



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 4, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

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

**ABSENT:** COUNCILLOR LÉO MALETTE

**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. 2020/052** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

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

**CARRIED**

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

**C-1** WN Chamber of Commerce – Year in Review (*Presenter: Joanne Vallière, Michael Dupuis*)

Joanne Vallière and Michael Dupuis made a presentation to Council to inform members of the Chamber's 2019 activities as well as upcoming activities for the 2020 year.

**C-2** Petition: Roadwork on North South Road

Council received a petition seeking roadwork on North South Road. The matter will be brought forward for discussion at the next council meeting.

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

**D-1) SEWER AND WATER / LES ÉGOUTS ET L'EAU**

**D-1(a)** 2020 Sewer and Water Budget

The 2020 Sewer and Water Budget was presented to Council. The Chair of Sewer and Water provided a preamble to the 2020 budget by providing an overview of the department's facilities. The Chair also provided a brief overview of the service requests and other services provided over the 2019 year. The Chair proceeded to highlight the 2020 goals and objectives for the sewer and water department before addressing the 2020 budget. The Chair provided a brief overview of the budget indicating an anticipated increase of 1.58% for 2020. Councillor L. Sénécal requested a detailed analysis of the budget and the Manager of Sewer and Water along with the Treasurer provided a more detailed overview, as requested. During the discussion, the subject of storm sewer separation arose and it was requested that the matter be brought back to a future Committee of the Whole for discussion as to what can be done to address the matter of compliance. A discussion also arose concerning the issue of not having the 12 months of 2019 and the CAO provided information about the different method of budgeting used by municipalities.

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Dan Roveda,  
Chair

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Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**D-2) GENERAL GOVERNMENT / GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL**

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**D-2(a) Review previous Council priorities (2014-2018)**

The CAO provided Council with a list of the priorities of the previous council term. The CAO provided a brief contextual history of how the document came to be and the past practice of previous council to get together early in the term to discuss priorities and objectives. The CAO indicated that despite a challenging term, many of the objectives were achieved. The Mayor highlighted a couple of additional items from her own notes which were not on the list including the acquisition of the Weyerhaeuser lands and fluorescent signage in the rural area.

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

Moved by: Councillor Larabie

Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

**CARRIED**

**D-2(b) Hawkers & Peddler's By-Law (Mayor Savage)**

The Mayor raised the issue of the by-law being ambiguous with respect to whether or not proposed hawker or peddler could be denied a licence if the issuance of that license would provide an unfair competition to another local business. Staff indicated that there was uncertainty as to the legality of including such a provision and that they would have to obtain additional information and report back at a future meeting. The Mayor also indicated that she would like to see additional language to prohibit any auctions. Councillor Séguin indicated he would also like to have a look at the fee structure in the by-law. There are also a few housekeeping issues in the by-law with respect to policing services.

**D-2(c) Request for Hall by Not for Profit Group (Mayor Savage)**

A request was brought forward by the Legion to use the Cache Bay Hall at a reduced rate for a fundraiser. Following discussion, Council was in support of the request and suggested that the hall be provided free of charge; however the Director indicated that he would have to confirm the availability.

**D-2(d) Tax Relief – Island Properties**

The issue of taxation for island properties was discussed. The CAO reiterated that there is no specific means of dealing with Islands as a tax class on their own and that the matter of area rating is generally dealt with in the reverse ie) areas that have specific services that no one else does pay a higher rate. A discussion ensued concerning the mechanics of area rating wherein the CAO explained that the process is a bottom-up, not top-down process whereby all of services that homeowners need to be analyzed. The CAO indicated that he will respond to the homeowners to provide the information.

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Lise Sénécal,  
Chair

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Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

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**D-3) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION**

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**D-3(a) Camping Trailer Consultation Sessions Feedback**

Due to the lateness of the hour, Councillor Duhaime suggested that the matter be discussed at a future meeting and suggested after the budget has been finalized. It was agreed that the matter be brought back to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

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Denis Sénécal,  
Chair

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Melanie Ducharme,  
Municipal Planner

**MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING :**

At approx. 9:35 PM, a motion was tabled to extend the meeting beyond the regular curfew time of 9:30PM in order to continue discussions:

<u>Moved by:</u>	Councillor Fisher
<u>Seconded by:</u>	Councillor Séguin

**CARRIED**

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**D-4) EMERGENCY MEASURES AND PUBLIC SAFETY / MESURES D'URGENCE ET SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE ..... NIL**

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**D-5) ENVIRONMENTAL / L'ENVIRONNEMENT ..... NIL**

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**REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE**

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**E) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION ..... NIL**

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

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**F-1** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the meeting of Council held on January 25, 2020.

**No. 2020/053** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the BUDGET meeting of Council held on January 25, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-2** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the closed meeting of Council held on January 27, 2019.

**No. 2020/054** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on January 27, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-3** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of the meeting of Council held on January 28, 2020.

**No. 2020/055** Moved by: Councillor Fihser  
Seconded by: Councillor L. Sénécal

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the BUDGET meeting of Council held on January 28, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-4** A resolution was passed to receive the minutes of the West Nipissing Environmental Services meeting.

**No. 2020/056** Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the West Nipissing Environmental Services meeting held on November 25, 2019 be received. **CARRIED**

**F-5** A resolution was passed to receive the minutes of the North Bay Parry-Sound District Health Unit meeting.

**No. 2020/057** Moved by: Councillor Séguin  
Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the North Bay Parry-Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) meeting held on December 4, 2019 be received. **CARRIED**

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

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

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**I) NEW BUSINESS / AFFAIRES NOUVELLES**

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**I-1** A resolution was passed to authorize the Head of Council to approve expenditures for Council Legal Fees

**No. 2020/058** Moved by: Councillor D . Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

**WHEREAS** Council has sought legal advice pertaining to a municipal Human Resources Investigation matter;

**AND WHEREAS** there will be ongoing legal expenditures with respect to the Human Resources Investigation matter;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby authorizes the Head of Council to authorize and approve an invoice in the amount of \$ 945.81, payable to Weaver Simmons LLP, for the period ending on December 12, 2019 relating to a Human Resources Investigation matter.

**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 ..... NIL**

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**M) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT**

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**M-1** A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2020/13** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 4, 2020.

**No. 2020/059** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2020/13** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 4<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. 2020/060** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council held on February 4, 2020 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

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MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK