

**TOWNSHIP OF NIPIGON
COUNCIL MINUTES: January 23, 2018**

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A regular meeting of Council was held in the Nipigon Municipal Office Meeting Room on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Levina Collins	Acting Mayor
Michael Elliott	Councillor
James Foulds	Councillor
Gordon Mackenzie	Councillor
Lindsay Mannila	Clerk

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests.

MINUTES

Resolution No. 009-2018

Mackenzie, Elliott and carried:

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of January 9, 2018 are hereby adopted as recorded by the Clerk.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 010-2018

Foulds, Elliott and carried:

That the payment of accounts as listed on the following Payment Voucher be and the same is hereby confirmed and approved.

Payment Voucher No. 003, 2018	\$	21,152.38
Payment Voucher No. 004, 2018	\$	101,434.72

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution No. 011-2018

Elliott, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of Public Works Committee meeting of January 16, 2018 are hereby adopted and that recommendation number 1, 2 are approved.

Resolution No. 012-2018

Mackenzie, Elliott and carried:

That this Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and CAO to enter into an agreement with Phoenix Edge North Development for development and management of a marina Natural Edge Echo Park.

RECREATION

Resolution No. 013-2018

Elliott, Foulds and carried:

That the minutes of the Nipigon Recreation Commission meeting of January 15, 2018 are hereby adopted and that recommendation numbers 1, 2 are approved.

2017 Visitor Information Centre Report-NOSTA operations report for 2017

MUSEUM

Resolution No. 014-2018

Foulds, Elliott and carried:

That the minutes of Nipigon Volunteer Fire Department meeting of January 8, 2018, are hereby adopted and that recommendations numbers 1, 2 are approved.

CEMETERY

Resolution No. 015-2018

Foulds, Mackenzie and carried:

That the minutes of Cliffside Cemetery Committee meeting of January 18, 2018 are hereby adopted.

SUNDRIES

TBDHU -minutes from meeting of December 13, 2017

IJC-Information regarding the First Triennial Assessment of Progress Report

Resolution No. 016-2018

Mackenzie, Foulds and carried:

Whereas a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civic Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environment Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993* (EBR Act);

And whereas impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;

And whereas the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;

And whereas analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;

And whereas the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendation for modernizing the MCEA process;

And whereas local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding;

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Nipigon requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part 11 Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

And further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the *Planning Act*;

And further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and sundries to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

Amherberg-passed a motion regarding changes to the Cannabis Act (Bill C-45)

Lakeshore-passed resolution regarding storm water management and drainage improvements.

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Resolution No. 017-2018

Mackenzie, Foulds and carried:

That this Council hereby supports a Lakehead University Letter of Intent funding application to Natural Resources Canada under the Clean Growth Program for a feasibility study to review development of a LFG (Landfill Gas) captured Engineered Landfill System for the Nipigon Landfill. The municipality would be a supporting partner through a municipal in-kind component of utilization and access to the Landfill and property.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Foulds-discussed Bill 68

Councillor Mackenzie-gave a report on the ROMA conference he attended.

Councillor Collins-commented on a low income senior snow removal program

Resolution No. 018-2018

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on motion of *Foulds, Mackenzie and carried.*

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK