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COUNCIL MEETING, April 22, 2008
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard Harvey	Mayor
Jonah Dupuis	Councillor
James Foulds	Councillor
Greg Harper	Councillor
Hoss Pelletier	Councillor
Lindsay Mannila	Clerk

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

AUDIENCE

OPP Staff Sergeant Anderson presented Council with the 1st Quarter Report for 2008 and briefly reviewed the stats therein. Also noted was that a review was being prepared for 24/7 policing and the costing summary for the 2007 policing final costs for the Township.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 119-2008

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of April 8, 2008 are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk .

FINANCE

Resolution No. 120-2008

Foulds, Pelletier 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- 2008	\$ 23,731.03
Payment Voucher No. 016- 2008	\$ 51,409.32

Resolution No. 121-2008

Dupuis, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby authorizes the use of Federal Gas Tax funds to pay for and hire Suncorp Valuation Ltd. to complete the phase 1 and 2 PSAB/AMP Asset Inventory, Valuation and Management Plan with City Wide AMP software program at a cost of \$45,000.

Correspondence:

Ministry of Finance – creation of a new “residual commercial class” for property tax purposes which would not appear to impact significantly the Nipigon Commercial Class.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution No. 122-2008

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of April 15, 2008, are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1 - 14 are approved.

Council received correspondence regarding the replacement of the sidewalk on Fourth Street from the Royal Bank to the laneway past the Silver Club which happened to be one of the PWC recommendation.

RECREATION

Correspondence:

Ontario Realty Corporation - clarification on property selection and lease agreement - Council did call CAO to work with ORC for a lease with outlined exception

Superior North CFDC - notice to 100th Birthday Committee and the Township that their applications for funding through Local Initiatives grants were unsuccessful

Ride of a Lifetime - press release with details of this fundraiser for diabetes research

Fall Fishing Festival - notice of successful grant application for equipment and marketing

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*Province of Ontario - announcement regarding Ontario Family Fishing Weekend, July 4-6, 2008
Land of Nipigon Waterways - minutes of general meeting on March 13, 2008*

MARINA

Resolution No. 123-2008

Harper, Dupuis and carried:

That this Council hereby accepts recommendations 1 and 2 from the Marina Committee meeting on April 2, 2008.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 124-2008

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department meeting of April 1, 2008, are hereby adopted and that Ryan Dutil's resignation is accepted with regrets.

MUSEUM

Resolution No. 125-2008

Dupuis, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Historical Museum meeting of April 7, 2008, are hereby adopted.

Council discussed the Museum Use Policy provided by the Museum Board

CEMETERY

Council received notes from the Cemetery Committee, meeting of April 17 had no quorum. There was also a discussion regarding the annual removal of flowers from the Cemetery after April 30th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Correspondence:

Downtown Revitalization – meeting with consultant, Habib, to be held April 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Superior North CFDC– annual general meeting, Tuesday, April 29, in Terrace Bay

Minister of the Environment - notice of appointments to the advisory board for the National Marine Conservation Area

SUNDRIES

Correspondence:

Township of Dorion – notice of hosting next Quad Council meeting on May 14, 2008

Superior North EMS – enhancement of emergency medical services in Nipigon

Minister of Natural Resources – follow up on OGRA meeting with delegates

ODA Accessibility – correspondence regarding access in Nipigon's downtown core

City of Ottawa –resolution regarding education property taxes

Thunder Bay DSSAB - information regarding the Regional Food Distribution Association

Resolution No. 126-2008

Pelletier, Dupuis and carried:

That this Council supports the Grace United Church in holding their annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10, 2008.

Resolution No. 127-2008

Dupuis, Harper and carried:

That this Council supports the Township of North Frontenac resolution that requests the Province of Ontario exempt all municipalities with a population under 10,000 from paying provincial sales tax to assist with supporting infrastructure.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Mayor Harvey provided information regarding the Sunora 2008 Superior Sailing regatta in July
- MOE's proposed Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act, 2008

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- Council noted their disappointment that the resolution regarding Hydro One's enabling lines was not considered at the NOMA meeting
- Finance/Budget meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office
- Councillor Harper brought forth ideas to consider regarding programs for youth and the possibility of having a recycling depot set up somewhere in town
- CPR to be contacted regarding idling of work train on tracks for long periods of time and the resulting diesel fumes

Resolution No. 128-2008

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby accepts with regrets the resignation of Jonah Dupuis from his position on Council with the final effective date to be determined.

Resolution No. 129-2008

Foulds, Harper and carried:

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

Resolution No. 130-2008

Foulds, Harper and carried:

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

Resolution No. 131-2008

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on motion of *Foulds, Harper and carried.*

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK