

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, July 11, 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, Land Planning and Technology Administrator-Deputy Treasurer John-Paul Negrinotti, Administrative Assistant-Deputy Clerk Kristin Linklater and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: Councillor Shelly Foote.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Dave Yemm: Nipissing Township Museum Board.

Councillor Shelly Foote: Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee.

Councillor Tom Butler: Callander Hec Lavigne Dedication Ceremony.

Mayor Tom Piper: Eastholme Home for the Aged Board of Management.

R2023-147 D. Yemm, S. Foote:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held June 20, 2023, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

R2023-148 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it most;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing understands that every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing understands that the Federal National Housing Strategy allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in Community Housing Network as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national Community Housing Network relative to every other province and territories;

AND WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the Federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing;

AND WHEREAS the lack of ongoing Federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with Federal homelessness funding to Ontario through Reaching Home, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of Community Housing Network nationally;

AND WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of Reaching Home funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing understands the Federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long-term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project;

AND WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national Canadian Housing Network amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal National Housing Strategy;

AND WHEREAS the Federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the Social Housing Agreement for several decades through Federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

AND WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the Federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing would appreciate the Federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main National Housing Co-Investment Fund program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories Repair Fund under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing wishes to request that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's Housing Supply Action Plans into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the Social Housing Agreement and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the Rapid Housing Initiative's 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing urges the Federal Government to provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all of our residents;

AND FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, MP Anthony Rota; MPP Vic Fedeli; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

Carried.

R2023-149 D. Yemm, S. Kirkey:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Council does approve “in principle” the Application of Richard and Mary Wynia, to purchase the Shore Road Allowance located in front of Plan M146, Lot 20, PCL 8076, Township of Nipissing.
2. That this resolution is subject to the following conditions:
 - The Council shall select an independent search firm specializing in fishery issues and environmental issues to complete an independent investigation and report to determine the geographic limits where development could occur and to ensure compliance with the Provincial Policy Statement.
 - That the applicant will be responsible for the payment of all the Municipality’s administrative, legal accounts and Environmental Impact Study costs in connection with the processing of this application.
 - That in accordance with the Municipality’s policy, notice and a copy of the draft plan will be mailed to the adjacent owners. **Carried.**

R2023-150 T. Butler, S. Foote:

That we appoint Debbie Rennette to the Nipissing Township Museum Board for the remainder of the Council term. **Carried.**

R2023-151 D. Yemm, T. Butler

That we pass By-Law Number 2023-35, being a By-Law to deem part of Registered Plan 42M592 in the Township of Nipissing not to be a part of a Registered Plan of Subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(4) of the Planning Act.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 11th day of July, 2023. **Carried.**

R2023-152 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:

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

Councillor Shelly Foote declared pecuniary interest in the Accounts Payable as her personal business is listed as a payee. Councillor Foote left the room for this Agenda item.

R2023-153 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

That the statement of accounts dated: June 22, 27 and 29, July 5 and 7, 2023; totaling \$635,242.49 be approved. **Carried.**

Councillor Foote returned to the Council table.

R2023-154 T. Butler, D. Yemm:

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

(e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

(k) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Review of options in on-going municipal property legal matter.

Time: 6:57 p.m. **Carried**

R2023-155 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time: 7:45 p.m. **Carried.**

R2023-156 T. Butler, D. Yemm:

That we pass By-Law No. 2023-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on July 11, 2023.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 11th day of July, 2023. **Carried.**

R2023-157 D. Yemm, S. Kirkey:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:47 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held August 15, 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.