

TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON
COUNCIL MEETING: February 10, 2009
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard Harvey	Mayor
James Foulds	Councillor
Barry Laukkanen	Councillor
Lindsay Mannila	Clerk

Regrets:

Greg Harper	Councillor
Hoss Pelletier	Councillor

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 023-2009

Foulds, Laukkanen and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of January 20, 2009, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution No. 024-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the municipality, an Offer to Grant Easement to Hydro One Networks for the property described as part of the east half of Lot 10 Concession 5.

Ministry of Transportation - notice of study regarding highway improvements from Golf Course Road to Highway 628 and copy of notes from meeting of January 28, 2009, with Councillors and staff.

Council reviewed a copy of final directional signage for Highways 11 and 17 junction and requested the CAO to advise of concern with lack of signage for Nipigon and Nipigon businesses area.

RECREATION

Resolution No. 025-2009

Foulds, Laukkanen and carried:

That the minutes of the Recreation Commission meeting of February 2, 2009, are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1 - 3 are approved.

Resolution No. 026-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Centennial Committee meeting of December 15, 2008 and January 26, 2009, are hereby adopted and that recommendation number 1 of January 26th is approved.

Resolution No. 027-2009

Foulds, Laukkanen and carried:

That this Council hereby declares the 100th Anniversary week long celebrations in August as a significant community festival and that specifically the Dance/Social hosted by Nipigon Elks on the evening of Saturday, August 1, 2009, is designated by this Council as a significant municipal event.

Resolution No. 028-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize entering into a lease agreement for use of the community centre with Ontario Realty Corporation;
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 1669 of the Township of Nipigon.
Council received information from EPCOR regarding Sports and Arts Awards being offered through their Road to Champions program and verified that copies were forwarded to committees and groups.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 029-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize entering into a ground lease agreement with 1346861 Ontario Inc. (Rexall);

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 1668 of the Township of Nipigon.

Premier Ranked Tourist Destination - Final report to be presented on February 12, 10:30 a.m. in the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

Council received a copy of the FedNor publication - Northern Spirit, Partner in Success.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 030-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department meeting of January 13, 2009, are hereby adopted.

MARINA

Resolution No. 031-2009

Foulds, Laukkanen and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Marina Committee meeting of January 14, 2009, are hereby adopted.

Mayor Harvey gave a quick report on his attendance at the Minneapolis boat show in January.

SUNDRIES

Ontario Provincial Police - information regarding updated Cost Recovery Formula for municipalities and announcement of 100th year of policing in Ontario

EcoSuperior - workshop on Nipigon Bay Area of Concern to be held March 3 in Nipigon

Thunder Bay District Municipal League - notice of annual meeting and conference in Thunder Bay on March 6 and 7, 2009

AMO - notice of annual conference to be held in Ottawa from August 16 - 19, 2009

TBDSSAB - information regarding the Northern Homeowner Repair Program

Norampac - discussion re property moved to in-camera session

Cook Engineering - information regarding replacement of Frazer River and Bass Creek bridges

South Algonquin - resolution regarding alternative energy

Madawaska Valley - resolution regarding assessment freeze

Resolution No. 032-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Tay Valley regarding the request for the MOE to confirm the continued support for Ontario Waste Diversion Act.

Resolution No. 033-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby endorses the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting the request for the Provincial Government increase funding and support for the Homecare Access Program.

OTHER BUSINESS

- noted previous discussion regarding problem cats and willingness to consider an animal shelter proposal
- OPP quarterly report, audience with Sgt. Anderson, possibly for March 10th meeting
- Quad Council agenda - addition of presentation re quad council tourism marketing website
- M. Elliott's advised that his business will provide shuttle service to and from Thunder Bay Airport
- Ontario Trails Strategy meeting on February 13, 2009
- Caribou Strategy meeting on February 17, 2009
- meeting with LMMK, Public Works Superintendent and CAO regarding Sewage Treatment Plant on February 17, 2009

Resolution No. 034-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That this meeting do now adjourn to an in-camera session to consider matters respecting the appointment of a Fire Fighter and the potential acquisition including negotiation of real property.

Resolution No. 035-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That this meeting do now reconvene to an open session.

Resolution No. 036-2009

Foulds, Laukkanen and carried:

That this Council hereby approves the recommendation of the Fire Department to accept Ori Harty as a member of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department conditional upon the receipt by the Fire Chief of the required medical.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 037-2009

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. 005-2009	\$ 191,399.31
Payment Voucher No. 006-2009	\$ 40,602.92

Resolution No. 038-2009

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on motion of *Foulds, Laukkanen and carried.*

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK