



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING /
LA CORPORATION DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ DE NIPISSING OUEST

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: MAYOR JOANNE SAVAGE
COUNCILLOR YVON DUHAIME
COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER FISHER
COUNCILLOR ROLAND LARABIE
COUNCILLOR LÉO MALETTE
COUNCILLOR DAN ROVEDA
COUNCILLOR JEREMY SÉGUIN
COUNCILLOR DENIS SÉNÉCAL
COUNCILLOR LISE SÉNÉCAL

ABSENT:

A) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / DÉCLARATION D'INTÉRÊTS PÉCUNIAIRES

B) AGENDA / ORDRE DU JOUR

B-1 A resolution was passed to adopt the Agenda.

No. 2020/064 Moved by: Councillor Malette
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the SPECIAL BUDGET meeting of Council held on February 5, 2020 be adopted as presented / amended.

CARRIED

C) CONTINUATION of 2020 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS / SUITE DES DISCUSSIONS BUDGÉTAIRES POUR L'ANNÉE 2020

- The Mayor provided a brief re-cap of the three previous budget meetings.
- The CAO indicated that the operations budget be looked at prior to considering capital to ensure that decisions considering capital may impact operations. Council was provided with a statement showing new full time positions which have been added since 2012.
- The CAO led council through the key 2020 Budget requests for the various departments and the rationale for each. He then summarized a list of proposed areas which could be reduced, eliminated or deferred to a future year in order to reduce the increase to an acceptable level.
- Proposed new HR positions were discussed and debated with the CAO providing the rationale for enhancements and eliminations. A number of questions were raised and the roles and responsibilities of the proposed new hires were discussed.

MOTION FOR RECESS: At 8:00 PM, a motion was tabled for a 10 minute recess and then continue with discussions:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Larabie

- The Mayor supported the mechanic, the ~~drainage person~~ and the ~~community services~~ ^{community services maintenance person} sub-foreman and suggested deferring the economic development and community services coordinator(s);
- The Director of Community services requested direction as to whether museum staff could be re-deployed to assist with community projects if the coordinator position was eliminated. The CAO cautioned making strategic decisions about the museum without having any analysis;
- Councillor Fisher stated that he is not comfortable with taking the \$500K from the reserve;
- Councillor Larabie asked the Treasurer as to what an 8% increase represented per household; the Treasurer advised that 8% represented \$114 per household.

- Councillor L. Sénécal asked about interest on the OPP building construction loan; the Treasurer indicated that those amounts have already been factored into the police budget.
- The Mayor asked for a round-table on the new positions for municipal drains and the mechanic. Council supported both positions;
- The Mayor suggested reducing the amount proposed for the community services coordinator. Councillor Séguin questioned whether West Nipissing wants to be a municipality which offers services or only bare-bones.
- Councillor Duhaime did not support the community services coordinator position;
- Councillor Roveda stated that the budget process has been difficult and that the professionalism and recommendations of staff should be respected.
- Councillor L. Sénécal suggested that certain new positions should wait until the operational review is complete.
- Councillor Malette stated that he would support a 6.4% increase taking a lesser amount from reserves.
- Councillor D. Sénécal queried why specific capital projects aren't being discussed.
- Councillor Séguin suggested obtaining consensus on an acceptable rate
 - Councillor D. Senecal: 5 – 5.5% with no monies being taken from reserve
 - Councillor L. Malette 6.4% with \$300K from reserve
 - Councillor Fisher 6.4% or higher
 - Councillor L. Sénécal 5.8% with no monies taken from reserve
 - Councillor Larabie 6.4% keeping all proposals in the current budget document and using whatever reserve is necessary to achieve
 - Councillor Séguin 8% or higher
 - Councillor Roveda 6.4% or higher
 - Councillor Duhaime 5.8% with \$300K from reserve
 - Mayor Savage 6.00% without using any monies from reserve
- The CAO indicated that having received a consensus he would bring back the amendments at a future general government meeting.

D) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

D-1 A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2020/15** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 11, 2020.

No. 2020/065 Moved by: Councillor Roveda
 Seconded by: Councillor Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2020/15** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of February 2020, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

CARRIED

D-2 A resolution was passed to adjourn the meeting of Council.

No. 2020/066 Moved by: Councillor Malette
 Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council held on February 11, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED



JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR



MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK