

TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON
COUNCIL MEETING: December 1, 2009
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Councillor Foulds declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 7e, FireDog Communications.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 323-2009

Pelletier, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of November 17, 2009, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

AUDIENCE

Jeff Zechner, President of the Nipigon Curling Club, attended the meeting and provided Council with current financial statements for the Club and an outlined of planned events for this year which should lead to increased revenues.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 324-2009

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. 045-2009	\$ 113,386.37
Payment Voucher No. 046-2009	\$ 33,764.98

CAO L. Mannila presented Council with a report on water costing and full cost recovery review for 2009. A By-Law to increase water rates for 2010 will be brought to Council in January.

Council received an update on the Federal Gas Tax Fund Extension from AMO. The annual allocation for Nipigon from this program is \$107,485.00, between 2010 - 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS

CAO Mannila provided a quick update on the Sewage Treatment Plant contract.

Resolution No. 325-2009

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the municipality with Norall Group Contracting Inc. For the construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade at a price of \$5,219,388.90.

Resolution No. 326-2009

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of November 24, 2009, are hereby adopted.

Resolution No. 327-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby accepts the Water and Sewer Services Extension Master Plan completed by Genivar and that this Council endorses the Preferred Alternative as identified in the Master Plan.

HPW Resources - correspondence regarding Geographical Information Systems and Land Asset Inventories.

CEMETERY

Resolution No. 328-2009

Pelletier, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the Cliffside Cemetery Committee meeting of November 19, 2009, are hereby adopted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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NOSTA - call for nominations, minutes from last year's AGM and registration form for this year's Annual General Meeting on December 18, 2009.

Land of Nipigon Chamber of Commerce - minutes of meeting on October 15, 2009.

Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area - information regarding the Interim Management Advisory Board and membership list.

Local businessmen, Brad Larson, Gary Lange and Ray Rivard spoke to Council about their request for funds towards expenses of attending a Fly Fishing Trade Show in New Jersey. Council and EDO Sarah Lewis spoke regarding the Township's strategy and budget for marketing materials, attendance at trade shows and that this request would be brought to EDC.

Resolution No. 329-2009

Harper, Laukkanen and carried:

That this Council hereby approves the hiring of Firedog Communications to complete a Nipigon broad based asset inventory and community profile at a cost of \$8,000.00.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Council received an outline of services proposed by BTS Network for alternative transportation and an explanation of how the Township's By-law would have to be amended to allow operation in Nipigon.

Resolution No. 330-2009

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the efforts of the BTS Network to provide low cost alternative public transportation service focused on Health, Community Access and Sport and Entertainment opportunities to the Region.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 331-2009

Laukkanen, Harper and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department meeting of November 3, 2009, are hereby adopted.

SUNDRIES

Thunder Bay District Health Unit - minutes from meeting of October 20, 2009.

Quad Council - minutes from meeting of November 18, 2009. Councils will send letters of support for the hydro transmission line projects and the extension of funding for the labour adjustment centres.

HST - correspondence from the Critic for Urban Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the impact the proposed HST will have on municipalities.

Ministry of Environment - invitation to participate in a municipal stakeholder consultation regarding the Role of Waste Diversion in the Green Economy, to be held in Thunder Bay on December 11, 2009.

Ministry of Natural Resources - notice of information centres in 2010 to review the Black Spruce Forest Management Plan for 2011 - 2021.

Ontario Heritage Trust - copy of Heritage Matters publication.

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration - information regarding nominations for volunteer recognition.

Township of Madawaska Valley - resolution regarding changes to property assessment values.

McNab/Braeside Disaster Relief Committee - request for financial assistance.

Resolution No. 332-2009

Pelletier, Laukkanen and carried:

That this Council hereby accepts the resolution of the Nipigon Public Library Board and approves the preparation of the required ownership transfer documentation.

OTHER BUSINESS

- H1N1 Flu Virus update from Thunder Bay District Health Unit

- Thunder Bay District Municipal League Meeting in Nipigon on December 12, 2009

- Councillor Laukkanen will represent Council at the CPR Holiday Train, town staff will provide hot chocolate.

- Councillor Pelletier noted the announcement of a mine around Aroland and the possibility of their requiring a train line to a northshore community and requested that CDO S. Lewis should look into this further.

- G. Clearwater mentioned vehicles parking too close to the corner on Third Street, crafters setting up on the sidewalk around the municipal building during the summer, and the possibility of the Township installing water meters in the future.

IN-CAMERA

Resolution No. 333-2009

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Pelletier, Laukkanen and carried:

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

Resolution No. 334-2009

Harper, Laukkanen and carried:

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

Resolution No. 335-2009

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on motion of *Pelletier, Foulds and carried.*

_____MAYOR

_____CLERK