



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, JANUARY 28, 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

Councillor Duhaime declared a conflict in Item D – Closed Session (addendum) due to his involvement in the matter.

B) AGENDA / ORDRE DU JOUR

B-1 A resolution was passed to adopt the Addendum

No. 2020/045 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Addendum for the meeting of Council held on January 28, 2020 be adopted as presented / amended.

CARRIED

B-2 A resolution was passed to adopt the Agenda.

No. 2020/046 Moved by: Councillor Malette
Seconded by: Councillor D. Sénécal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the SPECIAL BUDGET meeting of Council held on January 28, 2020 be adopted as presented / amended.

CARRIED

C) CONTINUATION - 2020 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS & DELIBERATIONS / SUITE DES PRÉSENTATIONS ET DISCUSSIONS BUDGÉTAIRES POUR L'ANNÉE 2020

Prior to commencing the budget discussion, Councillor Denis Sénécal asked for an update on the matter of the analysis of island properties and area rating. The CAO and the Treasurer indicated that time constraints due to budget have not permitted the full requested analysis. It was identified that an email has been received from island property owners requesting an update. A discussion ensued concerning area rating. It was agreed that the matter be further discussed at the General Government committee at the next meeting.

FIRE :

Due to a personal matter, the Treasurer presented the Fire Department Budget on behalf of the Fire Chief. Increases in the fire department include a transfer to reserve and some increased vehicle costs as a result of increasing fuel costs and fleet maintenance. Questions arose concerning a decontamination unit and the CAO indicated that he would follow up with the Fire Chief, however it is intended that the existing area next to the sally-port will be used by the fire department.

POLICE :

The Treasurer provided a summary of the temporary site costs. The Treasurer also provided a detailed statement for each of the WNPS and OPP for the short year(s) that each had policing responsibility during 2019. Questions were addressed concerning the transition costs and construction loans. Questions also arose concerning the new

facility and the CAO indicated that a full report on the construction time-lines will be brought at a future committee meeting.

COMMITTEES:

The Director of Community Services provided information concerning small amount attributed to the Heritage Committee for a commemorative plaque for the West Nipissing Police Service. Council was agreeable.

SERVICE PARTNERS:

- Proposed budgets for service partners including DNSSAB, Health Unit, Au Chateau and animal control.
- Councillor Roveda provided some information concerning the “reset” of the Health Unit’s initiative. The Mayor expressed an interest in having the Health Unit come and make a presentation to Council on the programs and services being provided to West Nipissing.
- Increases are being seen in levies for both Au Chateau and DNSSAB. Councillor Séguin asked about the Animal Control and the CAO indicated that there have been recent issues and that staff are addressing concerns. The matter will be looked at more closely as the final year of the contract draws to a close. It was requested that the SPCA be asked to come as soon as possible to provide information as to their services. Councillor Fisher asked for year over year statistics concerning impounding, etc.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

- The Manager provided a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Public Works department including responding to over 4000 service requests during 2019.
- The Manager indicated that improved communication with residents is a goal and Councillor Seguin queried whether the new website can be used to improve communication with residents on specific projects.
- Increase in salaries are due to a proposed increased in a full time FTE for a vehicle mechanic which will result in a reduction in the vehicle expense line item. A discussion ensued regarding the benefits of acquiring such a position.
- The Mayor requested a list of added complements to the PW department over the recent past.
- The Treasurer provided an explanation of the significant increases in insurance costs.
- The Mayor requested that staff investigate whether a lower insurance provider can be sought.
- A further discussion about the additional FTE request took place.

Council agreed that Budget discussions continue on February 5th, 2020.

D) ADDENDUM / ADDENDA

CLOSED SESSION / SESSION À HUIT-CLOS

D-1 A resolution was passed to proceed into closed meeting.

No. 2020/047 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
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;
- (F) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - (i) Human Resource Matter – Complaint

CARRIED

D-2 A resolution was passed to adjourn the closed session

No. 2020/049 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal,
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

BE IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CLOSED meeting of Council held on January 28, 2020 be adjourned at 9:57 PM in order to proceed with the regular meeting

CARRIED

E) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

E-1 A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2020/12** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 28, 2020.

No. 2020/050 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2020/123** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 28th day of January 2020, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.


CARRIED

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

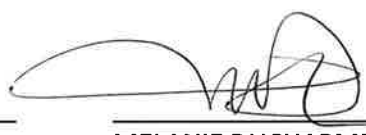
No. 2020/051 Moved by: Councillor D. Sénécal
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council held on January 28, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED



JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR



MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK