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COUNCIL MEETING: February 2, 2010
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Multi Purpose Room on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard Harvey	Mayor
Greg Harper	Councillor
Barry Laukkanen	Councillor
Hoss Pelletier	Councillor
Lindsay Mannila	Clerk

Regrets:

James Foulds	Councillor
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Councillor Harper declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 8 c) OPG Fire Agreement.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 022-2010

Laukkanen, Harper and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of January 19, 2010, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 023-2010

Laukkanen, Harper and carried:

That the payment of accounts as listed on the following Payment Voucher be and the same is hereby confirmed and approved.

Payment Voucher No. 005-2009	\$ 176,930.31
Payment Voucher No. 006-2009	\$ 30,762.87

Resolution No. 024-2010

Harper, Laukkanen and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend the Council meeting procedural By-law ;
That the By-law be read a first and second times;
That the said By-law be read a third time;
Finally passed and numbered By-law Number 1694 of the Township of Nipigon.

North Shore Golf Club - request for tax relief was discussed and referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution No. 025-2010

Pelletier, Laukkanen and carried:

That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign an amending agreement with Engineering Northwest Limited to update the fees for Contract Administration during the Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade at an estimated cost of \$368,535.00.

Engineering Northwest Ltd. - notice regarding public comment on the Class Environmental Assessment, Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade for the Township of Red Rock.

Ministry of Transportation - memorandum regarding Preliminary Aggregate Sources List for Highway 628 improvement project.

Nipigon Bay AOC Public Advisory Committee - recommendation regarding Beneficial Use Impairments, delisting and how new Aesthetics issues would be treated.

Ministry of Transportation - letter of reply to concerns regarding the corridor between Stillwater Bridge and the Nipigon River Bridge.

RECREATION

Resolution No. 026-2010

Laukkanen, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby approves a donation to Nipigon Elks Minor Hockey by setting ice time rental fees at \$500. For the weekend of February 5 - 7, for the annual Elks Men's and Women's fundraising hockey tournament.

Resolution No. 027-2010

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the funding application to Superior North Community Futures Development Corporation by the Land of the Nipigon Waterways Development Association and the Nipigon Red Rock Rendezvous Cross Country Ski Club for the purchase of self powered and walk behind brush mowers.

CEMETERY

Resolution No. 028-2010

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That Council hereby approves an increase to the Cemetery Committee Secretary stipend to \$55. per month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 029-2010

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the Funding applications of Shelley and David Foulds for the re-development of a business as a potential beneficial tourism accommodation enhancement for Nipigon's downtown core.

Ministry of Natural Resources - notice of second stage of consultation regarding the National Marine Conservation Area in Lake Superior.

Heart of the Continent Partnership - invitation to general meeting on February 4 and 5 in Thunder Bay, Mayor Harvey is planning to attend.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 030-2010

Laukkanen, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby accepts the 2009 Annual Report of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department as prepared by Fire Chief Roy Cross.

Resolution No. 031-2010

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk entering into an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources for Forest Fire Protection;

That the By-law be read a first and second times;

That the said By-law be read a third time;

Finally passed and numbered By-law Number 1695 of the Township of Nipigon.

Council reviewed the current Fire Protection Agreement with Ontario Power Generation and will consider fees and/or possibly in kind donations in lieu of fee increase for the next agreement.

SUNDRIES

Thunder Bay District Health Unit - minutes of meeting on December 8, 2009

NOMA - copy of pre-budget consultations for Northwestern Ontario presented to the Ministry of Finance Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

H. Lemelin, Associate Prof, Lakehead University - request for letter of support from the Township community research projects.

Resolution No. 032-2010

Harper, Laukkanen and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the position of Tom Walters Children's Centre and many other Provincial Youth Welfare Agencies requesting the Province ensure sufficient funding is in place for the provision of vital youth mental health services in Ontario.

Resolution No. 033-2010

Pelletier, Laukkanen and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the Heart and Stroke Foundation Spark Together for Healthy Kids program to raise public awareness and encourages healthy physically active children's activities.

Resolution No. 034-2010

Pelletier, Harper and carried:

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Whereas the mandate of the Thunder Bay Port Authority is “to promote and invest in the efficient integration of marine, rail, and road transportation systems and participate in the region’s economic development”; and

Whereas the activities of the Port of Thunder Bay and Thunder Bay Port Authority have significant direct and indirect impact on the economic development of the Thunder Bay region and Northern Ontario as a whole; and

Whereas recent exploration and mining developments in the region would benefit greatly from enhanced and expanded marine transportation in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas other ports and potential ports such as Nipigon/Red Rock, Terrace Bay and Marathon would benefit from an integrated Port Authority representing all of Northern Ontario;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Nipigon requests that the Thunder Bay Port Authority expands it’s activities to include all present and potential ports and shipping in Northern Ontario and become, in essence, the Northern Ontario Port Authority.

And Further that this resolution be forwarded to Minister John Baird, Transportation Canada, Joe Comuzzi, Chair - IJC, Greg Rickford MP - Kenora and the municipal members of NOMA.

OTHER BUSINESS

- budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office meeting room.

- invitation to attend the Northwestern Ontario Immigration Portal Launch on March 24, Councillor Pelletier will try to attend.

- request by Top of Superior Thrift Shop to install signage being applied for through SNCFDC.

Resolution No. 035-2010

Laukkanen, Pelletier and carried:

That this meeting do now convene to an in-camera (closed) session to consider matters respecting the potential sale of real property.

Resolution No. 036-2010

Harper, Laukkanen and carried:

That this meeting do now re-convene to an open session.

Resolution No. 037-2010

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on motion of *Laukkanen, Harper and carried.*

_____MAYOR

_____CLERK