

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

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- (a) Call to Order: Mayor Butikofer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- (b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.
- (c) Town Hall Segment:

There were no attendees for the Town Hall segment of the meeting. The Solicitor-Clerk outlined an issue that a constituent had raised relating to above-ground "burial" at Cloud Bay Cemetery. That constituent had been advised of the "Town Hall" session opportunity and had indicated he would attend one in future.

- (d) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2019-04-078

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
 Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda circulated for this regular meeting of Council be approved as distributed.

CARRIED ✓

- (e) Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

No Deputations had been scheduled for this meeting

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 **Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 20, 2019**
Administration recommended that the minutes for both the open session (Item 3.1) and the Closed Session (Item 7.1), 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 **Report from Treasurer Regarding Statement of Remuneration and Expenses**
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.4 **Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Re-visit of the CLTIP Resolution**
Administration had recommended that the prior resolution be reconsidered and amended.
- 3.5 **Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Scheduling of Special Meeting for Cultural Awareness Training**
Administration had recommended that the education meeting be scheduled.
- 3.6 **Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Endangered Species Act consultation**
Administration had recommended that the proposed resolution be passed and circulated.
- 3.7 **Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding MNRF Communications Survey**
Administration had recommended that the proposed administrative response be approved.
- 3.8 **Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Surplus office items**
Administration had recommended that the items listed in the report be declared surplus to municipal needs and disposed of as outlined in the report.
- 3.9 **Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Request from the Township of Conmee**
Administration had recommended that the proposed letter of support be sent.
- 3.10 **Correspondence from the Ontario Public Works Association, received March 29th, requesting that Council declare May 19-25 as "National Public Works Week"**
Administration had recommended that Council make the declaration, as requested.
- 3.11 **Information Correspondence List**
Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received for information.

Councillor Wright pointed out that there appears to be an error in the report at Item 3.3 with respect to (former) Councillor Shott's reported remuneration in 2018. The Solicitor-Clerk will ask the Treasurer to review the report and advise. Councillor Cuthbertson noted that the NEDAC meeting scheduled for May 9th had been cancelled, as the Economic Development Intern will be away at training meetings and conferences for a considerable time period in May.

The Solicitor-Clerk advised that the report at Item 3.4 was written with an imperfect understanding of the resolution from the Township of Burpee and Mills. The Township was not opposed to a cap on the amount of land dedicated to the program – rather – it asked that the “and/or” in Neebing’s resolution be changed to an “and”, so that **both** a cap on the number of acres in the program and full financial compensation are requested. The resolution in the report should be amended accordingly.

Res. No. 2019-04-079

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
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 3.11, as well as Item 7.1 in the Closed Session portion of the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Treasurer Regarding New Optional Subclass for Small-Scale On-Farm Businesses

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2019-04-080

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration bring forward a by-law to implement the recommendations in the report

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding AMO Attendance

Members present reviewed the report. There was considerable discussion about the “value for money” that Neebing achieves by sending representatives to these conferences.

As no members of Council expressed interest in attending, Administration was directed, on consensus to cancel two of the three hotel rooms Neebing had reserved. Once the educational program for the conference has been publicized, Administration will consider the value of sending an Administrative representative to the conference, and cancel the final room reservation if it is not considered worthwhile.

No resolution was passed.

4.3 Correspondence Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Cemetery Fencing – Quotations

The Solicitor-Clerk reviewed the quotations received, all of which were considerably more than Council had envisioned. On consensus, Administration was directed to thank the fence companies for their quotations, and to advise them that no fencing would be installed. Direction was provided to remove the line item from the draft budget for the next budget meeting.

No resolution was passed.

4.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding the Speed Limit By-Law

Members present discussed the report. Members considered whether cottage area speed limits should be set at 30 km/hr or 40 km/hr. It was noted that Margaret Street had been inadvertently omitted from the cottage area recommendations.

Res. No. 2019-04-081

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration bring forward a by-law to implement the recommendations in the report;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Margaret Street be included in the 30 km/hr schedule for its entire length.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Discussion Paper Issued by the Province for "Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities"

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2019-04-082

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is directed to submit the comments as recommended in the Report as Council's input to the Provincial consultation process.

CARRIED ✓

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

No by-laws were submitted for passage at this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Cuthbertson raised the issue of the RFP for the Fire Truck purchase, as noted on page 9 of the agenda, within the Administrative Report. He noted that the volunteers were expending considerable effort on revising the RFP, yet in speaking with suppliers, it is clear that a purchase within the price that Council is considering is out of reach. He suggested the team needs clear direction from Council as to a "target" purchase price that is realistic.

Res. No. 2019-04-083

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Neebing schedule a special meeting on April 23 at 3:00 p.m. to review and discuss the Neebing Emergency Services portion of the budget.

CARRIED ✓

Councillor Cuthbertson advised he would be away in the intervening time period between now and the Council meeting of April 17th, but would be back in time to attend the meeting.

Councillor Kurikka noted that he would be away from April 17th to the end of the month and would not be able to attend either the special budget meeting or the regular meeting on the 17th.

Mayor Butikofer noted he would not be attending the May 15th Regular Meeting.

Councillor Kruikka advised he had had discussions with program directors at Confederation College with respect to the surveys desired for the cemetery. There is a GIS cohort class this September, who would be interested in an on-site project to do some preliminary siting work. There is no surveying course cohort for 2019, but will be one for 2020, and that class will also be looking for "real life" experience. The students will undertake the work for expense reimbursement and a small stipend or donation to the college. The end result is not a legal survey, but something the Public Works Foreman would be able to utilize. Administration was directed to put \$2,500 in the draft 2019 cemetery budget in anticipation of work being undertaken by the GIS class this fall.

Mayor Butikofer relayed a discussion he had held with a constituent wishing to raise chickens in one of the cottage subdivisions. This owner has been advised that the zoning by-law does not allow it at present. If the issue becomes larger, and more people are interested, a report on what is entailed with regulating chickens in non-agricultural areas may be required.

The Solicitor-Clerk noted that the landfill site attendants had asked whether the sites will be open or closed on Easter Sunday. On consensus, Council indicated they would be closed. Administration will issue the appropriate notices on the website and Facebook notification page, and prepare signs for posting at the two sites.

A brief recess was called at 7:02 p.m. to allow the Council Chambers to clear prior to entering Closed Session. The Meeting was called back to order at 7:06 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2019-04-084

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:06 p.m., Council will enter closed session under the authority of 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); and

Under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider items 7.2 and 7.3, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals;

Under paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider item 7.4, involving potential land disposition, and

Under paragraph 239(2)(f) to consider item 7.2, which contains advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

Res. No. 2019-04-085

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:24 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

CARRIED ✓

Matters Arising from Closed Session:

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 20, 2019

The approval of the minutes was included in the consent agenda resolution. No errors or omissions were noted.

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

7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Vacation Coverage for CBO

7.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding personnel Matters

7.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Land Licences

Res. No. 2019-04-086

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

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 2019-015 to Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2019-04-087

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2019-015, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting, be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

ADJOURN THE MEETING

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Butikofer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR



Rosalie Evans
SOLICITOR CLERK

