MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, October 3, 2023

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, October 3, 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.
Guest: Ed Veldboom, Russell Christie LLP, via Zoom.
Staff: Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis; Administrative Assistant-Deputy Clerk Kristin Linklater; 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: None.

Committee Reports:
Councillor Shelly Foote: Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee
Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Powassan District Union Public Library Board – event update.
Mayor Tom Piper: Eastholme Home for the Aged Board of Management, SNF Lake Advisory Committee.

Delegation: David Cernanec provided a presentation on public concerns shared by the group "Save the Rock".

Mayor Piper read a prepared list of previously provided concerns and resulting information on the matter of "The Rock".

R2023-186 D. Yemm, S. Foote:
THAT Council authorizes the procurement of a peer review of the survey work of the shore road allowance in front of Pt Broken Lot 11, Concession 19, for the purpose of confirming the location. All costs for these inquiries to be included in the 2024 Budget and payment supplied by taxation.
Defeated.
Ed Veldboom left the meeting.
A two minute recess was called to allow audience members the opportunity to leave.

R2023-187 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:
That the minutes of the Council meeting held September 19, 2023, be adopted as published.
Carried.

R2023-188 T. Butler, D. Yemm:
That we authorize the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club for use of municipal road allowances.
Appendix A – Snowmobile Trails on Township Roads and Road Allowances.
Appendix B – Map detailing trails on Township Roads and Road Allowances. **Carried**.

R2023-189 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:
THAT we authorize the Mayor to sign a letter requesting reconsideration of Central Ambulance Communication Centre (CACC) boundaries between Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts as it affects call-taking and alerting services for the Township of Nipissing Fire Department. **Carried.**

R2023-190 S. Foote, D. Yemm:
WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

AND WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate;

AND WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs;

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nipissing strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by $4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, AMO, NOSM, FONOM and the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association.
Carried.

R2023-191 T. Butler, D. Yemm:
THAT we accept the resignation of Doug Walli as a Township of Nipissing representative appointed to the Powassan District Union Public Library Board and the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Management, effective immediately. **Carried.**

Discussion of the Draft Strategic Plan included public input from those in attendance and in writing.

R2023-192 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:
That we accept the correspondence as presented. **Carried.**

R2023-193 D. Yemm, S. Foote:
That the statement of accounts dated: September 28, 2023; totaling $176,568.77 be approved.
Carried.

R2023-194 S. Foote, T. Butler:
That we pass By-Law No. 2023-41, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on October 3, 2023.
Read a first, second and third time and passed this 3rd day of October. **Carried**.

R2023-195 D. Yemm, S. Kirkey:
That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:02 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held October 17, 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.