

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

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, January 16, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Erwin Butikofer
 Councillor at Large Gordon Cuthbertson
 Blake Councillor Mark Thibert
 Crooks Councillor Brian Wright
 Pardee Councillor Curtis Coulson
 Pearson Councillor Gary Gardner
 Scoble Councillor Brian Kurikka

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

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

Res. No. 2019-01-001

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
 Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

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

- a) Add , as Item 4.8, a report on consultation on the Province's draft environmental plan; and
- b) Add, as Item 4.9, a report on pre-consultation on regulations for recycling of electronic waste and batteries.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

2.1 Mr. James Bennett, Park Superintendent for the Kakabeka Cluster, With Respect to an "International Dark Sky Park" designation for Pigeon River Park and LaVerendrye Park

Mr. Bennett thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. He explained that he and some colleagues in Northwestern Ontario and in Northern Minnesota were collaborating on having a cluster of parks designated by the International Dark Sky Association. Provided those individual designations were accepted, the group would be submitting them jointly to be declared as a "cluster" of International Dark Sky Parks. This would be a significant honour, and create quite a tourist attraction. It is relatively rare to have a park cluster designation for parks on opposite sides of an international border. It would be unique and, hopefully, an international tourist draw.

The process is in its very early stages as yet. An expert must attend and take measurements to confirm the various parks' eligibilities. For the application, Mr. Bennett is seeking letters of support from various stakeholders. To date, he has letters from the Path of the Paddle Association, and from the Thunder Bay Chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

Mr. Bennett responded to questions from Members of Council.

The Solicitor-Clerk had distributed a draft letter of support for Council's consideration. Mr. Bennett reviewed it and indicated it would be acceptable.

Res. No. 2019-01-002

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neening supports the application to have certain lands, some of which are within the boundaries of the Municipality, including Pigeon River Park and LaVerendrye Park, designated as an "International Dark Sky Park" by the International Dark Sky Association

CARRIED ✓

Administration was directed to finalize and send the requested letter. Mr. Bennett left the chambers at 6:46 p.m.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 19, 2018

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 Voucher Report for the previous month

Administration had recommended approval of the vouchers.

- 3.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity
Administration had recommended Council receive the report for information.
- 3.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Recruitment for Vacancies on Committees
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information. Further information was placed by way of memo on Council members' desks for review.
- 3.5 Correspondence from the Town of Kirkland Lake seeking support for its resolution asking the Province to enact the Northern Ontario natural resource revenue sharing program
Administration had recommended providing a supporting resolution.
- 3.6 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month.
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.7 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.8 Report from Solicitor-Clerk on the "Options" for Insurance Renewals
Administration had recommended that the Report be received for information.
- 3.9 Report from Treasurer Regarding ONE Investment Peer Advisory Committee
Administration had recommended that Council approve the Treasurer's participation.
- 3.10 Correspondence from Hymers Agricultural Society seeking Contributions for the 2019 Hymers Fair
Administration had recommended that support be provided at the same level as was provided in 2018.
- 3.11 Correspondence from the Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté seeking support for its resolution asking the Province to amend the Declaration of Office with respect to pledging allegiance to the Queen
Administration had recommended that a supporting resolution be passed and circulated.
- 3.12 Information Correspondence List
Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received for information.

Councillor Cuthbertson requested that Item 3.11 be pulled from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Res. No. 2019-01-003

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

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 3.12, as well as Item 7.1 in the Closed Session portion of the agenda, with the exception of Item 3.11.

CARRIED ✓

With respect to Item 3.11 on the consent agenda, Councillor Cuthbertson expressed concern with the position taken by the Council of the Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté.

Res. No. 2019-01-004

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the position taken by the Council of the Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté, and circulate the supporting resolution.

DEFEATED (UNANIMOUSLY)✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Economic Development Officer Intern Regarding A Slogan for Neebing

The Solicitor-Clerk advised that she had received a request from Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee, who had considered this report at its meeting held Monday, January 15th, that Council table this matter to allow the Committee more time to reflect upon it and submit comments to Council.

Res. No. 2019-01-005

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Report be tabled, to be lifted from the table at the Regular Council meeting of February 6th, 2019.

CARRIED (REPORT TABLED)✓

4.2 Report from Economic Development Officer Intern Regarding Main Street Ontario Funding Idea

Members discussed the Report, which recommends painting the parking barriers that are on the west side of the Municipal Office Building. Several members expressed their dislike of these barriers. Alternatives were discussed.

Administration was asked to enquire from the Working Roads Foreman as to whether he had any alternate uses for the barriers elsewhere in the community, and to report back.

No resolution was passed.

4.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk on the Housing Survey

Further information had been distributed on members' desks. The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the report for Council and responded to questions.

Res. No. 2019-01-006

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to submit the responses set out in the Report.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding the Streetlight Project Update

The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the report with Council and responded to questions. Information still outstanding involves responses to Mr. McClelland's questions of the design engineers for certain intersection designs (which will impact cost), together with a breakdown of cost estimates per intersection.

Res. No. 2019-01-007

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, subject to receipt of further information which may impact the priority order, Council ranks the Highway 61 intersections for which it will be responsible for the cost of the erection and ongoing maintenance of streetlights, as follows:

1	Cloud Lake Road	6	Valley Drive
2	Memory Road	7	Lake Lenore Road
3	Jarvis Bay Road	8	Oleksuk Road
4	Copper Cliff Road	9	Blake Hall Road
5	Little Pigeon Bay Road	10	Sandhill Road

CARRIED ✓

Administration will report back when further information is available.

4.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program

Mayor Butikofer outlined the background with respect to this matter. Administration was directed to draft a resolution, to be brought back to the next Council meeting, which requests that the Province identify in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund grant formula, where municipalities are re-imbursed for the losses they incur due to the acceptance of land into the CLTIP.

No resolution was passed.

4.6 Report from Treasurer Regarding Used Tire Collection

The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the Report and responded to questions.

Res. No. 2019-01-008

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Neebing register as a tire collector;
AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration develop a form for residents disposing of tires to complete, to provide the information required by the Province;
AND, FURTHER, THAT the Landfill Site rules by-law be amended to provide a rule that the form must be completed and filed with Landfill Site staff before tires can be deposited for recycling;
AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration include in the tax insert newsletter, information on this new process.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Upcoming Waste Management Training

The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the report and responded to questions.

Res. No. 2019-01-009

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration set up the February 13th training at the office via webinar for those interested in attending;
AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Wright attend the conference of the Ontario Waste Management Association on March 6th.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding the Province's Draft Environmental Plan

The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the Report with Council and responded to questions.

Res. No. 2019-01-010

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to submit the responses set out in the Report;
AND FURTHER, THAT comments be included that the Province needs to be more open to proven technology from other jurisdictions;
AND FURTHER, THAT comments be included with respect to the benefits of hard surfacing roads in reduction of particulates in the air.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Consultation Questions for Proposed Regulations for the Recycling of Electronic Waste and Batteries

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

Res. No. 2019-01-011

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Report be tabled to allow more information to be included, to be lifted from the table at the Regular Council meeting of February 6th, 2019.

CARRIED (REPORT TABLED) ✓

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2019-001 to Authorize Interim Tax Billing

Res. No. 2019-01-012

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2019-001, to authorize interim tax billing, be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2019-002 to Appoint Persons to Committees

Res. No. 2019-001-013

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2019-002, to appoint persons to committees, be amended as follows:

- a) to replace the phrase “(to be added at the meeting)” with the following name in Section One (appointment to the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee):
Ryan Siciliano;
- b) to replace the phrase “(to be added at the meeting)” with the following name in Section Two (appointments to the Neebing Recreation Committee):
Edith Tivendale;
- c) to replace the phrase “(to be added at the meeting)” with the following names in Section Three (appointments to the Neebing Waste Management Committee):
Wendy McLean;
Lucas Durand;
Fritz Lehmborg; and
Councillor Kurikka;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the By-law be passed, as amended.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coulson mentioned that the new gazebo at Cloud Lake is getting a test for “snow load”, as there is quite a bit of snow on its roof.

Mayor Butikofer advised he is looking into the price Neebing charges for shoreline road allowance purchases. Thus far, he believes our price is too low as compared to what other municipalities charge. Administration was directed to include this matter in future budget discussions.

The Solicitor-Clerk asked whether any members of Council wished to attend the Northwestern Ontario Immigration Forum. Council members are not interested, but, on consensus, approved Ms. Lanthier’s request to attend.

The Solicitor-Clerk asked members present about a policy for issuing fire numbers. Council agreed that, provided there is a driveway in place, a number should be available upon request. Emergency service can be required even in the absence of a residence or other building. Administration will bring forward a policy for approval.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that there is still no “ad bag” delivery to the Sturgeon Bay/Mink Mountain Community Mailbox. The Solicitor-Clerk reported she had been told by representatives at Design House that it would have to await addition of a “hook” which will occur “in spring”, and that she had, in turn, advised that, given the six month “trial” period for increasing circulation of the Neebing News, the “spring” time frame should be re-evaluated.

Meetings were scheduled as follows:

Meeting	Date	Time
Roads Committee	Monday, January 21	9:00 a.m.
Labour Management Committee	Wednesday, January 23	3:00 p.m.
Budget Meeting #1	Friday, February 8	1:00 p.m.
Budget Meeting #2	Friday, February 22	1:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole – Planning Act application & Municipal Act application hearings	Friday, March 1st	1:00 p.m.

A brief recess was called at 8:00 p.m. Session resumed at 8:05 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2019-01-014

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:05 p.m., Council close the next portion of the meeting to the public, under 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)(a) to consider item 7.2, involving security of the property of the municipality;

Under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider items 7.3 and 7.4, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals;

Under paragraph 239(2)(e) to consider item 7.3, involving litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and

Under paragraph 239(2)(f) to consider item 7.3, 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. 2019-01-015

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:23 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 December 19, 2018

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

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

7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding the Municipal Heating System

7.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding a Legal Matter

7.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Personnel Matters

Res. No. 2019-01-016

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.2 through 7.4 on this evening's Closed Session agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

8.1 By-law 2019-003 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

Res. No. 2019-01-017

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2019-003, to confirm the proceedings of this meeting, be passed as presented in the agenda.

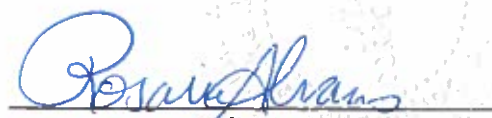
CARRIED ✓

9. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Butikofer adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL


Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR


Rosalie A. Evans
SOLICITOR-CLERK