



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, FEBRUARY 16, 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 Addendum.

No. 2021/42 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Addendum for the meeting of Council held on FEBRUARY 16, 2021 be adopted as presented / amended.

CARRIED

B-2 Adopt the Agenda.

No. 2021/43 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on FEBRUARY 16, 2021 be adopted as presented / amended.

CARRIED

C) DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS / DÉLÉGATIONS ET PÉTITIONS

C-1 West Nipissing Economic Development Committee Plan (*Presenter: Bruno Lepage, Chair*)

Mr. Bruno Lepage made a presentation to Council, providing members of Council with a synopsis of the Committee's plans and priorities which are focussed on making the municipality and its institutions sustainable, vibrant and sought-after business and leisure destination.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

D-1) PUBLIC WORKS / TRAVAUX PUBLICS

D-1(a) Update re : Comeau Rd Street Light

The Manager of Public Works informed Council that the Contractor has carried out an investigation which has determined that the lights in question are privately owned and connected to privately owned

dwellings. The Manager also advised that the request does conform with the municipality's current policy. Following discussion, it was agreed that the policy be revisited/updated, as required.

« Yvon Duhaime »

Yvon Duhaime,
Chair

« Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau »

Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,
Chief Administrative Officer

D-2) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION

D-2(a) Update – Betty Road Drainage

The Planner provided Council with an update pertaining to the Drainage matters on Betty Road. The Engineers will be preparing a Report to address the drainage issues, which will be brought to council for consideration. Staff will communicate with the property owner(s) to advise of the status of the matter. It is anticipated that an Engineer's Report should be forthcoming within three (3) months.

D-2(b) Update re: Use of municipal parking lot for private business deliveries

At the February 2nd meeting, Council directed staff to seek out more details pertaining to the timing and frequency of the deliveries. The Planner shared the business owner's response with Council. Following discussion, council agreed to allow the use on a temporary basis while the parking lot is not being used and that an agreement be entered into, wherein the municipality would have the right to terminate the agreement upon reasonable notice. The Agreement would also provide that the owner be responsible for providing supervision during deliveries and that the owner would be responsible for the snow removal costs during winter.

« Denis 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) COMMUNITY SERVICES / SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES

D-6(a) COVID Update

The Director of Community Services provided an update on facilities given the extension by the Health Unit of the lockdown. The Director also sought direction on whether the outdoor rinks should be kept open following the lifting of the lockdown. Council agreed that the rinks be re-opened, if possible.

« Joanne Savage »

Joanne Savage,
Acting Chair

« Stephan Poulin »

Stephan Poulin,
Director of Economic Development and
Community Services

D-7) SEWER AND WATER / LES ÉGOUTS ET L'EAU NIL

D-8) ENVIRONMENTAL / L'ENVIRONNEMENT NIL

REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE

E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION NIL

F) CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS / COMPTES ET COURRIER

F-1 Adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

No. 2021/44 Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council held on February 2, 2021 be adopted, as presented / amended. **CARRIED**

F-2 Receive the minutes of the following boards/committees:

No. 2021/45 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

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

| BOARD / COMMITTEE NAME | MEETING DATES |
|--|---|
| West Nipissing Environmental Services Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 16, 2020• November 16, 2020 (AGM) |
| West Nipissing Accessibility Advisory Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 17, 2020 |
| North Bay Parry-Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 9, 2020 |

CARRIED

F-3 Receive the disbursement sheets.

No. 2021/46 Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
 Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

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

CARRIED

G) UNFINISHED BUSINESS / AFFAIRES EN MARCHE

H) NOTICE OF MOTION / AVIS DE MOTIONS

I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES

I-1 Authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with MTO pertaining to the replacement of the Little Cache Creek culvert (intersection of Hwy 17 & Arcand Rd)

No. 2021/47 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
 Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign a Permission to Construct Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Transportation, for the

purpose of construction and staging operations during the replacement of the Little Cache Creek culvert, located at the intersection of Hwy 17 and Arcand Road in the Municipality of West Nipissing.

CARRIED

I-2 Support resolution from Mun. of Grey Highlands re: Joint and Severable Liability Insurance

No. 2021/48 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received requests for support from the Municipality of Grey Highlands, the Township of Larder Lake and the Municipality of Charlton and Dack calling on the provincial government to immediately review the AMO recommendations pertaining to Joint and Several Liability insurance costs; which continue to increase at unsustainable rates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Municipality of Grey Highlands', the Township of Larder Lake and the Municipality of Charlton and Dack resolutions calling on the provincial government to immediately review the AMO recommendations pertaining to Joint and Several Liability insurance, in an effort to address unsustainable insurance costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing also requests that the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General on Ontario, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

I-3 Resolution to transition out of shutdown and into the revised Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework.

Council discussed the proposed resolution and it was generally agreed that, while the ongoing restrictions are uncomfortable, that the Chief Medical Officer of Health's role is to ensure the safety of all residents.

No. 2021/49 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the municipality of West Nipissing formally request that the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit immediately be transitioned out of the shutdown and into the revised Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council also asks for the immediate opening of outdoor rinks, toboggan hills and snow machine trails in the district.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council also formally requests to be consulted on any future deviations from the provincial framework.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council recommends that the health unit conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the lockdown in our region, while weighing the risks of COVID-19 against the toll on local businesses, the increase in opioid deaths in the region and the overall mental health of the residents of our district.

DEFEATED

J) ADDENDUM / ADDENDA

K) INFORMATION & QUESTIONS / INFORMATION ET QUESTIONS

K-1 The Mayor gave her report.

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

M) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

M-1 Confirm the proceedings of Council.

No. 2020/50 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2021/09** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 16th day of February 2021, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

M-2 Adjourn the meeting of Council.

No. 2021/51 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council held on February 16, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

 « *Mayor Joanne Savage* »

JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR

 « *Melanie Ducharme* »

MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK