

TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON
COUNCIL MEETING: April 20, 2010
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Municipal Office Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 098-2010

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of April 6, 2010, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 099-2010

Pelletier, Foulds 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. 015-2009	\$ 100,528.42
Payment Voucher No. 016-2009	\$ 24,556.61

Resolution No. 100-2010

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That this council hereby directs the Treasurer to prepare the final 2010 Tax and Budget By-laws for Council consideration based on the attached schedules 1 - 3 and 2010 Municipal Levies at 0% increase.

Ministry of Finance - correspondence regarding the regulation to set education tax rates for 2010.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution No. 101-2010

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby accepts recommendation No. 2 from the Marina Adhoc Committee meeting minutes of April 15, 2010.

Engineering Northwest - invitation to public consultation on April 28, regarding the Red Rock Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade.

Ontario News Release - update on Highway 11/17 projects.

Marina Adhoc Committee - Council reviewed minutes from April 15, and discussed future developments and areas of concern regarding the marina.

RECREATION

Resolution No. 102-2010

Pelletier, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the applications of the Nipigon Fall Fishing Festival to the Federal Department of Heritage under the Local Festivals component of the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program and to the Ontario Tourism Marketing Event Partnership Program for wider promotion outside this area.

Nipigon Red Rock District High School - thank you letter from Girls Curling Team 2010.

Canyon Country Challenge - notice of "Fit for Heart" Run/Walk on June 12, 2010.

TNT Martial Arts - notice of upcoming Tournament and request for donation.

Note: Item 10 b) moved ahead.

Resolution No. 103-2010

Foulds, Harper and carried:

Whereas the Minister of Health and Long Term Care Deb Matthews has proposed to reform Ontario's drug system by eliminating professional allowances provided to pharmacies,

And whereas Minister Matthews believes that professional allowances exist primarily "...to fund fringe benefits, bonuses, overhead costs and boost profits",

And whereas these professional allowances were actually created by the Ontario (McGuinty) government in 2006 to fund the many aspects of patient care provided by pharmacists to their patients that would go otherwise unfunded (blister packaging, over-the-counter medication consultations, deliveries, one-on-one patient consultation, trouble shooting unsafe prescriptions such as allergies and dangerous interactions, insurance issues, flu clinics, free health promotion clinics, blood sugar and blood pressure monitor training, etc),

And whereas the profession of pharmacy has evolved into an essential source of health care provision, health care information, and health care triage to the people of Canada,

And whereas by eliminating professional allowances, these "free" yet essential services would either be jeopardized or come with an additional charge,

And whereas by eliminating professional allowances, the health of Ontarians who rely on these pharmacy services would be at risk,

And whereas the government's plan to offset the cut professional allowances by raising the dispensing fee from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per prescription would still be much too small to cover the average cost of filling a prescription (upwards of \$13.00 per prescription) forcing pharmacies to lay off staff, significantly cut services, lengthen wait times, and/or declare closures,

And whereas communities who stand to lose the most are small rural communities, those who have few other health care facilities/services, and those who have a shortage of other health care professionals.

Now, therefore, the community of Nipigon does not support the current Drug System Reform proposed by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care,

And therefore, supports the pharmacists of Ontario in suggesting that Minister Matthews consider a Drug System Reform that reduces the cost of drugs without jeopardizing the health care services that pharmacists provide on a day-to-day basis.

And therefore, calls upon the Province of Ontario and the pharmacies to re-open negotiations to find an amicable solution.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 104-2010

Pelletier, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department meeting of April 6, 2010, are hereby adopted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 105-2010

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That the Economic Development Staff Report of April 20, 2010, recommendations numbers 1 to 5, regarding the Cruise Ship Celia II are hereby approved.

Resolution No. 106-2010

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby approves continued support for the 13th Annual Hike for Health on September 25, 2010, through a \$1,000. sponsorship.

Resolution No. 107-2010

Laukkanen, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby approves recommendation number 1, as amended, regarding planting of trees, from the Economic Development Committee meeting of April 8, 2010.

Ministry of Tourism and Culture - copy of Ontario Tourism Facts & Figures publication.

NOHFC - correspondence regarding Marina Development Funding.

CEMETERY

Resolution No. 108-2010

Pelletier, Foulds and carried:

That the Cemetery Committee meeting minutes of March 18, 2010, are hereby adopted.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Resolution No. 109-2010

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby approves a BearWise Community Funding 2010 application to the Ministry of Natural Resources for community bear resistant containers.

SUNDRIES

Nipigon Public Library - minutes from meetings of March 3 and 31, 2010.

Community Services Presentation - discussed how these plans are proceeding.

Regional Food Distribution Association - thank you letter and update on services.

Lakehead University - Tourism and Community Development Workshop, April 29, Mayor Harvey to attend.

AMO - copy of report to members on the March 2010 Board Meeting.

Resolution No. 110-2010

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby approves the Grace United Church holding their annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Resolution No. 111-2010

Laukkanen, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby declares Thursday, May 27, 2010, as the CNIB Vision Health Day in Nipigon and that the Mayor issue the usual proclamation in connection therewith.

Resolution No. 112-2010

Laukkanen, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Muskoka Lakes respecting the request for the Province to consider providing access to funding assistance to support cost impacts to both public and private sectors to meet the AODA standards.

Resolution No. 113-2010

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby endorses the resolution of the NOMA Board of Directors regarding the ESA and its primary objectives being met through the CFSA and FMPs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Pelletier gave his regrets for the next Public Works Committee meeting

Resolution No. 114-2010

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That this meeting do now convene to an in-camera (closed) session to consider matters respecting municipal employees.

Resolution No. 115-2010

Harper, Laukkanen and carried:

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

Resolution No. 116-2010

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That the CAO is authorized to sign a two year employment contract extension agreement with Sarah Lewis as the EDO of the Township of Nipigon.

Resolution No. 117-2010

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on motion of *Foulds, Pelletier and carried.*

_____MAYOR

_____CLERK