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COUNCIL MEETING, September 11, 2007
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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Community Centre Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Richard Harvey	Mayor
Jonah Dupuis	Councillor
Greg Harper	Councillor
Hoss Pelletier	Councillor
Lindsay Mannila	Clerk

Regrets:

James Foulds	Councillor
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AUDIENCE

Brad Larson, representing motel owners in Nipigon, presented letters from all the owners requesting a separate tax rate for motels and a statement to Council outlining their position that taxation, as applied now, is unfair and hurts their business. Council agreed to review the Township options if any for the 2008 budget and taxes.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 261-2007

Pelletier, Dupuis and carried:

That the minutes, as amended, of the regular meeting of Council of August 28, 2007 are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 262-2007

Pelletier, Dupuis 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. 033, 2007	\$ 39,465.28
Payment Voucher No. 034, 2007	\$ 141,935.70

Council received notification of funding approval from Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for the Land of Nipigon Community Adjustment Project.

Notice of a Municipal Information and Data Analysis System Information Session was received. L. Mannila or K. Paakkunainen will attend this in Thunder Bay, on October 5, 2007.

PUBLIC WORKS

Council received the environmental study report for proposed Highway Improvements between Nipigon River Bridge and Jackfish River Bridge. The report, prepared by Engineering Northwest Ltd., is available for the public to view at the Municipal Office.

A response to our correspondence regarding the passing lanes between Nipigon and Thunder Bay was received from Ministry of Transportation.

Council requested that a letter be sent to MTO requesting a speed limit reduction from Ivan Hill to Nipigon.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

By-Law Enforcement Officer, K. Paakkunainen, presented Council with reports for the months of June and July, 2007.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 263-2007

Dupuis, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby approves the recommendation of the Fire Department to appoint Norman Vezeau as a member of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department conditional upon completion of the required physical.

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Resolution No. 264-2007

Harper, Dupuis and carried:

That this Council hereby accepts the resignation of Paul Bolduc as a member of the Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department with regrets.

Council discussed a memo and invoices received regarding potential recovery of the same for some unexpected Multiply fire costs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolution No. 265-2007

Dupuis, Pelletier and carried:

That this Council hereby accepts proposal of Habib Architects bid for the Nipigon Revitalization Project in the amount of \$295,000.00.

Council considered a further proposal regarding strategic planning and declined at this time.

PLANNING

CAO L. Mannila provided Council with further information and some history with respect to the proposed boundary expansion to reserve by the Red Rock Indian Band.

RECREATION

Resolution No. 266-2007

Harper, Dupuis and carried:

That the notes from the Recreation Director are hereby accepted and that recommendations numbers 1 - 3 and 5 are approved.

HEALTH

AMO - Notice of Public Health Grant Allocations and Long Term Care Staffing and Care Standards Review

DSSAB - proposed Centre of Excellence for Integrated Seniors' Services

Ontario Medical Association - information package

CEMETERY

Resolution No. 267-2007

Harper, Pelletier and carried:

That the minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting of August 16, 2007, are adopted and that recommendations numbers 1 and 2 are approved.

SUNDRIES

Correspondence:

Superior North Quad Council - minutes of meeting, June 20, 2007 - next meeting proposed for October 17, 2007

Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal - notice of new five year funding program for drinking water systems projects

Nipigon Rotary Club - Shoes for Nicaragua

Superior North CFDC - newsletter

Ministry of Tourism - Defending Ontario's Tourism Industry, passport requirements for border crossings

Library/Municipal Office - tenders reviewed and discussed with further discussion in camera

Resolution No. 268-2007

Dupuis, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby proclaims October 24, 2007, as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in Nipigon and that the Mayor issue the usual proclamation in connection therewith.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- meeting with Timber Beach scheduled for September 17, 2007
- Mayor Harvey reported on his attendance at the "Finnish Business" meeting in Timmins on September 10, 2007
- requested that website launch and training be scheduled for September 26, 2007
- Provincial Candidates debate night scheduled for September 26, 2007 in Nipigon
- meeting with Percy Champagne of Value-Added Wood Products is set for October 18th, 2007
- Marketing and Tourism Workshop to be held at Lake Helen, October 2nd and 3rd, 2007 - how to create and market tourism packages for the region

Resolution No. 269-2007

Dupuis, Harper and carried:

That this Council hereby approves a one-time fee of \$350.00 to Norlink for a property real estate module update for the Township website.

IN-CAMERA

Resolution No. 270-2007

Harper, Dupuis and carried:

That this meeting do now convene to an in-camera (closed) session to consider matters respecting individuals and legal opinion for Council.

Resolution No. 271-2007

Harper, Dupuis and carried:

That this meeting do now reconvene to an open session.

Resolution No. 272-2007

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm on motion of Dupuis, Harper and carried.

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK