



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 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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

B) AGENDA / ORDRE DU JOUR

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

No. 2020/061 Moved by: Councillor Larabie
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

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 PRESENTATIONS & DELIBERATIONS / SUITE DES PRÉSENTATIONS ET DISCUSSIONS BUDGÉTAIRES POUR L'ANNÉE 2020

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services provided a preamble to the proposed 2020 Budget for the Community Services Department and provided a broad overview of the responsibilities as well as the focus and goals of the department. The Director then moved on to the 2020 Budget presenting proposed revenues and expenditures including additional staff complement(s) to enhance services. The Director responded to many questions concerning various municipal facilities and programs. It was proposed that further discussion be held with respect to certain municipal facilities.

PLANNING AND BUILDING

The Director of Community Services presented the Planning and Building 2020 Budget noting no real changes in projected revenues or expenses from the prior years and highlighting small increases for industry specific equipment purchases. A breakdown of the building revenues was requested to be brought to the first meeting of the Economic Development Committee

MOTION FOR RECESS: At 7:50 PM, a motion was tabled for a 10 minute recess and then continue with discussions:

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

CARRIED

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Director of Community Services presented the goals and objectives of the Economic Development Department for the upcoming year prior to presenting the 2020 Budget. The Director highlighted the anomalies

of 2019 relating to IPM. Proposed increases include an additional staff complement to assist the Committee in achieving its goals. A short discussion about doctor recruitment was held to provide new council members with a brief overview of the history of the Municipality's involvement in health care recruitment.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The Budget for Mayor and Council was discussed with suggestions for the addition of a line item for the Integrity Commissioner. A short discussion was held concerning environmental initiatives which was proposed to be further discussed at a committee of the whole meeting.

SUMMARY

A handout was provided to all members summarizing the key requests from each department. The CAO requested direction from Council as to how they wish to proceed with the deliberations and what Council wishes to achieve as an acceptable increase. The CAO indicated that he and staff have looked at the budget and have identified strategic reductions in the proposed budget which can significantly reduce the numbers without placing the Municipality in jeopardy.

The Mayor sought direction from Council as to whether they are comfortable at this point in making decisions with respect to the information received from the departments. The CAO stated that he believes that he can comfortably bring the increase down to 5.8% but that any further reduction would be eroding services in order to support social services

D) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

D-1 A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2020/14** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 5, 2020.

No. 2020/062 Moved by: Councillor Séguin
Seconded by: Councillor Larabie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2020/14** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 5th 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. 2020/063 Moved by: Councillor Larabie
Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council held on February 5, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED



JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR



MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK