

TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN

Council Minutes

Monday, June 4, 2012

There was a regular council meeting held at the Nairn Community Centre on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 7:01 p.m.

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| PRESENT: | Laurier Falldien | Mayor |
| | Rod MacDonald | Deputy Mayor |
| | Brigita Gingras | Councillor |
| | Robert Deschene | CAO |

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| REGRETS: | Edward Mazey | Councillor |
| ABSENT: | Charlene Y. Martel | Councillor |

OPEN MEETING

RESOLUTION #2012-9-106

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: L. Falldien

RESOLVED: that the meeting of June 4, 2012 do now open for business at 7:01 p.m.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None were declared.

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION #2012-9-107

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that the regular Council Minutes of May 7, 2012 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

TV ONTARIO TOWER

RESOLUTION #2012-9-108

MOVED BY: L. Falldien

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that the fire department be requested to obtain a cost estimate to install the necessary cable and equipment on the TV Ontario tower once the municipality obtains ownership of the said tower.

CARRIED

ACCEPTED ITEMS

RESOLUTION #2012-9-109

MOVED BY: L. Falldien

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that the following items be accepted as presented:

- a) Township of Nairn and Hyman Bank Reconciliation - April 2012.
- b) Township of Nairn and Hyman Public Works Committee minutes - April 30, 2012.
- c) Township of Nairn and Hyman Planning and Economic Development Committee minutes - April 30, 2012.
- d) Township of Nairn and Hyman Fire Department Report - May 2012.

CARRIED

NOTED ITEMS

RESOLUTION #2012-9-110

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: L. Falldien

RESOLVED: that the following items be noted as being received:

- a) Township of Nairn and Hyman Fire Department Report - April 2012.
- b) Espanola and Area Safety Coalition minutes - April 19, 2012.
- c) Sudbury and District Board of Health minutes - April 19, 2012.
- d) Sudbury and District Board of Health minutes - May 17, 2012.

CARRIED

SCENIC CORRIDOR HIGHWAY 17

RESOLUTION #2012-9-111

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: L. Falldien

RESOLVED: that the municipality advised the Ministry of Transportation that we are requesting that the area on the north side of Highway # 17 on the outcrop of land just east of the Spanish River Bridge be recognized as a scenic corridor and this area be free from any billboard advertising.

CARRIED

ORAL HEALTH REPORT

RESOLUTION #2012-9-112

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: L. Falldien

RESOLVED: that Council supports motion number 30-12 adopted by the Sudbury and District Board of Health on May 17, 2012, endorsing a report dated April 2012 entitled "Oral Health - More Than Just Cavities.

CARRIED

NOTED CORRESPONDENCES

RESOLUTION #2012-9-113

MOVED BY: L. Falldien

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that correspondences 7a) to 7d) on the June 4, 2012 agenda be noted as being received.

CARRIED

DISBURSEMENT SHEETS

RESOLUTION #2012-9-114

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that the following disbursement sheets be authorized for payment:

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| a) 2012 GEN-6 | General | \$80,157.45 |
| b) 2012 PW-6 | Public Works | \$22,756.77 |
| c) 2012 FIRE-6 | Fire | \$ 4,552.51 |

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL INVOICE SUMMARY

RESOLUTION #2012-9-115

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: B. Gingras

RESOLVED: that additional invoice summary number 2012-6 dated June 4, 2012 in the amount of \$36,017.26 be authorized for payment.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REMUNERATION BY-LAW

RESOLUTION #2012-9-116

MOVED BY: L. Falldien

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that "Being a By-law to provide for paying remuneration to members of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman" be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in open Council and its number shall be 2012-13.

CARRIED

RUN-OF-RIVER HYDROELECTRIC DAMS

RESOLUTION #2012-9-117

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: L. Falldien

WHEREAS: Xeneca Power Development Inc. is proposing three modified run-of-river hydroelectric dams for the Vermillion River, to be located at Cascade Falls, Soo Crossing and Wabagishik Rapids; and

WHEREAS: the Township of Nairn and Hyman is in favour of responsible and sustainable green energy projects that have had the input, consensus and blessing of the municipalities affected; and

WHEREAS: the modified run-of-river operating strategy would involve holding the majority of river water back from downstream flow for up to 24 hours to fill several kilometers of head ponds, and expose stored river water to solar warming for up to 16 hours during the hot low flow summer and fall seasons; and

WHEREAS: the nine waste water treatment facilities, releasing treated, undertreated and untreated effluent into the Vermillion River Watershed, along with heavy metals resulting from over 100 years of mining effluent and emissions that may have accumulated in the Vermillion riverbed sediment and that these cumulative negative effects could result in an increased incidence of toxic algae blooms and an unnecessary additional risk to the public health and safety of more than 13,000 citizens receiving their drinking water from the Vermillion River; and

WHEREAS: the modified peaking operating strategy could create extreme and frequent river flow velocity and water level changes on the Vermillion River system throughout the majority of the year, this could have an unacceptable negative impact on ice stability and year-round recreational activities such as swimming, boating, snowmobiling, skiing, ice and summer fishing, and create a public safety hazard and/or economic loss in tourism dollars; and

WHEREAS: the impacts of these proposed hydroelectric dams, cumulatively, could reach as far as the confluence of the Vermillion River with the Spanish River, and possibly all the way out to the Domtar Dam in Espanola, and considering this large potential zone of influence, the ecological, environmental, economic and social costs of these dams would be unacceptable; and

WHEREAS: the demand for power in Ontario has been significantly reduced in recent years, and there is much more that can be achieved through energy conservation and efficiencies before resorting to these measures; and

WHEREAS: the entire length of Wabagishik Rapids is unarguably an abundant Walleye spawning area, the loss of any part of this valuable natural resource would be unacceptable; and

WHEREAS: the presence of Lake Sturgeon, an endangered species, was recently confirmed downstream of Wabagishik Rapids, any additional pressure on this population would be unacceptable; and

WHEREAS: these proposals are within the Vermilion River corridor which drains the entire Vermilion River Watershed, and is a key connector for many other green spaces throughout the District of Sudbury, that the potential degradation and fragmentation of such a beautiful and important natural

heritage feature would be unacceptable; and

WHEREAS: it has come to our attention that no dam decommissioning provisions are being made for any proposed hydroelectric dams in Ontario, and with scientists' predictions of climate change to bring increasing drought conditions, there is a possibility that these dams will no longer be environmentally, ecologically, economically or socially feasible in the near future, and in that case, removal of these dams would be left to the taxpayers, and this would be unacceptable,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

that due to the numerous negative impacts affecting water quality, water quantity, public health and safety, destruction of fish habitat and spawning areas, and the overall environmental, ecological social and economic costs that could result from these three proposed modified run-of-river hydroelectric dams, the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman resolves to strongly oppose these proposals for Cascade Falls, Soo Crossing and Wabagishik Rapids, on the Vermilion River, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that communication of this decision will be made to Xeneca Power Development Inc., the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Environment, the Minister of Natural Resources, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, in the local newspapers, the local municipalities of the LaCloche Foothills Area, City of Greater Sudbury and the Whitefish First Nations.

CARRIED

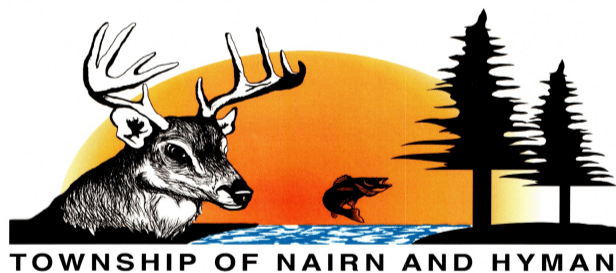
TOWNSHIP LOGO

RESOLUTION #2012-9-118

MOVED BY: B. Gingras

SECONDED BY: R. MacDonald

RESOLVED: that Council adopt the following as the official logo for the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman:



CARRIED

ZONING/OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION #2012-9-119

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: B. Gingras

RESOLVED: that Council table the application received for a Zoning and Official plan amendment by Consbec Inc. until the next council meeting so that we can obtain further information from (MPAC) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION #2012-9-120

MOVED BY: R. MacDonald

SECONDED BY: B. Gingras

RESOLVED: that the meeting of June 4, 2012 do now adjourn at 8:06 p.m. to meet again on the 9th of July, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk/CAO

These minutes shall not be considered as official minutes until they have been approved by council at their next meeting.