

**TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON
COUNCIL MEETING: July 7, 2009**

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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, July 7, 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. 191-2009

Pelletier, Laukkanen and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of June 16, 2009, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 192-2009

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. 025-2009 \$ 458,815.25

Payment Voucher No. 026-2009 \$ 65,632.54

Resolution No. 193-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2009;

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 1676 of the Township of Nipigon.

Resolution No. 194-2009

Pelletier, Laukkanen and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law respecting the collection for taxes for 2009;

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 1677 of the Township of Nipigon.

Resolution No. 195-2009

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend the User Fee By-law Number 1556;

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 1678 of the Township of Nipigon.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution No. 196-2009

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Township, an agreement for funding with the Ministry of the Environment to complete an assessment of sanitary sewers.

Epic Adventures - request for summer students to do some work on the trail for the 2nd Annual Epic Adventures Mountain Bike Festival on August 15th. CAO and Public works will try to ensure that students are available.

AMO - notice that the WDO Used Tire Plan comes into effect September 1, 2009.

G. Lange - correspondence regarding requirements for an addition to existing building lot.

CAO will advise Mr. Lange of the minor variance required through the Committee of Adjustment.

RECREATION

Resolution No. 197-2009

Laukkanen, Pelletier and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend the No Smoking By-law Number 1579 of the Township of Nipigon;

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 1679 of the Township of Nipigon.

Resolution No. 198-2009

Pelletier, Laukkanen and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Centennial Committee meeting of June 22, 2009, are hereby adopted.

Resolution No. 199-2009

Laukkanen, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the Blueberry Blast Committee meetings of June 6 and 20, 2009, are hereby adopted.

Blueberry Blast Committee - presented Council with budget information and items to be purchased for annual use.

Resolution No. 200-2009

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby approves the hiring of Tessa Wright as a Tourism Counsellor at the applicable rate and Corey Anne Salo to provide cleaning at Lofquist Lake at \$50.00 per week.

CEMETERY

Resolution No. 201-2009

Pelletier, Laukkanen and carried:

That the minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting of June 18, 2009, are hereby adopted and that recommendation number 1 is approved.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 202-2009

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That the Mayor and CAO are hereby authorized to sign an agreement with NOHFC for funding for the 4th International Lakes Tourism Conference.

Chamber of Commerce - copy of correspondence sent to MTO requesting Community Information Sessions to update residents on the changes made to the original four-laning plan.

SUNDRIES

Nipigon Public Library - minutes from meeting of May 27, 2009

TVO - request to renew contract for the LPRT equipment in order to receive over the air delivery of TVO

TBDHU – 2008 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee – request for enrollment in Veterinary Assistance Program (declined).

Town of Arnprior – Canadian Nuclear Technology resolution

Township of Stirling-Rawdon – Municipal Drinking water Licence Plan resolution

Town of Innisfil – HST on Electricity Rates resolution

Resolution No. 203-2009

Harper, Foulds and carried:

WHEREAS the report of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR) recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets.

WHEREAS the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered.

WHEREAS these recommendations, if implemented by the federal government, would undermine public postal service and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Posts retail and delivery network.

WHEREAS the report proposes that Canada Posts highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or rationalizing a post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box or post office.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Nipigon write to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCS recommendations that would:

1. Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets.
2. Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or the representatives of rural delivery workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request that Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Posts retail and delivery network.

Resolution No. 204-2009

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby supports the resolution of the City of Welland respecting the request for the Provincial Government to improve the current funding model for our hospital system to ensure equal and reasonable access for all to necessary medical and health services.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 205-2009

Foulds, Laukkanen and carried:

That this Council hereby approves the hiring of Britney Dupuis as the summer student Municipal Office administrative assistant and the Township administering the payroll for the Fall Fishing Festival hiring of Marian Mickelson through Ontario Native Women's Association funding.

Resolution No. 206-2009

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby approves a \$100. donation to Opwaaganisiniing Pow Wow Committee for their 19th Annual Event.

- Councillor Laukkanen – thanked Fall Fishing Festival for running a competitive derby
- Front Street parking
- MNR requested two signs be installed at the Marina. Public Works to find an acceptable location
- Cross Canada roller blading trek fundraiser
- Mayor Harvey advised that wife is not attending AMO function

Resolution No. 207-2009

Laukkanen, Foulds and carried:

That this meeting do now convene to an in-camera (closed) session to consider personal matters regarding an individual, Union Negotiations and the potential sale of a parcel of property.

Resolution No. 208-2009

Harper, Laukkanen and carried:

That this meeting do now reconvene to an open session.

Resolution No. 209-2009

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

