

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, December 6, 2017

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

Rosalie Evans, Solicitor-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. 2017-12-281

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

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

- i. add Item 4.4, being correspondence from MP Don Rusnak regarding the Federal Budget for 2018;
- ii. add item 4.5, being a report from the Solicitor-Clerk regarding typographical errors in By-law 2017-041;
- iii. add item 4.6, being the report at Item 2.2 of the agenda for the special Council meeting held earlier today at 4:30 p.m. to begin budget deliberations for the 2018 budget, being a Report from the Solicitor-Clerk regarding next steps relating to the base fire hall;
- iv. add item 7.3, being a report from the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk on a personnel matter; and
- v. add item 7.4, being the report at Item 3.1 of agenda for the special Council meeting held earlier today at 4:30 p.m. to begin budget deliberations for the 2018 budget, being a Report from the Solicitor-Clerk regarding a proposal for Project Manager for the base hall project.

CARRIED ✓

(d) Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

2.1 Amy Bumbacco and Jessica McLaughlin, Thunder Bay Area Food Strategy

Ms. Bumbacco and Ms. McLaughlin presented to Council the recent activities and successes of the Thunder Bay Area Food Strategy. They responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Polkowski thanked the deputants for their presentation and advised them that the funding request would be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Ms. Bumbacco and Ms. McLaughlin left the chambers at 6:57 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 November 22, 2017

Administration had recommended that the minutes be approved, with any error corrections, as required.

3.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.3 Information Correspondence List (Distributed at the Meeting)

Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received.

Res. No. 2017-12-282

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

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 3.3.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Treasurer Regarding Investments

Members present reviewed the report. Councillor Shott requested that the minutes reflect the statement at the fourth line above the end of the first page of the report – the

recommendations in the report will not result in the loss of any of the principal of the money invested.

Res. No. 2017-12-283

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor McCooney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to transfer reserve funds that are not currently invested into a high interest savings account through the LAS One Investment Program.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Employee Request to Purchase surplus equipment

Members present discussed the report. Mayor Polkowski advised the Employee offered to purchase this equipment for \$250.00. It is not known whether this particular equipment was formally declared surplus to municipal needs in the past. The Solicitor-Clerk recommends a declaration at this time to avoid any issues in that regard.

Res. No. 2017-12-284

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the "wing" and "plow" which do not fit current municipal vehicles, be declared surplus to municipal needs;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the above-noted items be sold to Ed Chaschuk for the sum of \$250.00.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Correspondence from Kayla Derosier, received November 6, and Follow up Exchange received November 23rd Regarding Request to Use Municipal Property for Wedding Parking

Members present discussed the correspondence. The Solicitor-Clerk responded to questions. .

Administration was directed to have a discussion with the Municipality's insurers and bring the matter back to Council with the results of the discussion.

4.4 Correspondence from MP Rusnak Seeking Input into the 2018 Federal Budget

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2017-12-285

Moved by: Councillor McCooney
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to respond to the correspondence with the following input into the 2018 Federal budget:

The Municipality of Neebing requests that the Federal Infrastructure funds made available for municipal infrastructure be made available directly to municipalities, rather than having to be distributed through the Provinces; and

The Municipality of Neebing requests that fire stations and road hazard amelioration projects be considered as eligible infrastructure projects for the purposes of applying to the Federal government for funding.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk regarding Corrections Required to By-law 2017-041

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2017-12-286

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to re-issue By-law 2017-041 with the corrections to the typographical errors where "By-law 2017-039" was written in three places instead of the intended "By-law 2017-029".

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Base Fire Hall – Next Steps

On consensus, this matter was tabled, to be lifted from the table after Closed Session.

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2017-042 to impose Road Controls

Res. No. 2017-12-287

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-042, to impose road controls, be amended to:

(a) Change "October 15th" in Section 2.02 to read "December 15th"; and

(b) Add a clause to Section 3.02 to provide that this Section does not prohibit the construction of an entrance to property.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2017-12-288

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-042, to impose road controls, be passed, as amended.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Shott raised two issues for Public Works relating to Blake Hall. The Porta Pottie needs to be re-located nearer to the rink, and affixed to the new fence to prevent further vandalism (it was knocked over yet again). A pathway to the rink needs to be plowed and kept clear over the winter to facilitate flooding of the rink and usage of the rink by the public.

Councillor Butikofer raised a concern relating to the reduction in OMPF funding. The Province is stating that funding has increased by \$5M this year, however, every municipal representative he has addressed has indicated their municipality's OMPF funding, like Neebing's, has decreased. Mayor Polkowski suggested that we publish an article in the Neebing news, after the budget has been finalized, to explain the increased costs and decreased funding.

Councillor Shott indicated that he had reviewed the Veteran publication recently received. He contacted the publishers about purchasing more copies, as he is very impressed with the publication. No further copies are available. He is concerned that the cabinet it is kept in is unlocked. Administration was directed to re-locate the cabinet to one of the locked rooms.

Councillor Shott asked about the electrical finishing at Blake Hall. The Solicitor-Clerk will follow up with the Contractor on the status.

Councillor Shott advised that the District Health Unit budget calls for no increases for 2018. He believes, however, that the Superior North EMS budget will be increasing significantly. Councillor Butikofer asked about the funding model for Superior North EMS. There is no ambulance station in or near Neebing. Other municipalities have stations (and presumably, tax revenue), yet the formula for levies is the same for all. This seems unfair.

Administration asked Council about purchasing retail-able items to promote the "Neebing Blessed" theme with the Sommerhjem Journey book series. She suggested using un-used Economic Development Committee funds for the purchase. Council, on consensus, agreed.

Administration advised that a call had come in to the Municipal Office from the Ministry of Transportation relating to half loads. Council wishes further information on this discussion.

The Solicitor-Clerk advised that the first Police Services Board meeting had been held the previous evening, and that a resolution was requested, which will be on the next agenda.

The Solicitor-Clerk advised that an email had been received December 6th from the Ontario Good Roads Association advising that delegation requests were now open (until January 15th) for the conference. Administration will place a report on the next agenda in this regard.

Administration advised of an email received December 6th relating to Union Gas applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a new formula for rate calculations. Anyone wishing to participate in the hearings needs to advise by December 15th. On consensus, Council is not interested in participating.

Administration advised of an email received December 6th from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services suggesting that municipalities prepare strategies to deal with the threat posed by terrorists using vehicles as weapons at public gatherings. This triggered a discussion

about amending the emergency plan relating to "shooters". These issues will be forwarded to the program committee for consideration in amending the Emergency Plan in 2018.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2017-12-289

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:35 p.m., Council resolve into closed session under the authority of paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d) to consider Item 7.3, involving personal information about an identifiable individual and employment negotiations;

under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to consider item 7.2, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and

under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to consider item 7.1, 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. 2017-10-290

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:52 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

All matters discussed in Closed Session were dealt with in a single resolution.

- 7.1 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Lake Lenore Road
- 7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Property Purchase
- 7.3 Report from Treasurer-Deputy Clerk Regarding Personnel Matter
- 7.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Proposal for Project Manager for Base Fire Hall Project

Res. No. 2017-12-291

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.1 through 7.4 on the Agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

CARRIED ✓

Item 4.6 was lifted from the Table at this time.

4.6 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Base Fire Hall – Next Steps

Council remains concerned about the potential cost of this project and the persistent unavailability of funds from senior orders of government to assist.

On consensus, it was agreed that discussion of next steps will resume after the ROMA conference. At the conference, Mayor Polkowski will pursue discussions with vendors of pre-fabricated and/or other buildings and what may be potentially available for adaptation to a fire hall use.

8. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Rosalie A. Evans
SOLICITOR-CLERK