



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, MARCH 10, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: MAYOR JOANNE SAVAGE
COUNCILLOR YVON DUHAIME
COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER FISHER
COUNCILLOR LÉO MALETTE
COUNCILLOR DAN ROVEDA
COUNCILLOR JEREMY SÉGUIN
COUNCILLOR DENIS SÉNÉCAL
COUNCILLOR LISE SÉNÉCAL

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR ROLAND LARABIE

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. 2020/104 Moved by: Councillor Séguin
Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the BUDGET meeting of Council held on March 10, 2020 be adopted as presented / amended.

CARRIED

C) CONTINUATION of 2020 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS / SUITE DES DISCUSSIONS BUDGÉTAIRES POUR L'ANNÉE 2020

- The CAO provided a brief background to previous budget meetings leading up today's meeting and then proceeded to provide a synopsis of the budgetary decisions and information leading to a general levy increase of 6.2%, all of which were provided to Council in a Memo dated March 2, 2020.
- The CAO then provided a summary of the material change from the originally submitted documents.
- A discussion concerning the Au Chateau budget was held with the CAO indicating that he would verify the amounts and re-confirm the amounts shown in the budget documents.
- Council discussed the proposed new staff positions, requesting clarification and additional details as to the nature of the proposed positions.

MOTION FOR RECESS: At 7:57 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

- Council discussed sidewalk options referencing documentation provided by the Manager of Public Works. The CAO indicated that Council should consider implementing a policy in order to deal with requests consistently. Specifically, Council discussed the Principale Street sidewalk in relation to other areas of concern which have been identified at previous meetings. The CAO indicated that the Principale Street project is do-able in this year's capital with un-used Gas Tax funds. A majority of Council concurred with the completion of the Sidewalk.
- It was asked whether there is an ability to re-work the Tomiko-Crystal Falls project to incorporate the Verner sidewalk without incurring hardship; the CAO indicated that the decision to do the entire Crystal Falls/Tomiko project in one year due to public concerns.

- Past practice of having a list of priorities pre-determined for road work was discussed with the CAO indicating that doing a full analysis of the roads will provide additional clarity.
- An enquiry was made as to the allocation of the Gas Tax funds with the Treasurer indicating that the majority of the funds are allocated to Public Works projects with a surplus out of which the Verner sidewalk could be funded without depleting the gas tax;
- Council discussed the special funding with the Treasurer indicating that the funds will be used in the creation Special Project Coordinator position for the development of the Community Strategic Plan and also provide assistance with other municipal projects such as the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.
- A short discussion concerning municipal facilities was held with the CAO indicating that Council will have to look at certain facilities in the future.

D) ADJOURNMENT / AJOURNEMENT

D-1 A resolution was passed to adopt By-law **2020/20** confirming the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 10, 2020.

No. 2020/105 Moved by: Councillor Roveda
 Seconded by: Councillor Séguin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. **2020/20** being a By-law of the Municipality of West Nipissing to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 10th day of March 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. 2020/106 Moved by: Councillor Séguin
 Seconded by: Councillor Roveda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BUDGET meeting of Council held on March 10, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

“Joanne Savage”
JOANNE SAVAGE
MAYOR

“Melanie Ducharme”
MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK