

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office
On Thursday, February 16, 2017

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

Erika Kromm, Treasurer/Deputy 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. 2017-02-038

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

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

- i) Add, as Item 4.8, a report from the Solicitor-Clerk regarding temporary staff appointments;
- ii) Add, as Item 5.1, a by-law to make temporary staff appointments; and
- iii) Add, as Item 7.4, a closed session discussion regarding labour negotiations.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) **Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

2.1 Deputation from the Neebing Recreation Committee regarding the work of the Committee and Sub-Committee relating to West Oliver Lake recreation area

Karen Coulson and Barry Chezick detailed the activities of the Committee and Sub-Committee and presented the Committee's recommendations outlined in the report. Safety is the greatest concern among the local residents and is the driving force behind the recommendations.

There are options relating to material used to fill the terrafix framework recommended for the boat launch improvements. The Committee believes that gravel will be sufficient and concrete will not be required.

There was some discussion regarding the placement of signs. Mr. Chezick advised that he had spoken with a representative of the City of Thunder Bay and was given permission to use the template for the Centennial Park sign to create the West Oliver Lake welcome sign.

The project timeline was discussed. The Committee recommends that the signage be placed as soon as possible and that work relating to the soil be completed in the fall when the ground is dry and usage is lower.

The consensus was that members of Council agreed with the recommendations in the report and the project will be reviewed as part of the 2017 budget discussions. In addition to the recommendations in the report, members present suggested that the beach line be straightened and clean sand be added.

Administration was directed to start work on acquiring the signs outlined in the report.

Mayor Polkowski thanked the Committee for their presentation.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 1, 2017

Administration had recommended the draft minutes be approved, with any error corrections, as required. No errors or omissions were brought forward.

3.2 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 1, 2017

Administration had recommended the draft minutes be approved, for both the open session (Item 3.2) and the closed session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required. No errors or omissions were brought forward.

3.3 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 8, 2017

Administration had recommended the draft minutes be approved, for both the open session (Item 3.3) and the closed session (Item 7.2), with any error corrections, as required. No errors or omissions were brought forward.

3.4 Voucher Report for the Previous Month

Administration had recommended that the report be approved.

3.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.6 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the Preceding Month

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.7 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the Preceding Month

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.8 Information Correspondence List (Distributed at the Meeting)

Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received for information.

Res. No. 2017-02-039

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

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 3.8, as well as Items 7.1 and 7.2, in the Closed Session portion of the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Ontario Waste Management Annual Meeting

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2017-02-040

Moved by: Councillor Shott

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes one member of Administration to attend the Ontario Waste Management Association Annual Meeting.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Consultation on Change to the Blue Box Program

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2017-02-041

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to bring forward a report once more information is available.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding "Deep Geologic Repository" for Bruce Nuclear Power Plant – Correspondence from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Members present discussed the report. No resolution was passed

4.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Imagery Available

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2017-02-042

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to participate in the North West Ontario Orphophotography Project organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and that imagery be captured for the entire area of the municipality.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Regarding Annual Planning Conference

Members present reviewed the report. Administration was directed to register Mayor Polkowski and Councillor Butikofer for the conference. (Note to minutes: it was later realized that Councillor Butikofer would be attending Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator training on the same date, so he was not enrolled.)

4.6 Correspondence from the Rural Cupboard Food Bank Regarding Donation Solicitation

Members present discussed the report. No resolution was passed

4.7 Correspondence from Chair of the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee Regarding Waiver of Membership Requirement

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2017-02-043

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request from the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee Chair to waive the residency requirement in order to appoint an interested non-resident to the committee.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Temporary Staffing

Members present discussed the report. No resolution was passed, but by consensus it was determined that there was a need to appoint temporary staff to the roads crew.

Administration was directed notify the Working Roads Foreman that if the roads crew was short two permanent staff members during the OGRA Conference, then he would not be able to attend.

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2017-005 to Appoint Temporary Roads Staff from February 24 to April 3, 2017

Res. No. 2017-02-044

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-005 to appoint temporary road staff from February 24 to April 3, 2017, be passed.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members present had the opportunity to raise other items of new business at this point in the meeting.

Councillor Butikofer inquired into whether Council had passed a resolution regarding putting a question on the ballot relating to reducing the number of members on Council. Several members oppose any change to the number of Councillors because of promises made during amalgamation

The Deputy Clerk advised that the sign in front of the municipal office requires repairs or replacement. Administration was directed to bring forward some options and pricing.

Mayor Polkowski advised that he received a call from a resident on Cottage Drive relating to snow plowing. Mayor Polkowski will work with Administration to draft a letter to the resident.

A brief recess was called at 7:43 p.m. to allow the chambers to clear prior to the Closed Session Agenda. Session resumed at 7:25 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2017-02-045

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:46 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 items 7.1 and 7.2 (minutes of the Closed session of prior Council meetings);

Under paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider item 7.3, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and

Under paragraph 239(2)(b) and (d) to consider Item 7.4, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals and about employee negotiations and labour relations.

CARRIED ✓

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

Res. No. 2017-02-046

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:13 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 February 1, 2017

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

7.2 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 8, 2017

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

7.3 Report from the Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Potential Property Purchase

Res. No. 2017-01-047

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

CARRIED ✓

7.4 Discussion Regarding Labour Negotiations

No resolution was required as a result of the Closed Session discussion.

8. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
DEPUTY CLERK

