

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, September 7, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Ziggy Polkowski
Councillor Erwin Butikofer
Councillor Mike McCooeye
Councillor Bill Lankinen
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Brian Wright
Councillor Curtis Coulson

Erika Kromm, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- (a) Call to Order: Mayor Polkowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- (b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.
- (c) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2016-09-223

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda circulated for this regular meeting of Council be amended to:

- a) Move Item 3.6 from the consent agenda to section 4 as Item 4.5;
- b) Add, as Item 3.8, a report relating to including Memory Road to the load restriction by-law;
- c) Add, as Item 7.4, a report relating to the vandalism experienced in the municipality; and
- d) Substitute the by-law distributed on members' desks this evening for the by-law at Item 5.1 in the Agenda (load restriction by-law).

CARRIED ✓

- (d) Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were received.
- (e) Special Presentation:

Mayor Polkowski presented the 2016 Medical Bursary to Callie Bevilacqua.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

2.1 Marv Lassi To Address Council regarding Weather Monitoring Stations

Mr. Lassi provided an overview of his past experience with weather monitoring which includes a career with Environment Canada and providing systems to other area municipalities. Mr. Lassi showed a sample manual rain gauge and an automated weather monitoring system. A manual rain gauge works well, but the information may not be consistently recorded over the long run and the information is not immediately available.

Mr. Lassi explained the features of the automated system which collects data on temperature, pressure and rainfall. The units do not measure snow. Units that measure snow are expensive and not very accurate. The data is stored online and can be accessed from anywhere that has internet service. An internet connection and power source are required to run the stations, but they can also be connected with a cellular connection and a small solar panel in more remote areas.

There was some discussion regarding the units installed in Shuniah and the costs associated with installing and operating the weather stations.

Mayor Polkowski thanked Mr. Lassi for his presentation.

2.2 Mr. James Elvish will address Council with respect to Council's request for removal of an encroaching fence

Mr. Elvish expressed his concerns regarding Council's request for his fence to be moved out of the municipal road allowance and asked that the request be reconsidered. The presentation began with some history of property's ownership and changes that have been made over time. Three reasons for the fence to remain were provided which included the following:

1. The fence was built before Scoble became part of Neebing and should be considered "grandfathered" and allowed to remain.
2. Mr. Elvish does not recall a time since the fence was built that it impacted winter snow clearing and that now that the boat launch is closed there should be more room for snow clearing operations.
3. The fence was installed to hinder trespassing and if the fence was removed the problem would increase. This would further increase policing costs to the municipality.

Mr. Elvish provided a copy of his deputation to the Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Polkowski advised that the Council would seek a legal opinion before making a decision.

Mayor Polkowski thanked Mr. Elvish for his presentation.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 (&7.1) Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held August 24, 2016

Administration recommended that the minutes for the open session (Item 3.1) and the closed session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required, be approved.

One correction was noted to the open minutes to remove the reference to Councillor Wright as having attended the AMO conference, and add Councillor McCooeye in its place.

3.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity

Administration Recommended that the report be received.

3.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding "Chase the Ace" Lotteries

Administration recommended that the report be received.

3.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Road Closure Procedures

Administration recommended that the report be received.

3.5 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding the use of "household" income in By-law 2016-029

Administration Recommended that the information be considered with respect to Item 5.3.

3.6 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Load Limit By-law Fees

Item was moved to Section 4 as Item 4.5.

3.7 Information Correspondence List

Administration recommended that the correspondence be received for information.

Res. No. 2016-09-224

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendations from Administration with respect to all of the items on the consent agenda portion of this evening's meeting, including Items 7.1 and 7.2, but excluding Item 3.6.

CARRIED ✓

After passage of the resolution, Councillor Lankinen asked for clarification on the location of the roads referenced in point 9 a) of the Administrative Activity Report at Item 3.2.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Fire Hall RFP (tabled at the August 24th meeting, to be lifted from the table on September 7th)

Members present discussed the option of hiring a consultant to assist with amendments to the RFP for the fire hall. There was some concern regarding the extra expense but that it was important to get this right at the beginning to avoid expensive corrections later.

Res. No. 2016-09-225

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor McCooney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to hire Colliers Project Leaders to assist with the RFP for the fire hall

DEFEATED ✓

Administration was directed to scale back the RFP and make the changes as stated in the report without the assistance of the consultant. If necessary, hiring a consultant can be reviewed again in the future.

4.2 Correspondence from North of Superior Tourism Association, received August 2, 2016, Asking Neebing to Consider becoming a Member

Members present discussed joining the North of Superior Tourism Association. On consensus, it was agreed that Neebing would not join the North of Superior Tourism Association this year.

4.3 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Options for Regulating ATVs on Municipal Roads

Members present discussed the report. Administration was directed to bring forward a report regarding the costs associated with a by-law to allow all-terrain vehicles on municipal roads.

4.4 Correspondence from Property Owners on Memory Road Conveying Safety Concerns and Seeking a Response

Councillor Lankinen advised that he had been working with the Working Roads Foreman to install some reflectors and signs along Memory Road to address some of the concerns in the letter. Members present discussed the emergency plan and how it would be triggered during an emergency situation.

4.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Load Limit By-law Fees

Members present reviewed and discussed the Report.

Res. No. 2016-09-226

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the set fines set out in By-law 2016-027, Load Limits, be increased from \$250 to \$500.

CARRIED ✓

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2016-027 to Amend the Fees Associated with Haul Permits

Res. No. 2016-09-227

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2016-027 to amend By-laws 943-2012 and 2016-006, be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

- 5.2 By-law 2016-028 to Establish Charitable Rebate Program
5.3 By-law 2016-029 to Establish Low Income Senior/Disabled Persons Rebate Program

Res. No. 2016-09-228

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-laws 2016-028 and 2016-029 be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

- 5.4 By-law 2016-030 to Reduce Speed Limits on Podres Road East and on East Oliver Lake Road

Res. No. 2016-09-229

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2016-030 be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members present had the opportunity to raise other items of new business at this point in the meeting.

Councillor Butikofer advised that the preliminary draft budget for the Lakehead Conservation Authority indicates (at this time) that Neebing's levy will increase by \$651 in 2017.

Mayor Polkowski advised that the Mayor of the Township of Burpee and Mills contacted him to discuss the impacts that conservation land is having on the municipal tax base. Members present discussed the process associated with forming a coalition with other municipalities to lobby the Province to make changes to the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program. Administration was directed to assess the amount of time and resources would be required to form a coalition.

The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk asked for a confirmation of who will attend the Joint Council Meeting in Conmee on September 8, 2016 in Conmee. All Councillors indicated they would attend except Councillor Coulson.

The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk advised that a new playgroup for area children has started up. The group will be meeting at various locations, but would like to use the playground at the municipal office, and Blake Hall on some occasions. As these are public spaces, no issues were raised with the use.

Mayor Polkowski advised that crushing had begun at the Sturgeon Bay pit. He also advised that the Working Road Foreman's mother-in-law had passed away. Condolences and the appropriate charitable donation have been arranged.

Mayor Polkowski advised that Mr. Broennle had requested to put up a display at the public meeting regarding the Oliver Lake Recreation Areas, scheduled for October 12th. On consensus, it was agreed that area residents could put up a display.

A brief recess was called at 8:12 p.m. to allow the chambers to clear prior to the Closed Session Agenda. Session resumed at 8:17 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2016-09-230

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor McCooye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:17 p.m., Council close the next portion of the meeting to the public, under the authority of those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meetings were closed, to consider items 7.1 (minutes of Closed session of the prior Council meetings); and under paragraph 239(2)(b) and (d) to consider items 7.3, involving personal information about identifiable individuals; and under paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider items 7.2, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and under paragraph 239(2)(e) and (f) to consider item 7.3, involving litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality and matters subject to solicitor-client privilege.

CARRIED ✓

Members reviewed the items scheduled for closed session. During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

Res. No. 2016-09-231

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Shot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:55 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

- 7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Council meeting held August 24, 2016
Item 7.1 was approved through the Consent Agenda Resolution.

Items 7.2 through 7.4 were dealt with in a single resolution.

- 7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Results of Appraisal of Surplus Lots
7.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Employment Contract for Chief Building Official
7.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Remedies for Vandalism

Res. No. 2016-09-232

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor McCooye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓


8. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK

