



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

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**  
**ON MONDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</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. 2021/52** Moved by: Councillor L. Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the BUDGET meeting of Council held on March 1, 2021 be adopted as ☒ presented / ☐ amended.

**CARRIED**

**C) 2021 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS / PRÉSENTATION BUDGÉTAIRES POUR L'ANNÉE 2021**

**C-1 (a) 2021 Operating Budget – Introduction and Opening Remarks**

- The Mayor provided opening remarks;
- The CAO provided an introduction and brief summary of 2020;
- The Chair of General Government provided opening remarks;
- Prior to beginning, The Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer provided information relating to the specific impacts on budgets by the pandemic resulting in the surplus shown on the Summary of all categories;
- The Director provided a summary of all categories before moving on to the Appendices, including the reserves and the Municipality's debt analysis.

**C-1(b) Mayor and Council**

- The Director presented the Mayor and Council Budget
- Questions were raised regarding the amounts budgeted for conferences and legal expenses (2020);

**MOTION FOR RECESS**

**No. 2021/53** Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor L. Malette

At approximately 2:40 PM, a motion was tabled for a brief ☒ 15 minute recess; following which Council discussions will continue resume.

**CARRIED**

**C-1(c) Corporate Services**

- The Director presented the Budget for Corporate Services;
- It was highlighted that MPAC had put a hold on the new 4-year assessment roll-out which was to have occurred in 2020;
- Significant revenue losses were seen in lottery licensing due to closure of the bingos
- Councillors had an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions to the corporate services budget

**C-1(d) By-Law Enforcement**

- The Director provided information concerning the cessation of the funding which had been provided by the province for the implementation of the cannabis legislation;
- The Director provided a summary of the 2020 activities of by-law enforcement staff, particularly as it related to actions relating to COVID (patrols, education, assisting other departments, COVID Assessment Centre, etc.)
- The Director noted that ticket revenue is down due to the fact that less tickets were issued as a result of Covid;
- The Director sought input from council relating to by-law enforcement service levels due to the loss of funding;
- Council expressed some concerns with the vehicle expenses, but agreed that By-law enforcement is necessary;
- Some Councillors asked for a report of activities of the by-law enforcement officers in order to assess the proposed budget.
- The CAO sought concurrence from Council that the information being sought is requested by all of Council;

**C-1(e) COVID – 19**

- The Director noted that there was no budget for COVID in 2020 due to unknown;
  - The Director provided a summary of the revenues and expenses relating to COVID including staff re-deployment, administrative costs, PPE, IT
  - 2021 outcomes are unknown, but allowances have been made for the same expenses incurred in 2020;
- Prior to closing, the Mayor summarized her notes, containing questions and/or information which had been requested in the course of the discussions.
- Grants and where allocated list;
- By-law enforcement activity report
- The CAO stated that the issue of Animal Control is not a budgetary discussion, but rather an operational one and should be dealt with at Council;
- The matter of unused dedicated reserves was raised and the Director of Corporate Services indicated that the information can be provided;
- Buildings which are being paid for with rental revenue was raised by Councillor Duhaime;
- It was agreed that discussions would continue on March 3, 2021 at 1:00PM

**D) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT**

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

**No. 2021/54**      Moved by:      Councillor C. Fisher  
                         Seconded by:      Councillor L. Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2021/10** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its BUDGET meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

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

**No. 2021/55**      Moved by:      Councillor C. Fisher  
                         Seconded by:      Councillor L. Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the BUDGET meeting of Council held on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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*« Mayor Joanne Savage »*  
JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

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*« Melanie Ducharme »*  
MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK