

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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

Erika Kromm, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk  
Rosalie Evans, Solicitor-Clerk

**1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:**

- (a) Call to Order: Mayor Polkowski called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- (b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.
- (c) Declarations of Interest:

No pecuniary interests were disclosed.

**2. PRELIMINARY 2018 BUDGET:**

**2.1 Preliminary Draft Budget for 2018**

Members present commenced a review of the proposed draft budget on a line-by-line basis.

Administration was asked to provide a report at the next budget meeting to analyze the implications of various options relating to the implementation of Bill 148, to take effect on January 1, 2018.

Administration was asked to provide a report reviewing the "Neebing News" publication. Council is interested in the proportions of advertising to actual articles. Concern was raised over value for money, and whether readership could be increased. Administration was asked to look into the cost of direct mail for the publication, as opposed to "ad bag" delivery.

Administration was asked to divide account 503320 into two parts – one for vehicle parts and the other for repair labour costs. Members present discussed the merits of having an in-house mechanic.

Administration was requested to explore with the Province the possibility of purchasing the Jarvis gravel pit.

The hour of 6:00 was reached. It became apparent Council would not be able to finish the agenda prior to commencement of the Regular Council meeting, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

It was agreed to adjourn this meeting until after completion of the Regular Council meeting, at which time discussion under Agenda Item 2.1 would re-commence.

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

On consensus, this matter was deferred to the agenda for the open session portion of the Regular Council meeting, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The agenda of the Regular Council meeting will be amended accordingly.

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**3.1 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Proposal for Project Manager for Base Hall**

On consensus, this matter was deferred to the agenda for the closed session portion of the Regular Council meeting, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The agenda of the Regular Council meeting will be amended accordingly.

**4. (A) TEMPORARILY ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

The hour being late, the assembly agreed, on consensus, to adjourn the meeting, and take up the items of business after conclusion of the regular Council meeting, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., on December 6, 2017.

The meeting adjourned temporarily at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Polkowski re-called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

Conversation returned to Item 2.1 on the agenda:

**2. PRELIMINARY 2018 BUDGET:**

**2.1 Preliminary Draft Budget for 2018**

Councillor Lankinen reviewed with Council a lengthy discussion he and the Working Roads Foreman had held regarding gravel work required on various roads in Pearson and Scoble. The following roads were referenced:

- Union School Road South (from Wamsley to Highway 608);
- Gammond Road;
- Nicolson Road;
- Salo Road (from Wamsley to Coulson, and south to and past Olsen);
- Olsen west of Salo;

- Turkey Trail; and
- Flank Roads (both East and West)

There was a question as to whether or not there would be sufficient municipal gravel for these projects. The Working Roads Foreman indicated a need to screen more gravel.

Mayor Polkowski raised the issue of Griffis Road and Willowdale Road, indicating both were in need of gravel and ditching.

Councillor Shott raised the issue of Farm, Falls and Boy Scout Roads, which need attention.

The Solicitor-Clerk raised the issue of Pit Road, as Council had previously discussed, in connection with the re-zoning of two land parcels, that the road would be improved in 2018.

Councillor Lankinen suggested Scoble Townline Road should have eight inches of gravel. There was also mention of four inches of grindings from Taranis.

Councillor Butikofer asked about Margaret Street. Council discussed chip-sealing both Margaret Street and Island Avenue in 2019. General consensus was that no preparatory work needs to be done on either of those two roads in 2018. The only chip seal work to be undertaken in 2018 would be Boundary Drive.

Councillor Coulson stated that Larson needs to be graveled, south of Stajkowski Drive.

Mayor Polkowski indicated that Moose Lodge Road also needs to be graveled and graded.

Mayor Polkowski suggested that another \$80,000 worth of crushing should be undertaken in 2018. Councillor Lankinen stated this should be to 5/8 or ¾.

A discussion was held about the quality of gravel used in the chip sealing of Copper Cliff Road East in 2017. It is considered to be substandard. There was discussion about approaching the chip seal contractor to discuss supplying the gravel for future chip seal projects in-house.

There was discussion without conclusion on which projects should be contracted out and which projects should be undertaken in-house. It was noted that, if we use municipal gravel and contracted forces, the gravel should be loaded with our loader and our staff to make sure that the trucks are appropriately filled.

Councillor Lankinen indicated that, prior to the next budget meeting, he would provide a summary of the work to be undertaken, how much gravel is required and some costs.

Members present discussed potential timing for another special meeting to further budget discussions. It was agreed that the meeting should occur prior to the Mayor's departure for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, scheduled January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Res. No. 2017-12-280

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration schedule a special meeting for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, for further budget deliberations.

CARRIED ✓

4. (B) ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

  
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Ziggy Polkowski  
MAYOR

  
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Rosalie A. Evans  
Solicitor-Clerk

