

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Held at the Municipal Office  
On Wednesday, September 20, 2017

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Curtis Coulson

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. 2017-09-212

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this evening's meeting be amended to add, as Item 7.5, discussion about a fence encroachment to a road allowance.

**CARRIED ✓**

- (d) Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Shott declared an interest in Item 4.16 on this evening's amended agenda on the basis that it could impact his spouse's employment contract with the Municipality.

**2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:**

There were no deputation requests made for this meeting.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on September 5, 2017**

Administration recommended approval of the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.

- 3.2 Minutes of the Open Session Portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 6, 2017  
Administration recommended approval of the minutes for both the open session (Item 3.2) and the Closed Session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required.
- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Administration recommended that the minutes be received.
- 3.4 Voucher Report for the previous month  
Administration recommended that the vouchers be approved.
- 3.5 Variance Report: Year to date as of the end of the previous month  
Administration recommended that the report be received.
- 3.6 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity  
Administration recommended that the report be received.
- 3.7 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month  
Administration recommended that the report be received.
- 3.8 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Deeming By-law at Item 5.2  
Administration recommended that the report be received.
- 3.9 Report from NEDAC regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Activity  
Administration recommended that the report be received.
- 3.10 Correspondence from the Town of Halton Hills, received September 8, 2017, requesting a resolution to support "zero tolerance against racism"  
Administration recommended that Council pass a supporting resolution.
- 3.11 Information Correspondence List (Distributed at the Meeting)  
Administration recommended that the correspondence be received.

Res. No. 2017-09-213

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

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 ✓**

There was some discussion relating to items on the Voucher Report and Variance Report.

Members present reviewed the Administrative Activity Report and directed Administration to include copies of referenced correspondence and responses with future reports.

**4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:**

**4.1 Report from Treasurer-Deputy Clerk Regarding Certification for Blasting**

Members present discussed the report. No resolution was put forward.

**4.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Emergency Program, including annual approval of the Plan & Table Top Exercise**

Members present discussed the report.

**Res. No. 2017-09-214**

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the special meeting of Council scheduled on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, for the purposes of undertaking a "tabletop" emergency exercise, be rescheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Streetlight program**

Members present discussed the report. Administration was directed to bring forward estimates for the engineer design. No resolution was put forward.

**4.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding TBDSSAB Request to Respond to Survey about Housing and Homelessness**

Members present discussed the report

**Res. No. 2017-09-215**

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Bill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Mayor Polkowski and Councillor Buitkofer to work with Administration to complete the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board survey about housing and homelessness.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.5 Correspondence from The Better Business Bureau of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, received September 11, 2017, Seeking Sponsorship**

Members present discussed the correspondence. No resolution was put forward.

4.6 Correspondence from Bell Canada seeking specifics on what Council wishes to discuss with the representative when he attends Council

Members present discussed the correspondence. On consensus, it was determined that they would like to discuss cooperation between service providers and increasing service levels in the municipality.

4.7 Correspondence from the Manitoba/Northwest Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, received September 15, 2017, Regarding Contribution towards the 9th Annual "Military Service Recognition Book"

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2017-09-215

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to submit the same full page colour ad as last year to the Manitoba/Northwest Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion for the Military Service Recognition Book.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Correspondence from the Municipal Engineers Association requesting that Neebing submit a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (and local MPP) to reform the Municipal Environmental Assessment process

Members present discussed the correspondence. Administration was directed to bring forward a supporting resolution to the next meeting.

4.9 Correspondence from Cheryl Gallant, MP, seeking responses to a survey relating to Income Tax Reform. Responses to Ms. Gallant are required in time for her to submit them by October 2, 2017.

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2017-09-216

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to submit a letter of support to Cheryl Gallant, MP relating to Income Tax Reform.

CARRIED ✓

## 5. TABLE BY-LAWS

### 5.1 By-law 2017-031 to Amend Trailer Licencing By-law

Res. No. 2017-09-217

Moved by: Councillor Shott

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-031, to amend the trailer licencing by-law, be passed as presented.

**CARRIED ✓**

### 5.2 By-law 2017-032 to Merge Three Lots in a Plan of Subdivision

Res. No. 2017-09-218

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-032, to merge three lots in a plan of subdivision, be passed as presented.

**CARRIED ✓**

### 5.3 By-law 2017-033 to Adopt an Emergency Program, Including a Revised Emergency Plan

Res. No. 2017-09-219

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-033, to adopt an emergency program, including a revised emergency plan, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED ✓**

## 6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, a member of the audience requested that his matter be heard.

Councillor Shott advised that beavers have built a dam near Sturgeon Bay Road. It should be monitored to ensure it does not impact the road.

Mayor Polkowski advised that he had located 200 feet of used guard rail for sale for \$300. He asked whether there would be any interest in purchasing the guard rail for use on Neebing's roads. There was some discussion regarding new guard rail requirements and liability. On consensus, it was determined that the used guard rail would not be purchased.

Councillor Butikofer enquired about the status of joining the electronics stewardship. There was some discussion regarding the changes underway in the Province resulting from the Waste Free Ontario Act. This led to discussion on the state of the landfill sites in Neebing. On consensus, it was determined that further discussions on a future plan for the landfill sites needs to be held once the engineering studies are complete.

A brief recess was called at 7:48 p.m. to allow the gallery to clear prior to the closed session meeting. Session resumed at 7:54 p.m.

**7. CLOSED SESSION:**

Res. No. 2017-09-220

Moved by: Councillor Shott

Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:54 p.m., Council enter closed session 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)(b) to consider items 7.2, 7.4 and 7.5, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals;  
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)(d) to consider item 7.2, involving labour relations or employee negotiations.

**CARRIED ✓**

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

Res. No. 2017-09-221

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:22 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 September 6, 2017**

The minutes had been approved through the consent agenda resolution.

Matters 7.2 through 7.5 were dealt with in a single resolution.

**7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Personnel Matter Follow up**

**7.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Property Purchase Enquiry**

**7.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Driveway Culvert Extension**

**7.5 Verbal report from Mayor Polkowski Regarding Fence Encroachment – East Oliver Lake Road**

Res. No. 2017-09-222

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.2 through 7.5 on the agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

CARRIED ✓

**7. ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

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

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

  
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Ziggy Polkowski  
MAYOR

  
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Erika Kromm  
TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK

