



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

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 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 DENIS SÉNÉCAL  
COUNCILLOR LISE SÉNÉCAL  
*(Ward 7 - vacant)*

**ABSENT:**

**VIRTUAL MEETING / RÉUNION VIRTUELLE**

**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 approve the Addendum.

**No. 2020/208** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Addendum for the meeting of Council held on July 21, 2020 be adopted as  presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

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

**No. 2020/209** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on July 21, 2020 be adopted as  presented /  amended.

**CARRIED**

**B-3** A resolution was passed to declare the Ward 7 Council Seat Vacant.

[↗ Refer to Addendum Section](#)

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER**

**D-1) GENERAL GOVERNMENT / GOUVERNEMENT GÉNÉRAL**

**D-1(a)** Request for Breakdown of Integrity Commission Billing by Complaint *(C. Fisher)*

Councillor Fisher asked for a breakdown of the IC's billings by complaint. Council discussed the matter as well as the matter of the IC's annual report. Staff indicated that they would be reaching out to the Integrity Commissioner to arrange a date for him to make his annual report. It was also suggested that staff could provide a breakdown of the IC's billing. The matter of vexatious complaints was raised and it was agreed that a future discussion be held regarding this matter.

**D-1(b)** Unauthorized Legal Expenditures (C. Fisher)

The chair summarized the circumstances by which the council member contacted the municipal lawyer and raised concern about the member having incurred costs on behalf of the municipality without any authority of the rest of Council. Council discussed the matter and several indicated that members of Council should not be allowed to contact lawyers without direction and should be required to pay out of their own pocket. Council discussed the matter and there was disagreement concerning the actions taken by the council member in question.

**D-1(c)** Discussion regarding preferred method of filling vacancy in Ward 7

↳ [Refer to Addendum Section](#)

« Lise Sénécal »  
Lise Sénécal,  
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »  
Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

**CALL FOR BREAK:** At approx. 8:15 PM, the Chair called a 10 minute break and Council resumed at 8:25PM.

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**D-2) PLANNING / PLANIFICATION ..... NIL**

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**D-3) EMERGENCY MEASURES AND PUBLIC SAFETY / MESURES D'URGENCE ET SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE**

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**D-3(a)** Recovery of Fire Department Costs – Use of Fire Marque

The Treasurer provide information concerning the use of Fire Marque and requested direction as to the continuation of the contract with the service provider. Council was agreeable to continue with the services of Fire Marque.

« Christopher Fisher »  
Christopher Fisher,  
Chair

« Melanie Ducharme »  
Melanie Ducharme,  
Clerk

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**D-4) PUBLIC WORKS / TRAVAUX PUBLICS**

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**D-4(a)** Quesnel Road – Concerns re: Speed Limit (J. Savage)

The Mayor raised concerns of residents concerning excessive speeds in the Quesnel Road area in the vicinity of the tourist lodges. Residents are seeking direction from staff as to potentially installing a calming device. The Chair indicated that meetings have been held with the Manager of Public works and a plan to change the signage to make it more visible. The Mayor requested additional information on temporary speed bumps. The issue of the road location was discussed as well and some councillors requested additional information concerning the possibility of moving the road. The Chair agreed to communicate council's concerns and suggestions to the Manager of Public Works.

**D-4(b)** Request for advanced green light at intersection of Front and Coursol Streets (J. Savage)

Council discussed the matter of the advance green light at the intersection of Front and Coursol Road. A local resident has raised concerns over a recent collision at the intersection. The resident is seeking a west-bound advance green light at the location. Council was in agreement with the advance green light and also requested that more information and a report be brought back to council with options and recommendations for the improvement of the intersection.

« Yvon Duhaime »  
Yvon Duhaime,  
Chair

« Jay Barbeau »  
Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**D-5) COMMUNITY SERVICES / SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES .....NIL**

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**D-6) SEWER AND WATER / LES ÉGOUTS ET L'EAU**

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**D-6(a) Update - Verner Water Conditions**

The CAO provided a report from the Manager of Sewer and Water concerning the municipal water situation in Verner. The Manager has provided statistics on the levels of manganese in the water using the new chemical which have been successful in keeping the levels low. The levels are being monitored daily and the CAO is being kept apprised of the daily readings.

« Dan Roveda »  
Dan Roveda,  
Chair

« Jay Barbeau »  
Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**D-7) ENVIRONMENTAL / L'ENVIRONNEMENT ..... NIL**

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**D-8) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE .....NIL**

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**D-9) SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH / SERVICES SOCIAUX ET SANTÉ .....NIL**

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**REGULAR COUNCIL / SÉANCE RÉGULIÈRE**

**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 a Council meeting.

**No. 2020/211** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on March 2, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-2** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

**No. 2020/212** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

There was request to move these minutes to a closed portion meeting. During discussion the majority of Council agreed to approve these minutes in open portion of the meeting.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on April 20, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-3** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

**No. 2020/213** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on May 26, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-4** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

**No. 2020/214** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on June 1, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-5** The resolution to adopt the minutes of the June 3, 2020 Council meeting was deferred.

**No. 2020/215** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on June 3, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **DEFERRED to August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION:**

A motion was tabled to extend the meeting beyond the regular curfew time in order to proceed with time sensitive matters.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor Duhaime

**CARRIED**

**F-6** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

**No. 2020/216** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of Council held on June 16, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-7** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

**No. 2020/217** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on June 22, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-8** A resolution was passed to adopt the minutes of a Council meeting.

**No. 2020/218** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Council held on June 29, 2020 be adopted, as  presented /  amended. **CARRIED**

**F-9** A resolution was passed to receive the minutes of various board and committee meetings.

**No. 2020/219** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the following Boards / Committees be received :

| BOARD / COMMITTEE NAME                                     | MEETING DATES  |
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| West Nipissing Committee of Adjustment                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mar-9-2020</li> </ul>   |
| Au Château Board of Management                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May-20-2020</li> </ul>  |
| West Nipissing Public Library Board                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb-13-2020</li> <li>May-4-2020</li> <li>May-7-2020</li> <li>May-19-2020</li> </ul> |
| District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May-27-2020</li> </ul>  |

**CARRIED**

**F-10** A resolution was passed to receive the disbursement sheets.

**No. 2020/220** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the account payables disbursement sheets for **MAY 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 authorize By-Law **2020/38** to provide Tax Assistance for Elderly and Disabled Property Owners.

**No. 2020/221** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law **2020/38**, being a by-law to provide tax assistance to certain elderly and disabled residents who are owners of real property, shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

**CARRIED**

**I-2** A resolution was passed to declare certain equipment as surplus and for the disposition thereof.

**No. 2020/222** Moved by: Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the equipment described herein be declared as surplus for the Municipality of West Nipissing; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby authorize the disposal of the said surplus equipment:

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| (1) | 2006 | R-WAGON (SEARCH & RESCUE TRAILER) | VIN: 4WYS15N25617104 |
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**CARRIED**

**I-3** A resolution was passed to authorize the transition to Full Producer Responsibility (Recycling) .

**No. 2020/223** Moved by: Councillor Fisher  
Seconded by: Councillor Malette

**RESOLUTION ON TRANSITION TO FULL PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

**WHEREAS** the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of public concern;

**WHEREAS** reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

**WHEREAS** the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

**WHEREAS** the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Municipality of West Nipissing strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.

**THAT** the Municipality of West Nipissing would like to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility January 1, 2023.

**AND THAT** this decision is based on the following rationale:

1. The collection of blue box material is contracted to a non-arm's length government business enterprise that operates on a calendar year management agreement.
2. Current facility is reaching end of life. A longer term transition will impact our ability to handle and process materials within this facility.
3. Municipal systems, from sorting to marketing, are not well positioned to respond to the changing composition of products and packaging.

**AND THAT** the Municipality of West Nipissing would be interested in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.

**AND FURTHER THAT** any questions regarding this resolution can be directed to Jay Barbeau, CAO at [jbarbeau@westnipissing.ca](mailto:jbarbeau@westnipissing.ca)

**AND FURTHER THAT** the resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

**CARRIED**

- I-4** A resolution was passed to support a City of North Bay resolution requesting Emergency Operational Support Funding from the Federal Government.

**No. 2020/224**    Moved by:    Councillor Duhaime  
                         Seconded by:    Councillor Fisher

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing received a resolution from The Corporation of the City of North Bay supporting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) request asking the Federal Government to support communities with a minimum of \$10-billion funding for emergency operational support;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports The Corporation of the City of North Bay's resolution supporting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) request asking the Federal Government to support communities with a minimum of \$10-billion funding for emergency operational support;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MP Marc Serré, MPP John Vanthof and neighbouring municipalities.

**CARRIED**

- I-5** A resolution was passed to extend the current trapping permission on municipal lands. (G. Courchesne)

**No. 2020/225**    Moved by:    Councillor Duhaime  
                         Seconded by:    Councillor Fisher

**WHEREAS** at the meeting held on July 21, 2020, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received a request from GASTON COURCHESNE seeking to renew his permission to trap on municipal lands for the next five (5) years/seasons;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing grants permission to **GASTON COURCHESNE** to continue trapping operations on municipal lands for the requested 2020 to 2025 seasons, as long as the operations do not infringe on other trappers' lines.

**CARRIED**

- I-6**    Discussion regarding preferred method of filling vacancy in Ward 7

 [Refer to Addendum Section](#)

**J) ADDENDUM / ADDENDA**

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**B-3** A resolution was passed to declare the Ward 7 Council Seat Vacant.

**No. 2020/210**    Moved by:        Councillor Fisher  
                         Seconded by:      Councillor Larabie

**WHEREAS** Councillor Jeremy Séguin representing Ward 7 in the Municipality of West Nipissing tendered his resignation effective July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 262(1) of the *Municipal Act*, Council must declare the seat vacant at its next meeting;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council seat for Ward 7 in the Municipality of West Nipissing be declared as vacant.

**CARRIED**

**D-1(c)** Discussion regarding preferred method of filling vacancy in Ward 7

Council discussed the information provided by the Clerk concerning the filling of the vacancy in Ward 7. Many members indicated that they would support the appointment of the runner up in Ward 7 from the 2018 elections. Following discussion, Council directed staff to prepare a report outlining the various options and cost implications and to bring the report back in August for discussion.

**I-6** A resolution was passed to determine the process for filling the Ward 7 vacancy.

**No. 2020/226**    Moved by:        Councillor Malette  
                         Seconded by:      Councillor Fisher

**WHEREAS** Councillor Jeremy Séguin representing Ward 7 in the Municipality of West Nipissing tendered his resignation effective July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has declared the Council seat for Ward 7 vacant at its meeting of July 21, 2020, as is required under Section 262(1) of the *Municipal Act* (2001)

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 263(1) of the *Municipal Act* (2001), council shall

- (a) fill the vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed; or
- (b) require a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing shall fill the vacancy in Ward 7 by:

- appointing a person who has consented to accept the office, if appointed;
- require a by-election to be held in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*;

**DEFERRED to August 11<sup>th</sup>**

During discussion, certain Councillors abstained from voting.

**MOTION FOR DEFFRAL:** A motion was tabled to defer the matter until a report is received from staff outlining options and costs.

Moved by:        Councillor Duhaime  
Seconded by:    Councillor Fisher

**CARRIED**

**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 **2020/46** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on July 21, 2020.

**No. 2020/227** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **2020/46** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 21<sup>th</sup> day of July 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. 2020/228** Moved by: Councillor L. Sénécal  
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting of Council held on July 21, 2020 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

« Joanne Savage »  
JOANNE SAVAGE  
MAYOR

« Melanie Ducharme »  
MELANIE DUCHARME  
CLERK