

TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON
COUNCIL MEETING: May 5, 2009
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

AUDIENCE

NOSTA-Lori Paras, President/Bruce Fallen-presented the 2009-2010 MOU- membership fees same as 2008 (\$1,500). Focus in 2008 was developing website however the Township and NOSTA would like to see more shows (4-5) attended/participated in each year.

OPP-Sgt. John Rivard-Reviewed 1st Quarter Report of 2009. 1st quarter 2009 has been relatively quiet with levels/calls low compared to the last few years.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 138-2009

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of April 21, 2009, are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 139-2009

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. 017-2009 \$ 222,739.35

Payment Voucher No. 018-2009 \$ 31,161.81

HST Implementation Issue- From the Tax recovery Group was reviewed and the CAO advised to send letter to MPP asking for his comments and advise that we anticipate the rebate will be 100% for municipality.

*Bankruptcy and Bankruptcy Protection Seminars-*Treasurer and/or Deputy Clerk will likely attend to develop understanding of potential impact on municipality.

2009 Property Tax Issues and Regulations- 2009 tax regulation overview from the Ministry of Finance taxes.

Resolution No. 140-2009

Pelletier, Harper and carried:

That the Clerk is hereby authorized to sign an extension agreement with YES Employment Services respecting rental space at the Labour Adjustment Centre.

Resolution No. 141-2009

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-Law to Set Tax Ratios for Nipigon Municipal purposes 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 1673 of the Township of Nipigon.

Resolution No. 142-2009

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-Law to Set Reduction rates for prescribed property subclasses for Nipigon Municipal purposes 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 1674 of the Township of Nipigon.

Resolution No. 143-2009

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That his Council hereby approves the 2009 Municipal Budget as per attached schedules 1-4 and directs the Treasurer to prepare the final 2009 Tax and Budget By-laws based on this levy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New Beginning Circle-Nipigon Nylons design draft presented by Patricia Dellacecca. Plans to make some minor technical changes: time lines are tight with the new design draft being emailed within a week.

PUBLIC WORKS

Little Jackfish Project Proposal- Greg Harper declared a pecuniary interest.. Hoss Pelletier plans to attend the Conference and will advise if anything might impact Nipigon concerns.

Resolution No. 144-2009

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That leave be given to introduce a By-Law to authorize execution of an agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

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 1675 of the Township of Nipigon.

RECREATION

Council received notes from the April 20th REC meeting. There was no quorum at that meeting. A "No smoking on municipal property" recommendation was discussed and Council requested By-Law Enforcement Officer to plan a strategy to review impacts/enforcement, etc. for amending requirements such as distance form buildings.

Resolution No. 145-2009

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby approves the hiring of Nancy Hall to instruct yoga classes at a break even rate.

Resolution No. 146-2009

Foulds, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Centennial Committee meeting of April 28th, 2009 are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1,2 are approved, as amended.

Resolution No. 147-2009

Pelletier, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby approves a funding application submission to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada for the Enabling Accessibility Fund to purchase a pool lift for the Nipigon swimming pool with the Township assuming responsibility for assembly, installation, operation and maintenance.

Resolution No. 148-2009

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the Blueberry Blast Committee meeting of March 29th, 2009, are hereby adopted.

Curling Club- Would like to meet with Council to discuss Curling Club finances. Informal meeting scheduled for 6:15pm on May 19th, 2009 before Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trans Canada Emergency Exercise: Taking place in Nipigon on June 25th and 26th, 2009.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Land of Nipigon Chamber of Commerce Business Awards-*Information regarding the business awards.

Resolution No. 149-2009

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That the Mayor and Clerk area hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the municipality an extension to the agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs respecting the Downtown Revitalization Project.

MARINA

Resolution No. 150-2009

Foulds, Harper and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Marina Committee meeting of April 1st, 2009, are hereby adopted and that recommendations numbers 1,2 are approved.

MUSEUM

Resolution No. 151-2009

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That the Nipigon Historical Museum Board meeting of April 4th, 2009, are hereby adopted.

Summer Students: Museum requested t-shirts for summer students also.

HEALTH

*TBDHU-*Minutes of February 26th and March 24, 2009

*TBDHU-*Information on the Fair, Festival and Special Events Info. Session

Global Influenza Pandemic -Information on the influenza connected to Mexico

SUNDRIES

AMO - information on the CRTC Changes National Do Not Call List, Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs), and April 2009 Board Meeting

AMO- Request for nominations for the 2009/2010 AMO Board of Directors

AMCTO Express- information on the Legislative Update

Liberal Association Gala Dinner- No one will be attending the dinner

Therese Casgrain Volunteer Award- one for Youth (18-30 yrs. old) and one for Lifelong Commitment (>31 yrs. old)

Senior's Banquet- May 23, 2009 at the Legion

*27th Annual Northwestern Ontario NOMA Conference-*October 1st and 2nd, 2009 in Thunder Bay

Canadian Chamber of Commerce Action Call- MPs to vote on replacement workers motion

*Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers-*Resolution on CBC Radio

Resolution No. 152-2009

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby proclaims June 2009, as Seniors Month in Nipigon and that Mayor issue the usual proclamation in connection therewith.

OTHER BUSINESS

-Grand Opening Ceremonies of the Library/Municipal Offices on Friday, May 15, 2009 at 10am

-Refer Swimming Pool Name Change Request referred to the Recreation Committee.

-CPR-Clean up- maybe they need a shed/warehouse garage. Possibly need to have someone taking garbage out regularly. Take pictures and send these out. Could work train be moved back a short distance because it is blocking the view.

Resolution No. 153-2009

Harper, Foulds and carried: In Camera

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

respecting municipal employees and potential litigation.

Resolution No. 154-2009

Harper, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby confirms the hiring of Kerri Lovis as a casual relief confidential secretary at the applicable rate of pay.

Resolution No. 155-2009

Foulds, Harper and carried:

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

Resolution No. 156-2009

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. on motion of *Harper, Foulds and carried.*

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK