



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

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 AT 1:00 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:**

**BUDGET MEETING**

**A) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / DÉCLARATION D'INTÉRÊTS PÉCUNIAIRES**

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

**B) AGENDA / ORDRE DU JOUR**

**B-1** A resolution was passed to adopt the Agenda.

**No. 2021/137** Moved by: Councillor L. Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the BUDGET meeting of Council held on April 14, 2021 be adopted as ☒ presented / ☐ amended.

**CARRIED**

**C) 2021 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS (continuation) / DÉLIBÉRATION BUDGÉTAIRES POUR L'ANNÉE 2021 (suite)**

**C-1(a) Budget Discussions cont'd**

- The Mayor provided a brief synopsis of the budget meetings/deliberations to date;
- The CAO summarized his memo which provides the effect of the proposed cuts/amendments and provided some general comments on the purpose and effect of budgeting, in general, in light of the infrastructure deficit and the current "pay as you go" budgeting;
- The CAO confirmed that the consensus of a 2.00% increase has been generally agreed upon; however how that is achieved should be discussed;
- The CAO explained that by reducing capital expenditure levels, the projects being cut are only being postponed;
- Councillors Malette and Fisher indicated satisfaction with the recommendations of staff to reduce the expenditure levels to 2.00%;
- A discussion ensued regarding the proposals to reduce the budget by removing capital expenditures;
- Led by the CAO, Council went through the memo, item by item, providing explanation and current and future implications of each:
  - Council Chamber – council supported proceeding;
  - Financial Analyst – Council supported hiring;
  - Corporate Services Advertising – Keep current levels

**No. 2021/138**    Moved by:    Councillor C. Fisher  
                         Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

At approximately 2:35 PM, a motion was tabled for a 15 minute recess; following which the Council meeting will continue.

**CARRIED**

- Council Travel and Conferences - reduce current levels as suggested;
  - By-Law enforcement - CAO recommended 1 full-time. Director of Corporate Services summarized memo on By-Law enforcement activities; Council agreed to retain current 2 part time complement;
  - Public Works facility – the CAO provided information concerning the urgency of the project following which Council elected to retain this project;
  - Community Services – transfer to reserve – Council agreed to leave in;
  - Field Rink – Council supported. The Mayor requested it be put on the record that the report could have been brought to Council for discussion.
  - Playgrounds – Council supported upgrades;
  - Dehumidifier/Heat Exchanger – Council did not support;
  - Verner Gym – Council supported;
  - Sturgeon Falls Beach – was managed through operations last year and feels that it can be handled for 2021 through operations;
  - Cache Bay Rink – there is sufficient funding in operations to maintain the rink to an acceptable standard until 2022;
- A short general discussion followed regarding some additional points including the beach, Museum, Sturgeon Falls Sign, Nature’s Trail and Pine Poultry Road
  - Council discussed the matter of the levy proposed to fund the WN General Hospital CT Scanner; the Director of Corporate services advised that the levy, as proposed, does not meet the legal requirements of the *Municipal Act* and would have to be added to the overall budget and borne over the entire tax base.

➤ Due to the lateness of the hour, it was agreed that the matter would be further discussed at the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**D)    ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT**

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**D-1**    Confirm the proceedings of Council.

**No. 2021/139**    Moved by:    Councillor C. Fisher  
                         Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2021/29** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its BUDGET meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

**D-2**    Adjourn the meeting of Council.

**No. 2021/140**    Moved by:    Councillor C. Fisher  
                         Seconded by: Councillor D. Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the BUDGET meeting of Council held on April 14, 2021 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

« Mayor Joanne Savage »  
JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

« Melanie Ducharme »  
MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK