

# MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING  
Tuesday, December 19, 2023

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, December 19, 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, Stephen Kirkey, Shelly Foote and Dave Yemm.

**Staff:** Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis; Office Assistant-Intern Kim Turnbull; Land Planning and Technology Administrator-Deputy Treasurer John-Paul Negrinotti; Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

**Disclosure of pecuniary interest:** Councillor Shelly Foote.

## Committee Reports:

**Councillor Stephen Kirkey:** Powassan District Union Public Library Board.

**Mayor Tom Piper:** Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Management (Pines).

## R2023-233 D. Yemm, T. Butler:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held December 5, 2023, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

## R2023-234 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Lions Club for the Christmas Basket program. **Carried.**

## R2023-235 T. Butler, D. Yemm:

THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports Catherine Fife, MPP Waterloo, request for an amendment to the Long-Term Care, 2021 Act for the provision of adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together. **Carried.**

## R2023-236 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

WHEREAS recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

WHEREAS every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

WHEREAS violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same; and called for changes to the Criminal Code; and

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing Council recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including public health, EMS, community services and community safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Nipissing declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;

AND THAT a copy of the Resolution be sent to Vic Fedeli, MPP; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. **Carried.**

**R2023-237 D. Yemm, T. Butler:**

THAT we donate \$100 to the Near North Crime Stoppers for programming. **Carried.**

**R2023-238 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:**

THAT the Township of Nipissing supports requests to Transport Canada for the investigation of issues identified regarding Floating Accommodations;

AND THAT consideration be given to the following points:

- Additional legislation regarding the discharge of greywater;
- A permit system for floating accommodations be introduced by the NDMNRF;
- Placement of a floating accommodation be restricted to 7 days on a waterway;
- Restrictions on floating accommodation to not permit placement within 300m of a developed lot or within a narrow water body of 150 m.

AND THAT this Resolution be forwarded to MPP Vic Fedeli, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for consideration.

**Carried.**

**R2023-239 D. Yemm, S. Kirkey:**

THAT we accept the RFP submission from TransCanada Safety for the provision of SCBA units and supplies as specified.

Total cost before taxes \$138,512.79 for delivery in 2024 and inclusion in the 2024 Budget. **Carried.**

**R2023-240 S. Foote, T. Butler:**

THAT we accept the Quote supplies from Timberwolve Construction Inc. for blown-in insulation at Fire Department – Station 1.

Total cost before taxes \$8,000. To be included in the 2023 Capital budget, completing the roof replacement project and repairs. **Carried.**

**R2023-241 T. Butler, D. Yemm:**

THAT we appoint Firefighters to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department as provided on Appendix A to this Resolution. **Carried.**

Council reviewed the current 2023 Budget report and received an update.

**R2023-242 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:**

That we transfer the machine credit for the Road Equipment, Landfill Equipment and Fire Apparatus to reserve at the end of 2023;

That we transfer the remaining software funding to reserve pending the finalization of the project in 2024, amount \$68,885.07;

That we transfer the NORDS Grant funds received, \$97,679.54, to a designated reserve fund, as required;

That we transfer the revenue collected from the Bottle Drive, \$6,332.45, into a designated Recreation Department reserve. **Carried.**

**R2023-243 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:**

WHEREAS By-Law Number 2021-05 provides the positions required to compose the Township of Nipissing Emergency Management Program Committee;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing appoints the Mayor as the Chairperson of the Emergency Management Program Committee. **Carried.**

**R2023-244 S. Foote, D. Yemm:**

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2023-47, being a By-Law to extend an agreement for the provision of fire communication (call taking, call alerting) Services for the Township of Nipissing Fire Department. Read a first, second and third time and passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. **Carried.**

**R2023-245 S. Foote, D. Yemm:**

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2023-48, being a By-Law to authorize a Shared Services Agreement with the Municipality of Callander and the Municipality of Powassan for the provision of Building Inspector Back-Up Service for the Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. **Carried.**

**R2023-246 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:**

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2023-49, being a By-Law to establish the remuneration and payment of expenses to members of Council.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. **Carried.**

**R2023-247 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:**

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2023-50, being a By-Law to amend the Remuneration Schedule in the Township of Nipissing Pay Equity Plan and update the Human Resources Policy Manual.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. **Carried.**

**R2023-248 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:**

That this part of our meeting will be closed to the public as authorized by Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, for consideration of the following subject matter:

(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Council to receive a proposal to update municipal staff in municipal roles.

Time: 7:14 p.m. **Carried.**

Staff members Kim Turnbull, Dan MacInnis, John-Paul Negrinotti and Will Bateman left the meeting.

**R2023-249 D. Yemm, S. Foote:**

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time: 7:27 p.m. **Carried.**

Councillor Shelly Foote declared a pecuniary interest for #9 of the Correspondence listing. The item was a Resolution from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding Modernizing Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales. Councillor Foote owns a retail establishment with an LCBO outlet. Councillor Foote left the meeting for the discussion of #9 of the Correspondence listing and returned to meeting at the conclusion of the discussion.

**R2023-250 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:**

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

**R2023-251 S. Foote, D. Yemm:**

That the statement of accounts dated: December 4, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 15, 2023; totaling \$281,078.84 be approved. **Carried.**

**R2023-252 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:**

That we pass By-Law No. 2023-51, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 19, 2023.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December. **Carried.**

**R2023-253 S. Foote, D. Yemm:**

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:44 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held January 2, 2024. **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.