

**TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING: December 15, 2009**  
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Front Office Meeting Room on Tuesday, December 15, 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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MINUTES

**Resolution No. 336-2009**

*Foulds, Pelletier and carried:*

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of December 1, 2009, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

FINANCE

**Resolution No. 337-2009**

*Foulds, Laukkanen 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. 047-2009	\$ 168,224.81
Payment Voucher No. 048-2009	\$ 26,798.94

**Resolution No. 338-2009**

*Pelletier, Foulds and carried:*

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize entering into an agreement amending the OSTAR funding;

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 1688 of the Township of Nipigon.

CAO Mannila reviewed with Council, the proposed year end transfers from and to the reserve funds. AMO - notice of Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations, the Township's allocation is down slightly from 2009.

PUBLIC WORKS

**Resolution No. 339-2009**

*Foulds, Harper and carried:*

That the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of December 8, 2009, are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1 - 5 are approved.

Correspondence received regarding sliding in laneways was referred to the Public Works Committee for consideration at their next meeting.

MUSEUM

**Resolution No. 340-2009**

*Harper, Pelletier and carried:*

That the minutes of the Nipigon Historical Museum Committee meeting of November 2, 2009, are hereby adopted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Resolution No. 341-2009**

*Pelletier, Harper and carried:*

That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of December 9, 2009, are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1 - 3 are hereby approved.

**Resolution No. 342-2009**

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*Pelletier, Harper and carried:*

Be it resolved that the Nipigon Town Council supports the Nipigon Ministry of Natural Resources in its efforts to secure funding from Canada-Ontario agreement respecting the Great Lakes Basin for fishery rehabilitation projects in the Nipigon River, including the Bass Creek Project and an evaluation of the Nipigon Marina Breakwater.

**Resolution No. 343-2009**

*Harper, Foulds and carried:*

That the minutes of the Marina Adhoc Committee meeting of December 4, 2009, are hereby accepted.

*NOMA* - announcement regarding appointment of Charla Robinson as Executive Director.

*NOSTA* - slate of nominees for election at the annual general meeting.

*Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce* - response to proposed growth plan for Northern Ontario. CDO Sarah Lewis to draft a letter for Quad Council that supports the Townships' position.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Resolution No. 344-2009**

*Harper, Laukkanen and carried:*

That the minutes of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department meeting of December 1, 2009, are hereby adopted.

**PLANNING**

Council received correspondence regarding the Tree By-Law. After lengthy discussion, Council directed the CAO to re-convene a Tree By-Law Committee to consider the options and also prepare a notice version of the By-law for Council's consideration.

*Nipigon Bay Remedial Action Plan* - minutes from meeting of November 9, 2009 and agenda for meeting on December 14, 2009. Council discussed de-listing and the impact of such on funding as compared to being an Area of Concern.

**SUNDRIES**

*Ministry of Natural Resources* - notification regarding the Lake Superior Archipelago Planning Project. Council discussed the impact on recreational users and would like more information and possibly a presentation to Council.

*AMO* - bulletin regarding changes to the Municipal Elections Act and the 2010 Training Sessions being offered regarding Heads of Council.

*Forum for Young Canadians* - information and registration package for 2010 Conference.

*Madawaska Valley* - resolution regarding water rates.

*City of Oshawa* - resolution regarding bonding for key holders for apartment buildings and condominiums.

*Niagara on the Lake* - resolution regarding the OMPF special assistance funding.

*County of Grey* - resolution regarding health effects of industrial wind turbines.

**Resolution No. 345-2009**

*Foulds, Harper and carried:*

That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board for funding towards a Community Wellness Program.

**Resolution No. 346-2009**

*Pelletier, Foulds and carried:*

That this Council hereby supports the resolution of the Municipality of Shuniah with respect to their concern with HST and its impact on groups such as seniors.

**Resolution No. 347-2009**

*Foulds, Laukkanen and carried:*

That this Council hereby supports the resolution of Durham Region respecting the Ombudsman being authorized to investigate public complaints about hospitals.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- announcement regarding funding for a Family Health Team for Nipigon District Memorial Hospital

- plans for the Olympic Torch Relay and wind up for Nipigon Centennial on January 3, 2010

**IN-CAMERA**

**Resolution No. 348-2009**

*Pelletier, Foulds and carried:*

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

**Resolution No. 349-2009**

*Harper, Laukkanen and carried:*

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

**Resolution No. 350-2009**

*Foulds, Laukkanen and carried:*

That this Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and CAO signing the Union Agreement with CUPE for the years April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2011, with Schedule A wage rate increases of 1% and 2% respectively in 2009 and 2010.

**Resolution No. 351-2009**

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m. on motion of *Foulds, Pelletier and carried.*

\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

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