moved by: Councillor Duhaime

Seconded by: Councillor Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council held on DECEMBER 15, 2020 be adopted, as presented / amended. **CARRIED**

F-2 Adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

No. 2021/05 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal

Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on DECEMBER 23, 2020 be adopted, as presented / amended. **CARRIED**

F-3 Adopt the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee.

No. 2021/06 Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal

Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the West Nipissing Planning Advisory Committee held on NOVEMBER 9, 2020 be adopted, as presented / amended. **CARRIED**

F-4 Receive the minutes of the following boards/committees:

No. 2021/07 Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal

Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the following Boards / Committees be received :

BOARD / COMMITTEE NAME	MEETING DATES
Au Château Board of Management	• November 18, 2020
West Nipissing Public Library Board	• November 12, 2020
West Nipissing Accessibility Advisory Committee	• February 6, 2020
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB)	• November 25, 2020

CARRIED

G) UNFINISHED BUSINESS / AFFAIRES EN MARCHÉ NIL

H) NOTICE OF MOTION / AVIS DE MOTIONS

I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES

I-1 By-Law 2021/02 to set the 2021 Interim Tax Rate

No. 2021/08 Moved by: Councillor Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law **2021/02**, being a by-law to levy interim taxes for 2021, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

I-2 By-Law 2021/03 to borrow money to meet current expenditures

No. 2021/09 Moved by: Councillor Roveda
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law **2021/03**, being a by-law to borrow money to meet current expenditures, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

I-3 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

No. 2021/10 Moved by: Councillor Fisher
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor **YVON DUHAIME** be appointed DEPUTY MAYOR for the Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing for a one (1) year term, ending on December 31st, 2021.

CARRIED

I-4 Support resolution re: Request for coordination of drainage matters: CN Rail

No. 2021/11 Moved by: Councillor Duhaime
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received a request from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex seeking support for their resolution asking various levels of government to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex's resolution seeking to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing also requests that the resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.

