



Monday, November 6, 2006

There was a regular council meeting held at the Nairn Community Centre on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Wayne Austin Reeve
Rod MacDonald Councillor
Riet Wigzell Councillor
Hayes Kirwan Councillor
Shelly Lowery Councillor
Robert Deschene CAO

OPEN MEETING

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-243 R. Wigzell - S. Lowery
RESOLVED that the meeting of November 6, 2006 do now open for business.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-244 R. Wigzell - S. Lowery
RESOLVED that the agenda of November 6, 2006 be accepted as presented with the inclusion of the following.

CARRIED

**DECLARATION OF
CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

None were declared.

**ACCEPTED
COUNCIL MINUTES**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-245 S. Lowery - R. Wigzell
RESOLVED that the following council minutes be accepted as presented:
a) October 2, 2006.

CARRIED

ACCEPTED ITEMS

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-246 R. Wigzell - S. Lowery
RESOLVED that the following items be accepted as presented:

- a) Township of Nairn & Hyman Bank Reconciliation - August 31, 2006.
- b) Township of Nairn & Hyman Bank Reconciliation - September 30, 2006.
- c) Township of Nairn & Hyman 2006 Family/Mixed Blooper ball Tournament - July 22 & 23, 2006.
- d) Township of Nairn & Hyman Spaghetti Supper - August 5, 2006.
- e) Township of Nairn & Hyman Horseshoe/Euchre Tournament - September 23 & 24, 2006.
- f) Township of Nairn & Hyman Community Parks & Recreation Committee minutes - October 11, 2006.

CARRIED

NOTED ITEMS

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-247 S. Lowery - R. Wigzell
RESOLVED that the following items be noted as presented:

- a) Espanola, Elliot Lake & Blind River Municipal & Provincial Offences Court Services - 2005 Annual Report.

CARRIED

HALL RENTAL

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-248 S. Lowery - R. Wigzell
RESOLVED that council authorize the organization "Our Children, Our Future" to utilize the Nairn Community Centre free of charge provided that they are responsible for cleaning up after each usage and at no cost to the users of the program.

CARRIED

CANADIAN RED CROSS

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-249 S. Lowery - R. Wigzell
RESOLVED that council authorize the Canadian Red Cross Society to sell raffle tickets in our municipality beginning November 1, 2006, lottery licence M449268.

CARRIED

**SUPPORT FOR
CHANGE IN
GOVERNMENT
POLICIES**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-250 R. Wigzell - S. Lowery
WHEREAS the McGuinty government has failed to protect the interests of communities in Northern Ontario by allowing companies to shut down mills and redirect wood supplies outside of the local region; and
WHEREAS the current Ontario Liberal government has continued to implement disastrous energy policies that are crippling Northern industries; and
WHEREAS the McGuinty government supports Stephen Harper's unfair and unsustainable softwood lumber agreement with the United States; and
WHEREAS the McGuinty Liberals have failed to pursue the

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return of unfair and illegal tariffs on softwood lumber that should be returned in full; and
WHEREAS the Liberal government has neglected to adequately promote the development of value-added initiatives to maintain employment levels and to reinvest the wealth generated in Northern Ontario; and
WHEREAS the Liberals have disregarded potential solutions put forth by industries, unions, communities, and the citizens of Northern Ontario;
THEREFORE we petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:
To reverse the policies outlined above that are destroying the economic and social fabric of Northern Ontario and to implement policies that protect workers in the forestry and mining sectors; and
To make sure that wood harvested in the vicinity of existing forest dependent communities is processed locally as much as practical, or if traded for best end use, to ensure fair and equitable exchange of fibre; and
To implement regional energy pricing policies that utilize hydro electricity surpluses generated in Northern Ontario for economic development initiatives that are aimed at stabilizing Northern economies; and
To promote value-added initiatives to build a solid foundation for the forest industry in Northern Ontario before it is totally decimated; and
To refuse to allow companies to separate hydro dams from lumber and pulp and paper operations; and
To initiate and implement sectoral strategies to ensure that communities in Northern Ontario remain sustainable, despite inevitable economic downturns in our cyclical primary resource industries.

CARRIED

**MORATORIUM ON
POST OFFICE
CLOSURES**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-251 H. Kirwan - R. MacDonald
WHEREAS Canada Post is a Crown corporation that is mandated by law to provide basic customary postal service while operating on a financially self-sustaining basis.
WHEREAS Crown corporations like Canada Post have both public and commercial activities, but are distinct from commercial enterprises in that they are designed to serve the public interest, not maximize profit.
WHEREAS the federal government has asked Canada Post to act like a commercial enterprise that generates commercial profits and dividends.
WHEREAS Canada Post has responded by stating that it is a commercial enterprise with a business mandate and that it must focus on its major customers.
WHEREAS millions of dollars that people pay in postage are now directed towards providing Canada Post with commercial profits (\$199 million in 2005) and the federal government with lucrative dividends (\$59 million in 2005) instead of being used to improve public postal service.
WHEREAS the goal of commercial profits and dividends is at

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odds with the corporation's legislative mandate to provide public postal service and its public policy objective, as a Crown corporation, to serve the public interest.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Nairn and Hyman write to Lawrence Cannon, the Minister Responsible for Canada Post and request that the federal government:

1. Change the financial and policy frameworks it uses to set targets for Canada Post so that the corporation does not have to provide commercial profits and dividends.
2. Instruct Canada Post to act like a public service, not a commercial enterprise, by using more of its profits on public postal services, including maintaining and expanding home mail delivery in rural and urban areas.

CARRIED

**PROVINCIAL-MUNICIPAL
FISCAL AND SERVICE
REVIEW**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-252 R. MacDonald - H. Kirwan
WHEREAS the gap between the transfers from the province and the cost of social programs is growing and is now estimated by the Association of Municipalities at over \$3 Billion; and

WHEREAS delays in balancing the cost of delivering services with the ability to pay are resulting in delayed maintenance of infrastructure, reduced municipal services and property tax increases across the province; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the opinion of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman that the provincial government's currently proposed Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review (which will not be completed until February 2008, after the next provincial election) is needlessly drawn out and that a full review to balance the delivery of service with the ability to pay should be completed much more expediently, in order to avoid hitting taxpayers with unsustainable property tax hikes or significant reductions in service.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-253 H. Kirwan - R. MacDonald
RESOLVED that council go in camera at 7:26 pm to discuss a legal matter.

CARRIED

**RETURN TO
MEETING**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-254 R. MacDonald - H. Kirwan
RESOLVED that council return to the open council meeting at 7:47 pm.

CARRIED

**NOTED
CORRESPONDENCE**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-255 R. Wigzell - S. Lowery
RESOLVED that correspondences 8a) to 8h) on the November 6, 2006 council agenda be noted as being received.

CARRIED

**ONTARIO DISASTER
RELIEF ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-256 H. Kirwan - R. MacDonald
RESOLVED that council supports the motion adopted by the Township of Admaston/Bromley, dated September 7, 2006 requesting the Government of Ontario to review and revise the present Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program to make it more economically feasible for use by Ontario municipalities, their rural residents and their respective businesses, farms and properties.

CARRIED

AGGREGATE LEVY

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-257 R. MacDonald - H. Kirwan
RESOLVED that council supports the motion adopted by the Town of Caledon, dated September 12, 2006 requesting the Province of Ontario to increase the municipal portion of the aggregate levy from 4 cents per tonne to 8 cents per tonne beginning on January 1, 2007.

CARRIED

**MPAC DOWNLOADING
COSTS**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-258 H. Kirwan - R. MacDonald
RESOLVED that council supports the motion adopted by the City of Port Colborne, dated August 28, 2006 objecting to any further downloading of costs for MPAC to the local taxpayer and hereby urging the Provincial government to take immediate action and fix the flaws of the property assessment system.

CARRIED

**EMPLOYEE POLICY
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-259 R. MacDonald - H. Kirwan
RESOLVED that Policy Number 2006P-1 "Being an employee policy for the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman" be hereby approved.

CARRIED

DISBURSEMENTS

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-260 H. Kirwan - R. MacDonald
RESOLVED that the following disbursement sheets be authorized for payment:

a)	2006GEN-9	General	\$52,787.33
b)	2006PW-9	Public Works	\$38,194.53
c)	2006REC-9	Recreation	\$ 1,850.61
d)	2006FIRE-9	Fire	\$ 4,705.43

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL INVOICES **RESOLUTION # 2006-18-261** **R. Wigzell - S. Lowery**
RESOLVED that additional invoice summary # 2006-7 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

TAX WRITE OFFS **RESOLUTION # 2006-18-262** **R. MacDonald - H. Kirwan**
RESOLVED that the summary of tax write offs dated October 27, 2006 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

RATES OF PAY
BY-LAW **RESOLUTION # 2006-18-263** **H. Kirwan - R. MacDonald**
RESOLVED that "Being a by-law for the establishment of rates of pay to the employees of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman for the year 2006" be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in open council and its number shall be 2006-20.

CARRIED

COUNCIL
REMUNERATION
BY-LAW **RESOLUTION # 2006-18-264** **R. MacDonald - H. Kirwan**
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 2006-21.

CARRIED

COLA **RESOLUTION # 2006-18-265** **S. Lowery - R. Wigzell**
RESOLVED that council acknowledge the cost of living allowance of 2.1% for the adjustments of any 2006 contracts that require COLA adjustments.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA **RESOLUTION # 2006-18-266** **R. Wigzell - S. Lowery**
RESOLVED that council go in camera at 8:06 pm to discuss personnel matters.

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING **RESOLUTION # 2006-18-267** **S. Lowery - R. Wigzell**
RESOLVED that council return to the open council meeting at 8:21 pm.

CARRIED

WAGE LOSS
REPLACEMENT **RESOLUTION # 2006-18-268** **R. Wigzell - S. Lowery**
RESOLVED that council agree to pay the wage loss replacement for a firefighter as per the memo dated October 30, 2006.

CARRIED

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-269 H. Kirwan - R. MacDonald
RESOLVED that council not approve the fire chief
recommendation as per the memo dated November 1, 2006.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 2006-18-270 H. Kirwan - R. MacDonald
RESOLVED that the meeting of November 6, 2006 do now
adjourn to meet again on the 4th day of December, 2006 at
7:00 pm or at the call of the reeve.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Reeve

Clerk/CAO

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