

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, May 18th, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Ziggy Polkowski
Councillor Erwin Butikofer
Councillor Mike McCooeye
Councillor Bill Lankinen
Councillor Roger Shott
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. 2016-05-144

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda circulated for this regular meeting of Council be amended to add Item 7.3, a report from the Solicitor-Clerk regarding a personnel matter.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

No deputations had been scheduled for this meeting of Council.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 (& 7.1) Minutes of the Open and Closed Sessions of the Special meeting of Council held May 1, 2016

Administration recommended that the minutes for both the open session (Item 3.1) and the closed session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required, be approved

3.2 (& 7.2) Minutes of the Open and Closed Sessions of the Regular meeting of Council held May 4, 2016

Administration recommended that the minutes for both the open session (Item 3.2) and the closed session (Item 7.2), with any error corrections, as required, be approved

3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on May 9, 2016

Administration recommended that the minutes be received.

3.4 Minutes of the meeting of Council sitting as Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) held on May 10, 2016 for the purposes of reviewing the Official Plan

Administration recommended that the minutes be received and the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be approved.

3.5 Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Board on May 11, 2016

Administration recommended that the minutes be received.

3.6 Minutes of the meeting of Council sitting as Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) held on May 11, 2016 for the purposes of reviewing the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law

Administration recommended that the minutes be received and the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole be approved.

3.7 Voucher Report for the Previous Month

Administration recommended that the vouchers as set out in the report be approved. The Treasurer responded to questions regarding the report.

3.8 Variance Report: Year to date as of the end of the previous month

Administration recommended that the report be received for information.

3.9 Report from Solicitor-Clerk & Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Road Tour Observations

Administration recommended that the Report be received for information.

3.10 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity

Administration recommended that the Report be received for information.

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

Administration recommended that the report be received for information.

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

Administration recommended that the report be received for information.

3.13 Correspondence from Niagara Region seeking support for increased funding relating to Lyme disease research

Administration recommended that a resolution be passed in support of the Niagara Region Council's resolution.

3.14 Correspondence from Chair of the Neebing Recreation Committee relating to updates on Park Planning Progress

Administration recommended that the report be received for information.

3.15 Report from Treasurer regarding Failed Tax Sale

Administration recommended that the uncollected taxes be written off and the Education tax portion be recouped from the Province.

3.16 Information Correspondence List

Administration recommended that Council receive the listed correspondence for information.

Res. No. 2016-05-145

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

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.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Solicitor-Clerk regarding Request from Rural 60-Plus Centre

Members present reviewed and discussed the report.

Res. No. 2016-05-146

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to add a link to the Rural 60-Plus Centre on the Neebing website.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Councillor Wright's request to Donate to the Red Cross for the Fort McMurray Wildfires

Members present reviewed and discussed the report.

Res. No. 2016-05-147

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is directed to donate \$1,000 to the Red Cross for the Fort McMurray wildfires.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Mayor Polkowski's request to send a letter to the Premier regarding the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program

Members present reviewed the report and the appended letter. There was discussion regarding who should receive the letter and the inclusion of more numerical data in the letter. Administration was directed to finalize the letter with Mayor Polkowski and send it.

Res. No. 2016-05-148

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is directed to work with Mayor Polkowski on changes to the letter and send the amended letter to all those listed in the letter appended to the report and to distribute the letter to the media.

CARRIED ✓

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-Law 2016-012 to Approve Execution of Boundary Road Agreement with Oliver Paipoonge

Members present reviewed the by-law.

5.2 By-Law 2016-013 to Approve Tax Ratios

Members present reviewed the by-law.

5.3 By-Law 2016-014 to Approve Budget

Members present reviewed the by-law.

5.4 By-Law 2016-015 to Set Tax Rates

Members present reviewed the by-law.

5.5 By-Law 2016-016 Regarding Capping/Optional Tools

Members present reviewed the by-law.

5.6 By-Law 2016-017 Regarding Interest on the Perpetual Care Fund for the Cemetery

Members present reviewed the by-law.

Items 5.1 to 5.6 were dealt with in a single resolution.

Res. No. 2016-04-149

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-laws 2016-012 to 2016-017 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 Shott advised that he had received a complaint from the Boy Scout, Falls and Boundary Roads area that chipseal was breaking up and that a cone should be put up. In addition, there are lots of pot holes in that area. Councillor Lankinen advised that he would notify public works.

Councillor Shott inquired about the status of the Boy Scout Road Bridge repairs and expressed concern that it is getting late in the season to line up contractors.

Mayor Polkowski requested that Council have a meeting with the fire department to discuss fire hall locations. Administration was directed to schedule a special Council meeting with the NES Officers at 5:00 prior to the next Council meeting.

Councillor McCooye advised that East Oliver Lake Road was graded but the ridge at the edge of the road was not taken down. There was discussion about the differences between grading techniques in wet and dry conditions.

Councillor McCooye advised that the Lakehead Rural Planning Board approved four new lots in Gillies and Conmee.

Councillor Butikofer inquired about submitting the freedom of information request to the Province regarding the OMPF calculations.

Bill Lankinen advised that he has been receiving lots of calls from residents regarding the 2016 assessment notices sent out by MPAC. There was some discussion regarding the difference in assessments between different areas.

The Treasurer asked Council regarding their preference for the format of the variance report, whether they would prefer a summarized version or continue with the current format. The consensus was to continue with the current format.

Mayor Polkowski advised that a report was received from an area resident regarding options for the East Oliver Lake Boat Launch. Members present briefly discussed the report and the formation of a community committee. Administration was directed to advise the report's author that Councillors Wright, Butikofer and McCooye will meet regarding the proposal presented in the report.

A brief recess was called at 7:30 p.m. to allow the chambers to clear prior to the Closed Session Agenda. Council resumed proceedings at 7:47 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2016-05-150

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:47 p.m., Council close the next portion of the meeting to the public, under the authority of paragraphs 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to consider item 7.3, which involves personal information about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED ✓

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

Res. No. 2016-05-151

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:59 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

The closed session minutes (Items 7.1 and 7.2) had been approved previously in the meeting, with the Consent Agenda resolution.

7.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Personnel Matter

The report was provided for information and no resolution was passed.

8. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK

