



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

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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**

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

**B) AGENDA and ADDENDUM / ORDRE DU JOUR et ADDENDA**

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

**No. 2020/067** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on February 25, 2020 be adopted as  
 presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

**C) DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS / DÉLÉGATIONS ET PÉTITIONS**

**C-1** Friends of the Beach (*Presenter: Theresa Fredette*)

Theresa Fredette made a presentation to Council informing members of the recent clean-up work that has been done to the Sturgeon Falls beach and made a request to the Municipality for the supply of materials, signage and potential financial assistance with the upgrades to the beach which will ensure safety of residents. Council commended the group for their efforts and agreed to consider their requests in future budget discussions.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING / COMITÉ PLÉNIER**

**D-1) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION**

**D-1(a)** Update on 2019 Building Activities

The Director of Community Services and Economic Development presented a report prepared by the Chief Building Officer (CBO) illustrating the activities of the building department from 2015 to 2019. The Director indicated that 2019 was a good year for building and it is hoped that 2020 will be the same.

“Denis Sénécal”  
Denis Sénécal,  
Chair

“Melanie Ducharme”  
Melanie Ducharme,  
Municipal Planner

**D-2) EMERGENCY MEASURES AND PUBLIC SAFETY / MESURES D'URGENCE ET SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE**

**D-2(a)** OPP Roundtable Session (Feb-24-2020) (*Mayor Savage*)

The Mayor and the Chair of Emergency Measures and Public Safety, Councillor Fisher, presented a synopsis of the round-table discussion held in Sudbury on February 24, 2020 concerning changes to policing and, in particular, the composition of Police Boards. The Mayor indicated that Council has the opportunity to provide its endorsement by way of a letter to the Ministry stating its position concerning the maintenance of a local police board. The Mayor stated that the Municipality also has the opportunity to set the terms of reference for the Board as well as the composition of its board including whether the appointees be at the local level. It was agreed that a letter be drafted by the Communications Department stating Council's position and recommendation.

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*“Chris Fisher”*  
Christopher Fisher,  
Chair

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*“Melanie Ducharme”*  
Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

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**D-3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE ..... NIL**

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**D-4) SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH / SERVICES SOCIAUX ET SANTÉ ..... NIL**

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**D-5) PUBLIC WORKS / TRAVAUX PUBLICS**

The Mayor suggested an alteration to the items, beginning with the Petition (item (b))

**D-5(b)** Petition re: Roadwork on North South Road *(received at Feb-4<sup>th</sup>)*

The petition pertaining to roadwork on North South Road, which was received at the February 4th Council meeting, was discussed. Councillor Denis Senecal stated that certain residents have indicated that there are sections of the road do not require work. The Manager of Public Works indicated that there is no way of knowing precisely how much each project will cost, but that, for the purpose of budgeting, a dollar value has to be assigned to each road, while knowing that some may come in slightly higher or lower with expectations that that all projects will even out in the end. It was suggested that only half the road be done in 2020; however following discussion the majority agreed to do the work all in one year, as recommended.

**D-5(c)** Sidewalk – Principal Street, Verner

Council received a memo from EXP outlining the costing for the replacement of a sidewalk on Principal in Verner. Councillor Séguin requested input from members of the previous Council as to how the situation arose and a discussion ensued with the Manager of Public Works and the Treasurer providing background information. It was suggested that Council undertake to adopt policy for the installation of sidewalks which would assist Council in making future decisions. Councillor Seguin alluded to hardships to Verner residents arising from the removal of the sidewalk; It was suggested that the project be undertaken into two phases. The Treasurer suggested that staff go back to EXP to obtain recommendation as to the best approach for phasing the project. The Treasurer also indicated that the funds for the project could potentially be obtained from the un-used gas tax so as not to impact the 2020 budget.

**MOTION FOR RECESS:** At 8:11 PM, a motion was made for a 10 minute recess.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

**CARRIED**

**D-5(a)** 2020 Capital Works Budget

Council discussed the 2020 Capital Budget. A discussion was held concerning the Verner garage repair and expansion item, following which a discussion ensued with some council members suggesting that the work be deferred; however, the majority of Council supported the work being completed in 2020. It was suggested that the scope of the proposed work on Tomiko Road could be adjusted to address only the areas of concern most pressing for residents and that perhaps some of the funds could be allocated to sidewalk projects in proximity to schools.

**D-5(d) Request from Legion re: Snow Plowing**

Council was presented with a letter from the Royal Canadian Legion (Br. 255) seeking assistance with snow removal for their parking lot. Following discussion, Council agreed that the request be honoured. The Mayor suggested a policy be implemented to clearly state the parameters by which assistance will be provided (i.e. seniors, veterans, etc.), with a view of clearly defining which future requests may be entertained. The proposed policy was generally supported by members.

**D-5(e) Safety Concerns re : Hwy 17 and Ottawa St intersection *(Mayor Savage)***

The Mayor raised the issue of concerns about the safety of the Highway 64/17 intersection. The Manager of Public Works provided information and feedback from the MTO, which does not recommend reducing the speed limit which is already 50km/hr at that location. The Manager suggested asking MTO to remove the 70km/hr section and extend the 50km/hr zone to where the existing 80km/hr begins. The Manager also suggested the installation of the traffic data logger which has been proven to be an effective traffic calming device.

*"Yvon Duhaime"*

Yvon Duhaime,  
Chair

*"Jay Barbeau"*

Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**D-6) COMMUNITY SERVICES / SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES ..... NIL**

**D-7) SEWER AND WATER / LES ÉGOUTS ET L'EAU ..... NIL**

**D-8) ENVIRONMENTAL / L'ENVIRONNEMENT**

**D-8(a) 2020 Environmental Services Budget**

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

*"Roland Larabie"*

Roland Larabie,  
Chair

*"Stephan Poulin"*

Stephan Poulin,  
Director of Community Services and EC DEV

**REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE**

**E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION**

**E-1** A resolution was passed to approve By-Law **2020/16** to amend the Zoning By-law for a certain property on Levac Road.

**No. 2020/068**   Moved by:   Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by:   Councillor Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law **2020/16**, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2014/45, as amended, to rezone certain lands located at 880 Levac Road from Rural (RU) Zone to Community Facility (CF) Zone, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed

**CARRIED**

**F) CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS / COMPTES ET COURRIER**

**F-1** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the meeting of Council held on January 21, 2020.

**No. 2020/069**   Moved by:   Councillor Roveda  
Seconded by:   Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of Council held on January 21, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-2** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the meeting of Council held on February 4, 2020.

**No. 2020/070** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of Council held on February 4, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-3** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the February 5, 2020 BUDGET meeting of Council.

**No. 2020/071** Moved by: Councillor Roveda  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the BUDGET meeting of Council held on February 5, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-4** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the February 11, 2020 BUDGET meeting of Council.

**No. 2020/072** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the BUDGET meeting of Council held on February 11, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-5** A resolution was passed to receive the minutes of the West Nipissing Library Board meeting.

**No. 2020/073** Moved by: Councillor Roveda  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the West Nipissing Library Board meeting held on December 12, 2019 be received. **CARRIED**

**F-6** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

**No. 2020/074** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the West Nipissing Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on November 4, 2019 be received. **CARRIED**

**F-7** A resolution was passed to receive the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting.

**No. 2020/075** Moved by: Councillor Roveda  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the West Nipissing Committee of Adjustment meeting held on December 9, 2019 be received. **CARRIED**

**F-8** A resolution was passed to receive the minutes of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) meeting.

**No. 2020/076** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) meeting held on December 18, 2019 be received. **CARRIED**

**F-9** A resolution was passed to receive the disbursement sheets.

**No. 2020/077** Moved by: Councillor Roveda  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the account payables disbursement sheets for JANUARY 2020 be received, as presented. **CARRIED**

**G) UNFINISHED BUSINESS / AFFAIRES EN MARCHÉ ..... NIL**

**H) NOTICE OF MOTION / AVIS DE MOTIONS**

**I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES**

**I-1** A resolution was passed to appointment a volunteer member to the Economic Development Committee.

**No. 2020/078** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following individual be appointed to the West Nipissing Economic Development Committee for the remainder of the 2018 to 2022 term:

(1) Stuart SEVILLE

**CARRIED**

**I-2** A resolution was passed to appoint Council members to WN Economic Development Committee and Sturgeon River House Museum Advisory Committee

**No. 2020/079** Moved by: Councillor Roveda  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** members of Council be appointed to the following Committees:

COMMITTEE	APPOINTMENT
West Nipissing Economic Development Committee	(1) Joanne Savage, Mayor (2) Lise Sénécal, Councillor
Sturgeon River House Museum Advisory Committee	(1) Léo Malette, Councillor (2) Joanne Savage, Mayor

**CARRIED**

**I-3** A resolution was passed to support the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to provide supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of the wetlands designation.

**No. 2020/080** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. R-029-20 from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, attached hereto; pertaining to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures when designating of Provincially Significant Wetlands;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully provide supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of wetlands designations within their boundaries;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**I-4** A resolution was passed to support *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* as circulated by Chatam-Kent, South Glengarry and the Twp of Wellington North

**No. 2020/081** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolutions from the Municipality of Chatham – Kent, the Township of South Glengarry and Prince Edward County as well as support letters from the Township of Wellington North and the Township of Madoc seeking support for *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*; which looks to provide a balanced approach to protecting farms and agri-producers; while recognizing a citizen’s right to protest;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing also strongly supports *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

**REFERRED  
TO AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**I-5** Resolution to support the Town of Mattawa in their request to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board to reduce costs and services in order to mitigate any municipal levy increase.

**No. 2020/082**    Moved by:        Councillor Malette  
                         Seconded by:    Councillor Duhaime

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. 20-10 from the Town of Mattawa, attached hereto which calls upon the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB), like municipalities, to look at reducing its own costs and services, if necessary, in order to mitigate any municipal levy increase;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Town of Mattawa, calling upon the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) to look at reducing its own costs and services, if necessary, in order to mitigate any municipal levy increase;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board of Directors and to member municipalities.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION:**        At 9:35 PM, a motion was tabled to extend the meeting beyond the regular curfew time in order to continue discussions:

Moved by:            Councillor Seguin  
Seconded by:        Councillor Larabie

**CARRIED**

**J)     ADDENDUM / ADDENDA**

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**K)     INFORMATION & QUESTIONS / INFORMATION ET QUESTIONS**

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**K-1**    The Mayor gave her report.

**L)     CLOSED MEETING / RÉUNION À HUIS CLOS**

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**L-1**    Authorization to proceed into closed meeting.

**No. 2020/083**    Moved by:        Councillor Duhaime  
                         Seconded by:    Councillor Malette

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we proceed into closed meeting as authorized in Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, to discuss the following:

**(B)**    personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;  
**(i)**     Human Resources Investigation Matter

**CARRIED**

**L-2**    Adoption of the Closed minutes of Council meeting of Dec-3-2019

**L-3**    Adjournment of the closed session.

**No. 2020/087**    Moved by:        Councillor Larabie  
                         Seconded by:    Councillor Malette

**BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Closed meeting of Council held on February 18, 2020 be adjourned at 10:27 PM in order to proceed with the regular meeting

**CARRIED**

**M) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT**

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**M-1** A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2020/17** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 18, 2020.

**No. 2020/088** Moved by: Councillor Malette  
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2020/17** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

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

**No. 2020/089** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council held on February 25, 2020 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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*"Joanne Savage"*  
JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

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*"Melanie Ducharme"*  
MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK