



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 2, 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. 2021/27 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

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

CARRIED

B-2 Adopt the Agenda.

No. 2021/28 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

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

CARRIED

C) DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS / DÉLÉGATIONS ET PÉTITIONS

C-1 Sturgeon Falls Beautification Committee (*Presenter: Gayle Primeau, Ken Perrin*)

Mrs. Gayle Primeau and Mr. Ken Perrin made a presentation to Council providing members with an overview of their efforts and accomplishments including clean-ups, gardening, murals and acquisitions of statues. The presentation was followed by a request funding assistance for the committee. The matter will be discussed during budget meetings and they will be informed accordingly.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

D-1) CLOSED MEETING / RÉUNION À HUIS CLOS

D-1(a) Proceed into closed meeting.

No. 2021/29 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

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

- the security of the property of the municipality of local board
- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

(i) St-Marie School, Field

CARRIED

D-1(b) Approve previous CLOSED minutes:

↳ Dec-15-2020 • Dec-23-2020 • Jan-19-2021

D-1(c) Adjourn the closed session.

No. 2021/33 Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Malette

BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed meeting of Council held on February 2, 2021 be adjourned at 7:27 PM in order to proceed with the regular meeting

CARRIED

MOTION FOR RECESS: at approx. 7:29 PM, a motion was tabled for a brief recess and then continue with discussions.

Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

CARRIED

D-2) GENERAL GOVERNMENT / GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL

D-2(a) Petition re: Demolition of St-Marie School in Field (*received at Jan-5th mtg.*)

Council discussed the petition received at the January 5th meeting. The Treasurer explained that the property is currently undergoing the tax sale process under the *Municipal Act*. Due to COVID, the process was paused in 2020 which has delayed the realization on the sale. The Treasurer explained that should the tax sale prove unsuccessful, that Council will have to determine whether they wish to vest the property at that time.

D-2(b) Local Authority Services (LAS) Group Purchasing Discussion

The CAO provided information on a group buying initiative by LAS Group. The CAO provided both pros and cons to participating in such an arrangement. If Council wishes to move forward to participate in a buying group, the procurement by-law will require amendment to make provisions. Council discussed the matter while agreeing that the savings would be advantageous, they raised several points including supporting local businesses and the potential difficulty in obtaining service for equipment purchased out of the local area. The Mayor stated that she did not intend the initiative to be a detriment to local vendors, but as an additional tool. The CAO indicated that there are a variety of factors to be considered when purchasing, but not to rely on the group and to continue to explore all opportunities. Council agreed that the by-law be amended to include language to permit such buying and that the amended by-law be brought back to council for discussion and adoption.

D-2(c) Municipal Modernization Program Funding (Intake 2) (*J. Savage*)

The second intake of the Municipal Modernization Funding was discussed. The deadline to submit application is March 15, 2021 and staff was asked to explore opportunities for this funding and to provide additional information on the criteria for application and potential projects at the next meeting.

D-2(d) ROMA Delegation Update (*J. Savage*)

The Mayor provided an update on the recent delegations with the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Long-Term Care. Councillor Larabie elaborated on the delegation with the MTO. The delegation was very well received by the MTO and the ministry was receptive to meeting with the Municipality to receive additional information and discuss options. The Minister of Long-Term Care acknowledged that West Nipissing is in a very special situation with regard to the loss of funding and

agreed to look into what assistance can be provided. The Mayor also provided comments in addition to Councillor Larabie's. The Mayor noted that the MTO was receptive. The Mayor also noted that the Minister of Long-Term Care was very compassionate concerning the situation and asked that letters of thanks be sent to both ministries.

« Lise Sénécal »

Lise Sénécal,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Clerk

D-3) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION

D-3(a) Offer to purchase land – Island in Sturgeon River, Field

Upon receiving the request of interest, Council wished to defer the matter until a Sale-Disposition of municipal land policy is developed and in place. Wait for policy.

D-3(b) Camping Trailers

The Clerk provided Council with a compilation report outlining the various consultations with residents, Planning Committee and Council discussions held on the matter of camping trailers in West Nipissing. Council direction is being sought on the next step to move the file forward or to forgo any further action.

« Denis Sénécal »

Denis Sénécal,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Municipal Planner

D-4) COMMUNITY SERVICES / SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES

D-4(a) Update re: Arena Operations

The Director of Community Services and Economic Development provided additional information concerning the arenas which was requested at the previous meeting. All of the user groups have been contacted and there is a willingness to continue the season(s) after the lockdown is lifted. Some indicated that if new restrictions are imposed which are too onerous, that some may choose not to proceed. The Director sought direction as to whether both arenas should remain open on a "wait and see" basis until it is known if the lockdown will be extended or if one arena be closed. Council agreed that if the lockdown is extended on February 11, that the arenas be closed for the rest of 2021. If the lockdown is not extended and if user groups will continue, both arenas re-open for the balance of the season.

« Joanne Savage »

Joanne Savage
Acting Chair

« Stephan Poulin »

Stephan Poulin,
Director of Economic Development and
Community Services

D-5) PUBLIC WORKS / TRAVAUX PUBLICS

D-5(a) Belanger Street - Options

The Manager of Public Works provided Council with options as it relates to the rehabilitation of Belanger Street. Following consideration of the options presented, Council agreed to proceed with a paved shoulder with a rumble strip presented as option 1(b) in the Manager's memo.

« Yvon 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 in order to proceed.

Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

CARRIED

REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE

E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION

E-1 By-Law 2021/06 to amend the Zoning By-Law on Floral Street (from R2 to R2-2)

No. 2021/34 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law **2021/06**, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014/45, to rezone certain lands located on Floral Street, in Sturgeon Falls from Residential Two Zone (R2) to Residential Two Exception Zone 2 (R2-2), shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

E-2 By-Law 2021/07 to amend the Actual Cost for the Krause-Piquette Drain

No. 2021/35 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law **2021/07**, being an Actual Cost By-law to amend By-Law 2017/25 for the **KRAUSE-PIQUETTE DRAIN** 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. 2021/36 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

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

CARRIED

F-2 Adopt the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee.

No. 2021/37 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of West Nipissing Planning Advisory Committee held on December 14, 2020 be adopted, as presented / amended.

CARRIED

F-3 Receive the minutes of the following boards/committees:

No. 2021/38 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

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

BOARD / COMMITTEE NAME	MEETING DATES
West Nipissing Committee of Adjustment	• December 14, 2020
Au Château Board of Management	• December 16, 2020
West Nipissing Public Library Board	• December 10, 2020
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB)	• December 16, 2020

CARRIED

G) UNFINISHED BUSINESS / AFFAIRES EN MARCHÉ NIL

H) NOTICE OF MOTION / AVIS DE MOTIONS

I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES

- I-1 Request for financial assistance from West Nipissing Food Bank
↳ Refer to *ADDENDUM* section for all pertinent details

J) ADDENDUM / ADDENDA

I) New Business / Affaires Nouvelles

- I-1 Request for financial assistance from West Nipissing Food Bank
No. 2021/39 Moved by: Councillor R. Larabie
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

WHEREAS at the February 2nd, 2021 meeting, Council received a request from the West Nipissing Food Bank requesting a financial contribution, from the Municipality of West Nipissing, for rental assistance for the year 2021;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a financial donation of \$7,186.80 to the West Nipissing Food Bank; which shall be applied toward their rental expenditures for the year 2021.

CARRIED

K) INFORMATION & QUESTIONS / INFORMATION ET QUESTIONS

- K-1 The Mayor gave her report.

L) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

- L-1 Confirm the proceedings of Council.
No. 2020/40 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2021/08** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 2nd day of February 2021, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

- L-2 Adjourn the meeting of Council.
No. 2021/41 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council held on February 2, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

« Mayor Joanne Savage »
JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR

« Melanie Ducharme »
MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK