

A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Municipal Office Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Louise Dupuis	Acting Mayor
Levina Collins	Councillor
James Foulds	Councillor
Gordon Mackenzie	Councillor
Lindsay Mannila	Clerk

Acting Mayor Louise Dupuis declared a conflict regarding item 4a) Marina proposal.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 094-2011

Foulds, Mackenzie and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of April 5, 2011, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 095-2011

Mackenzie, Dupuis 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. 015-2011	\$	88,291.60
Payment Voucher No. 016-2011	\$	23,101.99

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution No. 096-2011

Foulds, Collins and carried:

That this Council hereby approves recommendation numbers 1 - 3 from the Public Works Superintendent dated April 15, 2011.

Council heard a proposal from Nicole Dupuis regarding services and programs she would like to offer at the Marina this summer. Council discussed the proposal with her and asked a few questions but deferred a decision until further consideration by the committees involved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 097-2011

Foulds, Mackenzie and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department meeting of April 6, 2011, are hereby adopted and that recommendation number 1 is approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 098-2011

Collins, Foulds and carried:

That recommendation numbers 1, 2 and 3 from the Economic Development Committee meeting of April 13, 2011, are hereby approved.

Recommendation No. 4 referred to the Marina Committee for discussion at their next meeting.

Councillors Foulds and Mackenzie would like to attend the Lakehead University Forestry Workshop.

Resolution No. 099-2011

Collins, Mackenzie and carried:

That this Council hereby approves an application to the Rural Economic Development Program of OMAFRA to complete a website development project jointly with the Township of Red Rock at a total estimated cost of \$65,000 and municipal shares of \$3,250.

NOSTA - received a copy of their April 2011 newsletter.

Lakehead University - roundtable discussions to take place addressing different economic sectors.

RECREATION

Blueberry Blast Committee - minutes from meeting of March 10, 2011.

MUSEUM

Resolution No. 100-2011

Collins, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the Museum Board meeting of April 11, 2011, are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1 - 7 are approved.

Councillor Foulds noted that he was not advised of the meeting.

SUNDRIES

2011 Seniors Supper - invitation for annual dinner being held on May 28th, Council will send a representative.

Township of Red Rock - copy of correspondence to Union Gas regarding staffing cuts, Nipigon will send a similar letter of concern.

NOMA -

North Superior Workforce Planning Board - copy of 2009 - 2012 Labour Market Action Plan.

AMO - information regarding accessible communities; Town Hall sessions with LAS

Ontario Arts Council - report on the Arts and Quality of Life: The Attitudes of Ontarians.

Resolution No. 101-2011

Collins, Mackenzie and carried:

That this Council hereby adopts the attached Township of Nipigon 2010 Election Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

Resolution No. 102-2011

Mackenzie, Foulds and carried:

Whereas over 80% of Canadians now live in urban areas and have come to rely on the environmental, ecological and economic benefits of urban forests;

And Whereas the health of Canadians is sustained by their urban forests which provide services through improving air quality, cooling city streets and buildings, acting as a windbreak, shading from harmful UV rays, and filtering storm water, as well as beautifying our communities;

And Whereas neither the federal nor provincial governments currently include urban forestry in their mandates except in a limited role with respect to exotic, invasive pests;

And Whereas the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has not been able to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer throughout Ontario and Quebec;

And Whereas the Emerald Ash Borer is expected to cost Canadians over \$2 Billion dollars in treatment and replanting;

And Whereas Canadian forestry programs and research are solely focussed on industrial forests and do not at present include urban tree planting, appropriate species research, and insect control and management;

And Whereas other jurisdictions such as the United States Forest Service and the European Urban Forestry Research and Information Centre include urban forestry as a program and research area;

And Whereas Canada engages municipalities in a number of substantial infrastructure programs;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Nipigon calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to take leadership roles in recognizing the need to support urban forestry, by establishing urban forestry mandates and programs which includes funding assistance to municipalities for the control and management of the Emerald Ash Borer and any future significant imported diseases and insects -as well as the creation and funding of programs designed to support the on-going sustainable management of urban forests.

Resolution No. 103-2011

Collins, Mackenzie and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the resolutions of the Region of Halton and City of Mississauga regarding the request for the Province of Ontario to consider directing a portion of HST collected on Gasoline and Diesel sales towards predictable transportation infrastructure funding.

Resolution No. 104-2011

Collins, Mackenzie and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Parry Sound requesting the MHLTC amending the Emergency Medical Service funding formula to a similar level provided to the DSSAB.

Resolution No. 105-2011

Foulds, Collins and carried:

That this meeting do now convene to an in-camera (closed) session to consider matters respecting a proposed purchase of municipal property, Senior of the Year nomination and legal matters of the municipality.

Resolution No. 106-2011

Collins, Mackenzie and carried:

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

Resolution No. 107-2011

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on motion of *Mackenzie, Foulds and carried.*

_____ ACTING MAYOR

_____ CLERK