

# MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

**Present:** Mayor Tom Piper and Councillors Tom Butler, Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey and Dave Yemm.

**Staff:** Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman; Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis; Land Planning and Technology Administrator Deputy Treasurer John-Paul Negrinotti and Administrative Assistant-Deputy Clerk Kristin Linklater.

**Zoom:** Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

**Guests:** Scott Gardiner, Hospice Coordinator with Near North Palliative Care Network.

**Disclosure of pecuniary interest:** Councillor Shelly Foote for Item #10 on the Agenda.

Scott Gardiner, Hospice Coordinator with the Near North Palliative Care Network provided an overview of the services provided and volunteer needs of the program.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Councillor Dave Yemm:** Nipissing Township Museum Board.

**Councillor Shelly Foote:** Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee.

**Councillor Steve Kirkey:** North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Source Protection; Powassan District Union Public Library Board.

**Mayor Tom Piper:** Powassan Maple Syrup Festival; Eastholme Home for the Aged Board of Management; Sturgeon Nipissing French River Water Group meeting.

## **R2023-108 D. Yemm, S. Kirkey:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held April 18, 2023, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

## **R2023-109 S. Foote, T. Butler:**

That we award Tender NIP-PW-2023-5, Double Surface Treatment and Reseal of Birchgrove Phase 3 to Duncor Enterprises Inc. Total Tender price \$176,634.70, including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

## **R2023-110 D. Yemm, S. Kirkey:**

That we award Tender NIP-PW-2023-6, supply, crush and apply approximately 3,500 Tonnes of 7/8" Crushed Quarry Granite to Birchgrove Drive to Evan Hughes Excavating. Total tender price \$70,992.25, including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

## **R2023-111 T. Butler, S. Foote:**

That we award Tender NIP-PW-2023-7, approximately 3,500 Tonnes of Quarried B Granite, to be picked up by the municipality to Evan Hughes Excavating. Total Tender price \$48,448.75, including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

## **R2023-112 D. Yemm, T. Butler:**

That we award Tender NIP-PW-2023-8, approximately 3,500 Tonnes of Crushed Quarry Granite, to be picked up by the municipality to Evan Hughes Excavating. Total Tender price \$41,527.50, including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

**R2023-113 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:**

THAT we donate \$100.00 to the Almaguin Secondary School Graduation Awards Program. **Carried.**

Councillor Shelly Foote declared pecuniary interest for Item #10 on the Agenda as she is an owner of Foote's Store, affected by the outcome of the Resolution for operating on a statutory holiday. Councillor Foote left the room for the discussion of this item.

**R2023-114 D. Yemm, T. Butler:**

WHEREAS the Retail Business Holidays Act requires retail businesses to be closed on the following holidays: Victoria Day; Canada Day; Labour Day; Thanksgiving; Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Christmas Day and New Year's Day;

AND WHEREAS Family Day is also considered a statutory holiday;

AND WHEREAS Operators may wish to remain open and the Township of Nipissing does not have business licencing requirements nor any objection to operation of small businesses during statutory holidays;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Nipissing approves the operation of retail businesses, including the operation of LCBO outlets, within the boundaries of the Township on statutory holidays. **Carried.**

Councillor Foote returned to the room.

**R2023-115 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:**

WHEREAS the cost of Policing and Emergency Services affects northern, rural communities' ability to support local social and health issues;

AND WHEREAS there are several instances of criminal offenders, those suffering from addiction and/or those suffering from mental illness with a direct correlation to the commission of criminal acts where they are not being housed in the correction system; therefore, remaining in communities where they are not able to receive the necessary treatment for addiction or mental health issues;

AND WHEREAS in some instances, these individuals may become violent but are being released back into the community creating a danger in the community;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has requested municipal support in their appeal to the Federal Government for Legislative changes on Bail Reform, specifically:

1. Create a Designation of a chronic, persistent offender.
2. Allow community impact statements at bail hearings.
3. Creating reverse onus in the bail systems for all firearms offences.
4. All bail-related firearm offences be heard before the Superior Court for bail release.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing support FONOM's appeal for Bail Reform and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to FONOM, MP Anthony Rota, MPP Victor Fedeli and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). **Carried.**

**R2023-116 D. Yemm, S. Foote:**

That we pass By-Law Number 2023-28, being a By-Law to adopt a Code of Conduct for the Members of Council in the Township of Nipissing. **Carried.**

**R2023-117 S. Kirkey, D. Yemm:**

That we pass By-Law Number 2023-29, being a By-Law to adopt a Municipal Position Description for the Museum Staff positions for the Township of Nipissing. **Carried.**

**R2023-118 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:**

That we pass By-Law Number 2023-30, being a By-Law to licence trailers within the Township of Nipissing. **Carried.**

**R2023-119 D. Yemm, T. Butler:**

That we accept the correspondence as presented. **Carried.**

**R2023-120 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:**

That the statement of accounts dated: April 25 and May 1, 2023; totaling \$35,736.67 be approved. **Carried.**

**R2023-121 D. Yemm, T. Butler:**

That we pass By-Law No. 2023-31, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on May 2, 2023.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023. **Carried.**

**R2023-122 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:**

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:35 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held May 16, 2023. **Carried.**

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:

Minutes prepared as per Section 228 (1)(a) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

Clerk to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the council.

Minutes to be approved by Council at the next regular Council Meeting.