

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, November 8, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Ziggy Polkowski
Councillor Mike McCooeye
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Bill Lankinen
Councillor Erwin Butikofer

REGRETS: Councillor Curtis Coulson
Councillor Brian Wright

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

(a) **Call to Order:** Mayor Polkowski called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

The meeting commenced earlier than scheduled. Members were present, having attended a special Council meeting earlier in the day for emergency preparedness training. Weather was inclement, and driving conditions dangerous. It was agreed on consensus to commence the meeting earlier than the scheduled time. Should any member of the public attend, any matter he or she was interested in would be re-considered or re-capped for his or her information.

(b) **Attendance:** Attendance was recorded.

(c) **Accept/Amend the Agenda:**

Res. No. 2017-11-251

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

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

- a) Add Item 4.11, being correspondence from Gary Davies seeking a letter of support for a grant application;
- b) Table Items 7.2 and 7.5, to be lifted from the table at the second regular meeting of Council in May, 2018; and
- c) Delete Item 4.10, being the discussion relating to drone photography, as information anticipated has not as yet been received.

CARRIED ✓

(d) **Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

2.1 Mr. and Mrs. DiPasquale will address Council regarding the Memory Road Allowance Tennis Court and their Request to purchase More Land

Having been made aware that there were accidents on Highway 61 between Neebing and Thunder Bay, and that driving conditions were not good, the DiPasquales had been contacted and advised that their issue would be deferred and they need not attend.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 18, 2017

Administration had recommended approval of these minutes, together with those presented at Item 7.1 of the Closed Session portion of the agenda, with any error corrections, as required. No errors were noted.

3.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk on Re-naming a Municipal Road

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Line Fences Act

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Road Tour

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information and for use in planning capital projects in 2018 and beyond

3.6 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding IMLA/MLDAO Conference

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.7 Information Correspondence List (Distributed at the Meeting)

Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received.

Res. No. 2017-11-252

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

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, being Items 3.1 through 3.7, as well as Item 7.1 in the Closed Session portion of the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

The Solicitor-Clerk noted that there is an error on page 27 of the agenda (page 3.5-4 of Report 3.5, relating to the Roads Tour). In the second paragraph from the bottom, the sentence:

“This would be on the west side of Klages to the creek”

should read

“This would be on the west side of Scoble Townline Road from Klages to the creek.”

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Proposed Changes to the Health System (Requested at the October 18th meeting)

The Solicitor-Clerk provided an overview of the report.

Res. No. 2017-11-253

Moved by: Councillor Shott

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

WHEREAS the provincial Expert Panel on Public Health, in its report “Public Health within an Integrated System” has made a number of recommendations to the Ontario government that would significantly re-structure and change the governance of the public health system in Ontario (the “recommendations”);

AND WHEREAS the recommendations involve decreasing the number of “health unit” program delivery agencies from 36 to 14, and aligning this “regional” tier of public health service delivery to the 14 Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) boundaries;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General, in her 2015 report to Ontario, made 20 recommendations relating to the operation of the LHINs, some of which involve “gaps” in service provision and/or performance by the LHINs;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General will release, later this year, a review of the 20 recommendations and the progress of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the LHINs in following them through;

AND WHEREAS it is premature, prior to the release of the Auditor-General’s follow up report, to assign a greater workload to the LHINs, and that, depending on the outcome of that report, it may not be prudent to assign a greater workload to the LHINs at this time or at any time;

AND WHEREAS one of the recommendations of the Auditor General was that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care develop a provincial plan on health-care needs in rural and northern communities as it committed to doing in 2007 (Recommendation #3);

AND WHEREAS the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing has not seen this provincial plan to date, nor has it been consulted on the formation of the plan;

AND WHEREAS another of the recommendations of the Auditor General was that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care “establish a clear picture of what a fully integrated health system looks like, its milestones and final targets, and timelines for when LHINs should achieve those targets” (Recommendation #7);

AND WHEREAS the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing has not seen this provincial vision to date, nor has it been consulted on the formation of the vision;

AND WHEREAS the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing is of the opinion that an ad-hoc integration of the health system without a clear vision is imprudent and potentially costly;

AND WHEREAS another of the recommendations of the Auditor General was that the LHINs should “measure the impact that each integration initiative has on LHIN service levels and costs” (Recommendation #15);

AND WHEREAS the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing has not seen any such report from the Northwest Ontario LHIN;

AND WHEREAS such a report may demonstrate that it is not financially prudent to further integrate the health care system at this time (or at all);

AND WHEREAS another of the recommendations of the Auditor General was that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care should review the boundaries of the LHINs (Recommendation #20);

AND WHEREAS the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing has not seen a report from any such review, nor has it been consulted with respect to same;

AND WHEREAS another “integration” of health service should not take place prior to the review of the existing LHIN boundaries, as recommended, otherwise restructuring costs will be duplicated and/or needlessly expended;

AND WHEREAS there were 18 reports listed in the Bibliography to the Expert Panel’s report, and some of those reports were quite dated;

AND WHEREAS there was no cost-benefit analysis for the recommendations of the Expert Panel included in its report, so it may have been relying on dated cost benefit analyses that are no longer relevant, or it may not have either reviewed or undertaken any cost benefit analysis relating to the recommendations;

AND WHEREAS there was no analysis provided by the Ministry on the implications of this proposed integration from any of:

- a patient perspective,
- a program/service perspective, or
- a cost benefit analysis perspective,

to clearly demonstrate the benefits of such a change in the public health system;

AND WHEREAS the recommendations relating to how municipalities will be able to appoint members to the boards of directors of the Regional program delivery agencies are vague and incomplete, making it impossible for a municipality like Neebing to comprehend what its role will be in the restructured entities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are mandated to fund a portion of the budgets of these service delivery agencies (currently known as "Public Health Units"), and as a result should have the right to place persons on the board of directors who have a municipal perspective that may not necessarily fit into a skills matrix developed by a board of directors;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has recently released a letter to the Minister (dated October 12, 2017) opposing the recommendations of the expert panel and setting out its reasons for that opposition;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing agrees with the reasoning set out in that letter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing does not support the recommendations of the provincial Expert Panel on Public Health, and urges the government not to adopt them without significant further study and significant further municipal consultation;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Tender Review Committee Regarding Responses to Two Requests for Quotation (one for Municipal Office Fencing and one for Community Wildlands Fire Protection Plan)

The Solicitor-Clerk provided an overview of the report.

Res. No. 2017-11-254

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the contract for creation of the Wildlands Fire Protection Plan be awarded to DCML Environmental, Health & Safety Services Inc.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2017-11-255

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the contract for fencing at the Municipal Office be awarded to Extreme Fencing Inc.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Committee of Adjustment Membership

The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the report and responded to questions from members of Council. No resolution was passed.

4.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding revisions to the DSSAB Review Submission

The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the report and responded to questions from members of Council.

Res. No. 2017-11-256

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution Number 2017-10-231, passed on October 4, 2017, be rescinded.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2017-11-257

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Attachment One to the Report as its comments to the Province's consulting firm, Optimus|SBR, for the review of District Social Service Administration Boards in Ontario;

AND FURTHER, THAT a full copy of the report by MNP Consulting, dated November 12, 2013, be included with the submission;

AND FURTHER, THAT Administration is directed to send Council's comments to the consulting firm prior to the deadline date of November 13, 2017;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council requests a copy of the consultant's report to the Ministry when it has been completed.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Grant Application

The Solicitor-Clerk provided an overview of the report. No resolution was passed.

- 4.6 Correspondence from The Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg, received October 20th seeking support for its request of the Province to install concrete barriers on Highway 401 from Windsor to London for safety reasons.

Members present discussed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

- 4.7 Correspondence from the municipality of Morris-Turnberry, received October 31st, seeking support for its resolution to have the non-usable portions of a farm remain subject to the farmland assessment reduction

Members present discussed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

- 4.8 Correspondence from the Town of Lakeshore, received November 2nd, seeking support for a resolution to have the Province create a flooding insurance program

Members present discussed the correspondence. Administration was requested to write to the Town of Lakeshore seeking further information about the proposal.

- 4.9 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Advertising in the Lake Superior Circle Tour Guidebook

Members present discussed the merits of Advertising in this publication.

Res. No. 2017-11-258

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves advertising in the "Lake Superior Circle Tour Guidebook";

AND FURTHER, THAT the level of participation be a ½ page ad for \$2,000.00;

AND FURTHER, THAT Administration discuss with the publishers the fact that Neebing is missing from its mapping;

AND FURTHER, THAT businesses named in the advertisement be contacted in advance for their permission to be named.

CARRIED ✓

- 4.10 Discussion Regarding Drone Photography proposals

This item was deleted from the agenda through resolution 2017-11-251.

- 4.11 Correspondence from Gary Davies seeking a letter of support for a grant application

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2017-11-259

Moved by: Councillor McCooye
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is directed to compose and send an appropriate supporting letter for the grant application.

CARRIED ✓

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2017-035 to Amend By-law 2016-023, the Road Name By-law

Res. No. 2017-11-260

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-035, to amend By-law 2016-023, be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2017-036 to amend By-law 2015-033, the Speed Limit By-law

Members present discussed the recommendation to reduce the speed limit on Willowdale Road, as discussed at the meeting on November 18th. It was suggested that Cloud Lake Road, adjacent to the cottage lots, should have the same speed limit reduction.

Res. No. 2017-11-261

Moved by: Councillor McCooye
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-036, to reduce the speed limit on Willowdale Road to 30 km/hr, be amended to:

- a) Add "and Cloud Lake Road" to the end of the last sentence of the last recital to the by-law; and
- b) Add a new section 2 to the by-law, reading as follows:

Further Amendment to By-law 033-2015: Schedule "A" of By-law 033-2015 is amended by inserting a row at the beginning of the table, immediately above the row commencing with "Cottage Drive East", reading as follows:

Cloud Lake Road	From the point where it reaches the west edge of the lake, approximately 1.6 kilometers north of its intersection with Pardee Road, to the Point where it reaches Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 779
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; and

- c) Re-numbering paragraph 2 to be paragraph 3; and

d) Re-numbering paragraph 3 to be paragraph 4.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2017-11-262

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-036 to amend By-law 033-2015, be passed as amended.

CARRIED ✓

5.3 By-law 2017-037 to Appoint Staff

Members present discussed the need for additional work to be completed and the time frame within which it could be accomplished.

Res. No. 2017-11-263

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-037, to appoint a staff member, be amended to change the date in the second paragraph that reads "December 29, 2018" (sic) to read "November 17, 2017".

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2017-11-264

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-037 to appoint a staff member, be passed as amended.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Lankinen advised that the vehicles are still parked on Belanger Road. It was suggested that they be towed. The Solicitor-Clerk advised that a by-law would be necessary to authorize towing. She was instructed to draft such a by-law for the next meeting of Council.

The Solicitor-Clerk distributed invitations to members of Council that had been received, for events occurring in the next 2 weeks, requiring RSVP responses.

The Solicitor-Clerk outlined for Council her visit with B.K. Parent, the author of the "Sommerhjem Journey" series of books that feature characters known as "Neebings" and a concept known as being "Neebing Blessed". Ms. Parent has expressed willingness to allow the Municipality to use her books and characters as tourism draws, and is interested in participating with council on Neebing related events. Mrs. Evans will be bringing suggestions to both the Neebing Recreation Committee and the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee for consideration.

Mrs. Evans reported that she had attended a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation on November 6th, and at that meeting, was able to obtain the access Council was seeking to the weather data from the station located on Highway 61 near Lake Lenore Road.

A brief recess was called at 7:00 p.m. Session resumed at 7:04 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2017-11-265

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:04 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 meeting was closed, to consider item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting);
under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider item 7.4, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals;
under paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider item 7.5, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality;
under paragraph 239(2)(d) to consider item 7.4, involving labour relations or employee negotiations;
under paragraph 239(2)(e) to consider items 7.3, 7.6 and 7.7, involving litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and
under paragraph 239(2)(f) to consider items 7.2, 7.6 and 7.7, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

CARRIED ✓

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

Res. No. 2017-11-266

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:50 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 18, 2017

The approval of the minutes was included in the consent agenda resolution.

7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Memory Road Subdivision (W-734)

This report was tabled by Resolution 2017-11-251.

Items 7.3 and 7.4 were dealt with in a single resolution.

- 7.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Fence on Road Allowance (East Oliver Lake)
- 7.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Personnel Issues

Res. No. 2017-11-267

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.3 and 7.4 on this evening's Closed Session agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓

- 7.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Request to Purchase Land

This report was tabled by Resolution 2017-11-251.

Items 7.6 and 7.7 were dealt with in a single resolution.

- 7.6 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Legal Issue Raised on Fall Road Tour
- 7.7 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Contract for Larson Road Gravel

Res. No. 2017-11-268

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.6 and 7.7 on this evening's Closed Session agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓

7. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Rosalie A. Evans
SOLICITOR-CLERK

