

**TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON**

**COUNCIL MEETING: May 17, 2011**  
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Municipal Office Meeting Room on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard Harvey	Mayor
Louise Dupuis	Councillor
Levina Collins	Councillor
James Foulds	Councillor
Gordon Mackenzie	Councillor
Lindsay Mannila	Clerk

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests.

**MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 123-2011**

*Collins, Foulds and carried.*

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of May 3, 2011, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Deputy Clerk.

**FINANCE**

**Resolution No. 124-2011**

*Mackenzie, Collins 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. 019-2011	\$	221,790.73
Payment Voucher No. 020-2011	\$	22,887.64

**Resolution No. 125-2011**

*Foulds, Dupuis and carried.*

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to set Tax Ratios for 2011;

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 1719 of the Township of Nipigon.

**Resolution No. 126-2011**

*Foulds, Collins and carried.*

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to set Tax Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for 2011;

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 1720 of the Township of Nipigon.

*MPAC* - Council received the 2010 Annual Report and Financial Statements. It was noted that golf courses will be moving to an income based assessment.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Resolution No. 127-2011**

*Collins, Foulds and carried.*

That the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of May 10, 2011, are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1 and 2 are approved.

**Resolution No. 128-2011**

*Dupuis, Collins and carried.*

That this Council hereby endorses the Nipigon Drinking Water System Financial Plan as financially viable; and, that the Nipigon Drinking Water System Financial Plan be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Council received a request to install a sign to identify Sawmill Point. A temporary sign will be installed this spring.

*Ministry of Transportation* - Environmental Study Report Addendum re Highway Four-Laning between Highway 628 and Highway 585, available at the Municipal Office for public viewing.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Ontario Trillium Foundation* - notice that Signage Project application for funding was declined.

*Township of Red Rock* - correspondence that they would not participate in an appeal to Superior North CFDC regarding their decision to not grant Local Initiatives funding for a joint website.

*Northwestern Ontario Joint Task Force* - Economic Development Planning session on June 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, CDO Lewis and Councillors Collins and Foulds will attend.

*Northern Policy Institute* - background information and update on the Implementation Committee.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Thunder Bay Area EMO* - quarterly newsletter for January to March, 2011.

### RECREATION

*Blueberry Blast Committee* - minutes of meeting on April 7, 2011.

### PLANNING

#### **Resolution No. 129-2011**

*Collins, Dupuis and carried.*

That this Council hereby declares as surplus, for the purpose of selling to Tom Dampier as a lot addition to his 162 Greenmantle Drive property, described as Lot 15, Plan M306, the municipal property described as part of the West Part of Lot 12, Concession 2, Township of Nipigon, being approximately 60' x 60' and opposite his lot across the rear laneway.

#### **Resolution No. 130-2011**

*Mackenzie, Collins and carried.*

That this Council hereby declares as surplus, for the purpose of selling to Ken Tuuri as a lot addition to his 171 Harkness Street property, described as Lot 57, Plan 55M482, the municipal property described as part of Lot 18, Plan 745, Township of Nipigon, being approximately 25' x 140' and abutting his west side lot line.

#### **Resolution No. 131-2011**

*Collins, Foulds and carried.*

That this Council hereby confirms its approval, for the giving of notice in the Nipigon Red Rock Gazette, of the proposed sale of the municipal property described as part of the West Part of Lot 12, Concession 2, Township of Nipigon, being approximately 60' x 60' across the laneway and opposite Lot 15, Plan M305, that the sale will be on a first come first served basis (no public tender), an appraisal of the fair market value will not be required and that the purchaser will be responsible for all costs.

#### **Resolution No. 132-2011**

*Foulds, Dupuis and carried.*

That this Council hereby confirms its approval, for the giving of notice in the Nipigon Red Rock Gazette, of the proposed sale of the municipal property described as Part of Lot 18, Plan 745, Township of Nipigon, being approximately 25' x 140' abutting the west side lot line of Lot 57, Plan

55M482, that the sale will be on a first come first served basis (no public tender), an appraisal of the fair market value will not be required and that the purchaser will be responsible for all costs.

### MARINA

#### **Resolution No. 133-2011**

*Collins, Foulds and carried:*

That recommendation numbers 1 to 5 from the Nipigon Marina Committee meeting of May 12, 2011, are hereby approved.

Council received a clean up proposal from a Thunder Bay diver. CAO Mannila will follow up and forward information to the Marina Committee.

### SUNDRIES

*Nipigon District Memorial Hospital* - correspondence regarding the termination of the Handi Van service effective May 31<sup>st</sup>. Council will continue to explore alternatives.

*Ministry of Natural Resources* - correspondence regarding Lake Nipigon Forest 2011-2021 Forest Management Plan and concerns with road use management strategies.

*Northern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce* - media release re Forest Tenure Reform.

*Ministry of Natural Resources* - copy of reports on the Black Bay and Black Sturgeon River Native Fisheries Rehabilitation.

*Town of Amherstburg* - resolution regarding Nuclear Reactor Program.

*Niagara Region* - resolution regarding arbitration with the Police Officer's Association.

#### **Resolution No. 134-2011**

*Collins, Mackenzie and carried:*

That this Council hereby declares May 26, 2011, as Vision Health and Shades of Fun Day in Nipigon and that the Mayor issue the usual proclamation in connection therewith.

#### **Resolution No. 135-2011**

*Foulds, Collins and carried:*

**WHEREAS** the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.) on July 1, 2010, and its application to gasoline and diesel sales will result in new revenue for the Government of Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** based on 2010 average price levels of gasoline and diesel, and 2009 average consumption levels in Ontario, the Government of Ontario's projected new revenue will be approximately \$1.53 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service-Delivery Review identified a transportation infrastructure investment gap between the Government of Ontario and Ontario's municipalities of approximately \$3.8 billion; and

**WHEREAS** a lack of sufficient funding for essential transportation infrastructure construction, maintenance and rehabilitation has created a situation where many of Ontario's municipalities do not have the financial capacity to construct new transportation infrastructure and conduct the maintenance and rehabilitation needed to sustain existing transportation infrastructure; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Council of the Township of Nipigon requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow Ontario's municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards of transportation infrastructure; and

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Hon. Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Good Roads Association and to CAA South Central Ontario; and

**FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting, their support.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Foulds gave an update on the construction of an elevator at Sjolander Court.

Smoking By-law - members of Council to attend the Recreation Commission meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns.

Mayor Harvey attended the Grand Opening of the Regional Food Distribution Centre.

*NOMA/MMAH Conference* - September 22 and 23, 2011

*Thunder Bay District Municipal League* - meeting October 28 and 29, 2011

Shaun Karsten, Kinghorn Trails - audience with Council on June 7, 2011

**Resolution No. 136-2011**

*Mackenzie, Foulds and carried.*

That this meeting do now convene to an in-camera (closed) session to consider matters respecting municipal employees and confidential information of another corporation.

**Resolution No. 137-2011**

*Collins, Mackenzie and carried.*

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

**Resolution No. 138-2011**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR

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