

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

Held at the Municipal Office  
On Wednesday, January 17, 2018

**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

**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. 2018-01-009

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye  
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda circulated for this regular meeting of Council be amended to remove Item 4.4, a report regarding the landfill site studies.

**CARRIED ✓**

- (d) Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

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

No deputation requests were received 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 December 20, 2017**

Administration had recommended approval of these minutes, with any error corrections, as required. No errors were noted.

- 3.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Municipal Election 2018  
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.3 Report from Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk Regarding Asset Management: New Regulation and New Funding  
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on January 8, 2018  
Administration had recommended that the minutes be received.
- 3.5 Voucher Report for December, 2017  
Administration had recommended that the vouchers be approved.
- 3.6 Variance Report: Year to date as of the end of the previous month  
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.7 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity  
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.8 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month  
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.9 Correspondence from the Township of Muskoka requesting that the Minister of Labour clarify elements of Bill 148 for Municipalities  
Administration had recommended to pass a supporting resolution.
- 3.10 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in November, 2017  
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.11 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in December, 2017  
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.
- 3.12 Information Correspondence List (Distributed at the Meeting)  
Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received for information.

Res. No. 2018-01-010

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

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 3.12.

CARRIED ✓

Members present reviewed the reports. The Treasurer responded to questions regarding the Voucher Report. Administration was directed to report back to Council regarding options for recovering costs relating to the by-law officer

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

**4.1 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Interim Tax Billing, Including the Newsletter Insert**

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2018-01-011

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the newsletter appended to the report for distribution with the interim tax bills.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.2 Report from Administrative Assistant & Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Neebing News**

Members present discussed the report. On consensus, Administration was directed to design a survey to determine preferred format, frequency and distribution of the Neebing News.

**4.3 Report from Solicitor Clerk Regarding Various Meetings to be Scheduled**

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2018-01-012

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the schedule of meetings outlined in the report and that Councillor Lankinen and Councillor Curtis be appointed to the Asset Management Committee.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Landfill Site Studies**

This item was removed from the agenda because the final reports had not be received.

**4.5 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Renewal of Agreement with Central Ambulance Communication Center**

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2018-01-013

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to renew the agreement with the Central Ambulance Communication Center.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.5A Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Thunder Bay Police Service Business Plan

Members present reviewed the report..

Res. No. 2018-01-013A

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration write a letter to the Thunder Bay Police Service to request that its new business plan leave open an option to provide services to rural municipal neighbours.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Correspondence from the Local Employment Planning Council, received January 2nd, Seeking a Response as to our Continued level of Participation

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2018-01-014

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Roger Shott to be the representative for the Municipality of Neebing on the Local Employment Planning Council.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from an Organization called "Too Far Too Fast", received January 2, Regarding Cannabis Legalization, requesting a motion similar to one passed by Richmond Hill and requesting lobbying of federal and provincial representatives

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2018-01-015

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing advise the Attorney General and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, that Neebing is not a willing host for a cannabis retail location;

AND THAT Administration forward a copy of this resolution to the organization "Too Far. Too Fast" for its information.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Correspondence from the Northwest Local Health Integration Network Offering participation in a study working group looking at transportation and how it impacts health care in Northwestern Ontario

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2018-01-016

Moved by: Councillor Shott

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Councillor Butikofer to participate in the working group looking at transportation and how it impacts health care in Northwestern Ontario.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from the Hymers Agricultural Society seeking a Contribution to the 2018 Hymers Fall Fair

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2018-01-017

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to provide a contribution of \$100 to the 2018 Hymers Fall Fair which includes the cost for a half page ad.

CARRIED ✓

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2018-001 to authorize Interim Tax Billing

Res. No. 2018-01-018

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-001, to authorize interim tax billing, be passed.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Lankinen raised an issue relating to the ownership of land at the corner of Coulson Road and Lankinen Road. The person who believes himself to be the owner is looking into the matter. There are other maps indicating the parcel belongs to the Crown.

Councillor Shott reported on the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit board. There is general funding available for persons to assist with oral health care, if one is eligible. An information package will be published by the Health Unit.

Councillor McCooeye reported that the Lakehead Rural Planning Board had been unsuccessful in a recent court case and is subject to a costs order of \$50,000.00. The Province will be footing the bill for that matter.

Mayor Polkowski reported that one of the Public Works vehicles had a hydraulic leak over the holiday season. Members present discussed the state of the fleet.

Councillor Wright requested that Mayor Polkowski speak at the next Police Service Board meeting about having some speed limit enforcement work undertaken.

Administration was directed to search for a forestry report, prepared by KBM in approximately 2000 or 2001.

**7. CLOSED SESSION:**

**Res. No. 2018-01-019**

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:08 p.m., Council resolve into closed session, under the authority of paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to consider item 7.1, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals and employment negotiations; and under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to consider item 7.2, involving a proposed acquisition of land by the municipality.

**CARRIED ✓**

During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

**Res. No. 2018-01-020**

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer  
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:14 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

**CARRIED ✓**

Items 7.1 and 7.2 on the agenda were dealt with in a single resolution:

- 7.1 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Landfill Site Staffing
- 7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Property for Sale

**Res. No. 2018-01-021**

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.1 and 7.2 on the agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

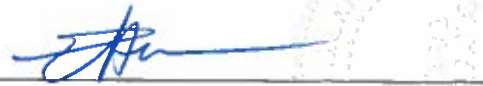
**CARRIED ✓**

**8. ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

  
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Ziggy Polkowski  
MAYOR

  
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Erika Kromm  
TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK

