

**TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON
COUNCIL MEETING, April 8, 2008
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, April 8, 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

Michael Elliott, Epic Adventures, gave a quick explanation regarding the planned Bike Race on the Bald Spot trail on August 16, 2008. He would like to link the Township's website to his site to help with promotion of the event. Also discussed was insurance for participants and a liability waiver.

OPP Sargeant Brent Anderson will attend the Council meeting of April 22, to provide actual costs for 2007 policing, an update on the 24 hour policing issue and possibly discuss further the plans for a new OPP detachment building.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 104-2008

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of March 25, 2008 are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk .

FINANCE

Resolution No. 105-2008

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. 013- 2008	\$ 29,507.76
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Payment Voucher No. 014- 2008	\$ 187,851.79
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Resolution No. 106-2008

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby confirms receipt of the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation of March 31, 2008;

That the \$49,677 allocated to the Township of Nipigon by the province will be used for municipal road and bridge capital investment needs;

That a final summary report detailing expenditures, use of provincial funding, and outcomes achieved shall be submitted to the Ministry and the Ministry may request an independent audit of the project; and

That any funds intended for the project that are not used in accordance with rehabilitation of municipal road and bridge capital investment needs or the terms outlined above will be returned to the Ministry.

Council received notice from Infrastructure Ontario that our application for funding under the MIII program was unsuccessful. Council will continue to explore other ways of completing most likely using a project manager for the Library/Municipal Office and there will be a general meeting on April 21 to meet with local tradesmen who would be interested in being involved with the project.

Correspondence:

AMO Gas Tax Funding – monies to be spent on PSAB and AMP are eligible, a resolution will be brought to next Council Meeting.

Ministry of Finance – information regarding Bill 35 - Investing in Ontario

PUBLIC WORKS

A letter of concern from a local businessman was referred to the Public Works Committee for consideration at their next meeting.

Council received correspondence providing follow up and updates from meetings with various Ministers at the OGRA/ROMA convention.

RECREATION

Resolution No. 107-2008

Harper, Dupuis and carried:

That the minutes of the Recreation Commission meeting of March 31, 2008, are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1-4 and 6 are approved.

Resolution No. 108-2008

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That the Recreation Department 2008 Summer Student Wage Schedule is hereby approved.

Resolution No. 109-2008

Harper, Dupuis, and carried:

That the minutes of the 100th Birthday Celebration meeting of April 3, 2008, are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1 and 2 are approved.

Council discussed the SERCO Travel Point agreement and requested CAO Mannila to try to negotiate a rental rate of \$75.00, an increase of \$20.00 per diem.

Correspondence:

Nipigon Elks Club - update on club status and projects from M. Nicol.

Parks and Recreation Ontario - copy of report on trends and a request for support regarding infrastructure funding for recreation.

Live from the Rock - notice of fundraiser on April 26, 2008.

Blue Berry Blast - information regarding the committee becoming a committee of Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Correspondence:

GEOMA – nomap.ca, a virtual mapping application

Renewable Energy Conference – Canwindpower workshop on April 23, in Dorion. Councillor Pelletier plans to attend.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Council received the By-law Enforcement reports for the months of December/07 and January, February and March of 2008.

Council received additional correspondence regarding Hydro One's request for exemption to the Pesticide By-law.

Resolution No. 110-2008

Foulds, Dupuis and carried:

That this Council hereby approves the submission of an application for 2008 Community Funding to complete a Bear Wise Community Hazard Assessment jointly with the Township of Red Rock and Red Rock Indian Band.

MARINA

Resolution No. 111-2008

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the Marina Committee meeting of March 5, 2008, are hereby adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A request from the Fire Chief to purchase a telecorder was referred to the Fire Department finances and budget with a recommendation from the minutes.

CEMETERY

Resolution No. 112-2008

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting of March 27, 2008, are hereby adopted.

SUNDRIES

Correspondence:

NOMA – resolutions for consideration at the 2008 AGM, April 16 - 19, in Thunder Bay

Land of Nipigon Waterways – information regarding funding application for signage

Minister Responsible for Seniors – Senior of the Year 2008 nominations

Township of Hilliard – resolution regarding abolishment of hand guns

AMO – information regarding Municipal Infrastructure Funding - Building Canada Fund

Resolution No. 113-2008

Dupuis, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the position of the North Shore Mayor's Group respecting the Thunder Bay DSSAB contracting of services through municipalities.

Resolution No. 114-2008

Dupuis, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby endorses the resolution of the City of Port Colborne requesting a fair Provincial funding mechanism to assist municipalities with implementing the requirements of O.Reg 429/07.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 115-2008

Harper, Dupuis and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement/lease between the Corporation of the Township of Nipigon and Shaw Cablesystems Limited;

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 1655 of the Township of Nipigon.

NOSSA – request for office space in the Tourist Information Centre

Culture as EDC Workshop in Thunder Bay on April 7/08 - Mayor's report.

Paddle to the Sea - costing information, set up meeting at NCC for April 23/08 with Habib

NOMA – schedule for AGM and Conference, April 16 - 19 in Thunder Bay, Mayor Harvey and Councillor Pelletier to attend.

Resolution No. 116-2008

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That this meeting do now convene to an in-camera (closed) session to consider confidential matters respecting identifiable individuals.

Resolution No. 117-2008

Harper, Foulds and carried:

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

Resolution No. 118-2008

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. on motion of *Foulds, Harper and carried.*

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK