



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 1st, 2022 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 Addendum

No. 2022/38 Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Addendum for the meeting of Council held on February 1st, 2022 be adopted,
as ☒ presented / ☐ amended.

CARRIED

B-2 Adopt the Agenda

No. 2022/39 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
Seconded by: Councillor R. Larabie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on February 1st, 2022 be adopted, as
☒ presented / ☐ amended.

CARRIED

C) DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS / DÉLÉGATIONS ET PÉTITIONS

C-1 Receive Petition re: Request for natural gas, water and sewer infrastructure

Council received a petition signed by residents of Pierre Rd, Dutrisac Rd, Promenade du Lac, and Garden Village Road requesting the Municipality to implement natural gas, water and sewer infrastructure on their respective roads. Matter will be brought forward to a future meeting for discussion.

C-2 Receive Petition re: Request water and sewer infrastructure

Council received a petition signed by residents of Quesnel Road (between Nipissing and Dutrisac Road) requesting the Municipality to implement water and sewer infrastructure on their road. Matter will be brought forward to a future meeting for discussion

D) **Closed Meeting / Réunion à huis clos**

Pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act* (2001)

D-1 Proceed into closed meeting to discuss the following:

- No. 2022/40** Moved by: Councillor R. Larabie
 Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime
- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 (i) RFP – Property on E/S Villeneuve Court

CARRIED

D-2 Adjourn the closed session

- No. 2022/41** Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
 Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CLOSED meeting of Council held on FEBRUARY 1, 2022 be adjourned at 6:43 PM in order to proceed with the regular meeting

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

E-1) **GENERAL GOVERNMENT / GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL**

E-1(a) Vaccine Policy – Clarification re: Running for Council Seat (C. Fisher)

Council discussed a request by Councillor Fisher for clarification on the municipal vaccine policy as it relates to proposed persons wishing to run for council. The CAO indicated that the *Municipal Elections Act* governs the eligibility requirements for municipal elections, not local policy documents and that the municipal vaccine policy will not preclude any member of the public, vaccinated or unvaccinated, from submitting his or her name to run for municipal office. Mr. Barbeau also stated that the municipality intends to deal with the HR matters arising out of the application of the policy in a fair and consistent manner. The municipality will continue to follow public health directives and advice and will take all circumstances into consideration when making HR decisions.

E-1(b) 2022 Proposed Budget Process and Dates

The CAO requested direction from Council on the 2022 budget process and dates. Staff are putting the budget together and suggested the last Saturday in February as a beginning. The intent is to present a final document with which Council can make concrete decisions without any unnecessary back and forth. Following discussion, Council was not in agreement to meet on Saturdays and staff will compile a list of proposed evening dates.

Lise Sénécal,
Chair

Melanie Ducharme,
Clerk

- MOTION FOR RECESS:** **No. 2022/42** Moved by: Councillor C. Fisher
 Seconded by: Councillor Y. Duhaime

At approx. 8:02 PM, a motion was tabled for a 15-minute recess; following which the meeting will continue.

CARRIED

E-2) **Planning / Planification**

E-2(a) Sale of municipal land – Counter-Offers for:

- i) Morin Street, Field
- ii) Dovercourt Road, Sturgeon Falls;
- iii) Access to landlocked property on Cholette Street

The Planner provided Council with various counter-offers received from interested purchasers. Council directed staff to advise all purchasers that no less than the lower end of the appraised value would be accepted and purchasers are responsible for all associated costs. The Dovercourt proposal being in accordance with the municipal policy was accepted.

E-2(b) RFP – Villeneuve Court

Ciouncil discussed an RFP for vacant municipal lands on Villeneuve Court. During discussion it was determined that Council was evenly split in its decision on whether to accept the proposal or not; therefore the proposal was not accepted.

Denis Sénécal,
Chair

Melanie Ducharme,
Municipal Planner

E-3) Emergency Measures and Public Safety / Mesures d'urgence et sécurité publique

E-3(a) Request to amend the Off-Road Vehicle By-Law *(R. Brouillette)*

Council received a request from R. Brouillette seeking to amend the Off-Road Vehicle By-Law to add new types of vehicles. Following discussion, the majority of Council agreed that the Off-Road vehicle by-law be amended in order to incorporate the new types of vehicles into the current by-law.

E-3(b) No Wake Zone at Lavigne Bridge *(D. Sénécal)*

Councillor D. Sénécal submitted a request seeking a reduction in the speed limit at and approaching the bridge in Lavigne. Staff was directed to look into the requirements with Transport Canada to implement such a limit and to return to Council with additional information.

E-3(c) COVID-19 Update *(verbal)*

The Director of Economic Development and Community Services informed Council that the re-opening of facilities (arena) is proceeding without incident, so far. Capacity limits are in place for spectators and there are screeners at all facilities ensuring that spectators are vaccinated and adhering to health protocols. In addition, there was a short discussion concerning

Christopher Fisher,
Chair

Melanie Ducharme,
Clerk

MOTION TO EXTEND CURFEW: **No. 2021/43** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor R. Larabie

At approx. 9:32 PM, a motion was tabled to extend the meeting beyond the regular curfew in order to proceed with the agenda

DEFEATED

➤➤➤ All remaining agenda matters will be carried to the next Council agenda.

N) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

N-1 Confirm the proceedings of Council.

No. 2022/44

Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2022/22** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 1st day of FEBRUARY 2022, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

N-2 Adjourn the meeting of Council.


No. 2022/45 Moved by: Councillor L. Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor C. Fisher

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council held on FEBRUARY 1, 2022 be adjourned.

CARRIED



JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR



MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK