



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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd, 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

Councillor Roveda raised a point of order concerning the prior declaration of conflict of interest declared by the Mayor and Councillor L. Sénécal. The Mayor over ruled the point of order and reiterated that it is the responsibility of every member of council to determine whether he or she is in a conflict of interest. Councillor L. Sénécal also stated that she does not believe she is in a conflict of interest, but will speak to the matter further later in the meeting.

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

B) AGENDA and ADDENDUM / ORDRE DU JOUR et ADDENDA

B-1 Adopt the Agenda.

No. 2021/228 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on June 22, 2021 be adopted as
 presented / amended.

CARRIED

C) DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS / DÉLÉGATIONS ET PÉTITIONS NIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

D-1) COMMUNITY SERVICES / SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES

D-1(a) Continuation of discussion re: Museum – NOHFC Funding

The Director of Corporate services provided information regarding the long-standing loan owed by the Museum to NOHFC. Following discussion, Council directed staff to commence settlement discussions with NOHFC in the range of 5 – 6% of the outstanding loan balance.

« Mayor Joanne Savage »
(vacant)
Acting Chair

« Stephan Poulin »
Stephan Poulin,
Director of Economic Development and
Community Services

D-2) PUBLIC WORKS / TRAVAUX PUBLICS

D-2(a) Continuation – Discussion re: Dovercourt land acquisition

The Manager of Public Works continued the discussion regarding the proposed acquisition by the municipality of lands at the north end of Dovercourt which would permit looping of the water and to address the situation at the north end of Dovercourt regarding the through-traffic concerns. The owner is willing to sell the lands at the same amount as he acquired it in the range of \$50K – \$55K. Council was in favour of commencing discussions with the landowner with a view of alleviating the traffic issues on Dovercourt.

« Yvon Duhaime »

Yvon Duhaime,
Chair

« Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau »

Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,
Chief Administrative Officer

D-3) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION

D-3(a) Offer to purchase – Unopened allowance of Northcote Ave. and Unopened Argyle Ave.

The Planner presented Council with information pertaining to an offer of purchase for the above noted municipal lands. Council agreed with staff recommendation and staff was directed to proceed with the disposition of the lands in accordance with the municipality’s land disposition policy.

D-3(b) Offer to purchase – Unopened allowance of Lorne St.

The Planner presented Council with information pertaining to an offer of purchase for the above noted municipal lands. Council agreed with the proposed closure and conveyance of ½ of the unopened road allowance provided that abutting owners are given notification of the proposed disposition and opportunity to raise concerns and/or acquire the remaining part.

D-3(c) Offer to purchase – Vacant land adjacent on Morin St, Field

The Planner presented Council with information pertaining to an offer of purchase for the above noted municipal lands. Council had no concerns with the proposed disposition provided that the lands are added to the holdings of the individual and are not proposed to be sold as individual lots.

D-3(d) Offer to purchase – Vacant landlocked property in Cache Bay

The Planner presented Council with information pertaining to two offers of purchase for the above noted municipal lands. Council concurred with staff recommendation that the lands be disposed of by public tender with a reserve bid based on an appraisal.

« Denis Sénécal »

Denis Sénécal,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Municipal Planner

MOTION FOR RECESS: No. 2021/229 **Moved by:** Councillor L. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

At approx. 7:47 PM, a motion was tabled for a brief 15-minute recess; following which the meeting will continue.

CARRIED

D-4) EMERGENCY MEASURES AND PUBLIC SAFETY / MESURES D'URGENCE ET SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

D-4(a) Discussion re: Fireworks By-Law (J. Savage)

The Mayor raised concerns about fireworks being discharged in urban areas. The Mayor indicated that other communities have enacted by-laws which prohibit certain types of fireworks which travel in excess

of 10m. The Mayor sought direction from Council to permit the Fire Chief to look into amendments to the by-law and also the use of fireworks during a legislated fire ban.

« Christopher Fisher »

Christopher Fisher,
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »

Melanie Ducharme,
Clerk

D-5) SEWER AND WATER / LES ÉGOUTS ET L'EAU

D-5(a) Discussion re: Usage of water filling stations at public sites

The CAO advised Council of concerns raised by residents over the mis-use of the municipal filling station. Residents are concerned because the Verner water supply is already sensitive and that the amounts of water being taken are in excess of what the intent of the filling station is meant for. Residents also indicate that they are paying for the water and people who are not contributing to the system are using it without contribution. The CAO recommended turning that filling station off. The problem also exists in Sturgeon, however to a lesser extent. Council was in general support of temporarily closing the Verner water filling station until an investigation into whether there is a means of monitoring or metering can be implemented.

« Dan Roveda »

Dan Roveda,
Chair

« Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau »

Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,
Chief Administrative Officer

REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE

E) UNFINISHED BUSINESS / AFFAIRES EN MARCHÉ

E-1 Authorize payment of Council members' legal fees

No. 2021/230 Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
Seconded by: Councillor R. Larabie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes ~~the Head of Council to authorize~~ [amendment] and approve the following invoices, payable to **CAZA SAIKALEY SRL/LLP**.

INVOICE NUMBER	FILE NUMBER	INVOICE DATED	AMOUNT
# 10765	1803	Dec-17-2020	\$ 7,020.36
# 10765	1804	Dec-17-2020	\$ 7,020.36

A recorded vote was requested:

	YEAS	NAYS
DUHAIME, Yvon	✓	
FISHER, Christopher		✓
LARABIE, Roland		✓
MALETTE, Léo		✓
ROVEDA, Dan		✓
Ward 7 (vacant)		
SÉNÉCAL, Denis	✓	
SÉNÉCAL, Lise	✓	
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)	✓	

DEFEATED

E-2 Appointment to WN Library Board

Motion tabled: Moved by: Mayor Joanne Savage
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

Requesting that the resolution to fill the WN Public Library Board vacancy be deferred to the July Council meeting; in order to provide the Mayor with the opportunity to have a discussion with Councillor Fisher.

DEFERRAL DEFEATED

No. 2021/231 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

WHEREAS the resignation of Councillor Jeremy Seguin created a Council appointed vacancy on the West Nipissing Public Library Board;

AND WHEREAS at the meeting held on May 4th, 2021, the Mayor invited members of Council to submit their interest for appointment to the West Nipissing Public Library Board;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT having received expressions of interest, that Councillor **CHRIS FISHER** be appointed to the West Nipissing Public Library Board, for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 term.

CARRIED

E-3 Approve Council Summer Meeting Dates for July and August

No. 2021/232 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

WHEREAS during the meeting held on June 1st, 2021; Council considered the proposed dates for the summer Council meetings for July and August 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following dates be set for the meetings of Council to be held on:

- Tuesday, **JULY 13th, 2021** at 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, **AUGUST 17th, 2021** at 6:30 PM

CARRIED

F) CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS / COMPTES ET COURRIER

F-1 Adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

No. 2021/233 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council held on May 4th, 2021 be adopted, as presented / amended.

CARRIED

F-2 Adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

Motion tabled: Moved by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

Requesting that declarations of pecuniary interest stated under Item 'A' of the May 12th minutes be removed.

DEFEATED

No. 2021/234 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on May 12th, 2021 be adopted, as presented / amended.

CARRIED

F-3 Adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

No. 2021/235 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council held on June 1st, 2021 be adopted, as presented / amended.

CARRIED

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

No. 2021/236 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Malette

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

BOARD / COMMITTEE NAME	MEETING DATES
West Nipissing Committee of Adjustment	• April 12, 2021
Au Château Board of Management	• March 18, 2021
WN Public Library Board	• April 8, 2021
North Bay Parry-Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU)	• February 24, 2021
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB)	• March 24, 2021 • April 28, 2021

CARRIED

F-5 Receive the MARCH Disbursement Report

No. 2021/237 Moved by: Councillor D. Roveda
Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payables disbursement sheets for **MARCH 2021** be received.

CARRIED

F-6 Correspondence – Integrity Commissioner findings re: Investigation #25.

Report from Integrity Commissioner (IC) pertaining to Investigation #25 including IC recommendation were shared with Council. Highlights were provided, discussion ensued with Councillor D. Sénécal making an altered recommendation from that of the IC.

No. 2021/238 Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests that Councillor C. Fisher be required to provide a public apology to Council and the WN Police Board by way of a ¼ page advertisement in the Tribune in response to Investigation #25

CARRIED

F-7 Correspondence – Integrity Commissioner findings re: Investigation #29.

Report from Integrity Commissioner (IC) pertaining to Investigation #25 including IC recommendation were shared with Council. Highlights were provided, discussion ensued.

No. 2021/239 Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the recommendation of the Integrity Commissioner regarding the outcome of Investigation #29.

CARRIED

G) NOTICE OF MOTION / AVIS DE MOTIONS

H) ADDENDUM / ADDENDA NIL

I) INFORMATION, QUESTIONS & MAYOR’S REPORT / INFORMATION, QUESTIONS ET RAPPORT DU MAIRE

I-1 The Mayor gave her report.

J) CLOSED MEETING / RÉUNION À HUIS CLOS

Pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act (2001)

J-1 Proceed into closed meeting.

No. 2021/240 Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor L. Malette

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

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - (i) Human Resources Investigation – CAO Complaint - Unresolved
 - (ii) Procurement Process – Tender File

CARRIED

MOTION TO EXTEND CURFEW: **No. 2021/241** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

At approx. 9:30 PM, a motion was tabled to extend the meeting beyond the regular curfew in order to proceed with the agenda

DEFEATED

J-2 CLOSED minutes

↳ Due to time constraints, matter deferred to next meeting.

J-3 Adjourn the closed session.

No. 2021/242 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed meeting of Council held on June 22nd, 2021 be adjourned at 9:32 PM in order to proceed with the regular meeting

CARRIED

K) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

K-1 Confirm the proceedings of Council.

No. 2021/243 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2021/50** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 22nd day of JUNE 2021, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

K-2 Adjourn the meeting of Council.

No. 2021/244 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council held on JUNE 22nd, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

« Mayor Joanne Savage »
JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR

« Melanie Ducharme »
MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK