

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, November 22, 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
Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief
Jeff Lafontaine, District Chief

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. 2017-11-269

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda circulated for this regular meeting of Council be amended to add Item 4.9, being correspondence from Tbaytel regarding scheduling a special meeting.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Shott declared an interest in Item 5.1 on this evening's agenda on the basis that the appointments to the Committee of Adjustment will result in remuneration for his daughter and son-in-law.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

2.1 Emma Schlyter will attend to "receive" the 2017 Medical Bursary

Mayor Polkowski presented the 2016 Medical Bursary to Emma Schlyter.

2.2 Jean Track and Cheryl Gorrie will address Council regarding plowing on Lake Lenore Road

Mayor Polkowski invited Jean Track and Cheryl Gorrie to come forward and present to Council.

Ms. Track expressed appreciation for the work that was completed on the road this year. In the past, Lake Lenore Road has not been plowed in the winter because the road was too dangerous. Ms. Track and Ms. Gorrie requested that the municipality plow the road in the winter now that some of the danger was reduced by the recent road work. Members present detailed the dangers that still exist and expressed concern that they would be putting municipal staff at risk by asking them to plow Lake Lenore Road.

Ms. Gorrie requested that the residents be permitted to take care of the plowing on Lake Lenore Road, if the municipality will not be plowing the road. Members present advised that they would require a legal opinion before they could make a decision on this request.

Mayor Polkowski thanked Ms. Track and Ms. Gorrie for their presentation and they left the gallery.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on November 8, 2017

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

3.2 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 8, 2017

Administration had recommended approval of these minutes, together with those presented at Item 7.1 of the Closed Session portion of the agenda, with any error corrections, as required. No errors were noted.

3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Board held on November 6, 2017

Administration had recommended that the minutes be received.

3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on November 13, 2017

Administration had recommended that the minutes be received.

3.5 Voucher Report for the previous month

Administration had recommended that the vouchers be received.

3.6 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

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

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 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information and that a meeting be scheduled for the Base Station project committee.
- 3.10 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Amendment to Emergency Plan
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information. (relates to the by-law at Item 5.2)
- 3.11 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Road Control by-law
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information. (relates to the by-law at Item 5.3)
- 3.12 Correspondence from The Corporation of the Town of Hearst seeking a "two plus one" road program between North Bay and Nipigon
Administration had recommended that a supporting resolution be passed.
- 3.13 Chief Ashbee's notes From his Meeting with Gordon Cuthbertson on thoughts to Reduce the Capital Cost of a new Base Station Fire Hall
Administration had recommended that the report be received for information and consider with respect to the report Item 4.1.
- 3.14 Information Correspondence List (Distributed at the Meeting)
Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received.

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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, being Items 3.1 through 3.14, as well as Item 7.1 in the Closed Session portion of the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

Members present discussed the report at Item 3.4. Administration was directed to write an article about vandalism at the Blake Hall and submit to the Neebing News and post on Facebook. In addition, Administration was directed to look into high resolution security cameras for Blake Hall. The Fire Chief was directed to ask someone from the fire department if they can flood the rink.

The Treasurer responded to questions regarding the vouchers at Item 3.5.

Members present discussed the report at Item 3.6. Administration was directed to schedule a meeting with the individual looking for a location for driver training, if he is interested in municipal property.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Existing Fire Halls - Options

Members present reviewed and discussed the report. The Fire Chief responded to questions. There was discussion regarding moving the radio equipment from Hall 3 in order to discontinue use of the building. More follow-up is required to determine a suitable location for the radio equipment.

There was some discussion on whether Hall 4 could be expanded. It is possible that the terrain may not accommodate any expansion. Further review would be required. In addition, this property is leased from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and it is unknown if the lease could be changed to include an increase in the land area.

Council reviewed current fire hall locations, vehicle placement and response times to various areas. Councillor Shott advised that he has a map from ambulance services that shows the location of their calls in Neebing. He will provide a copy to the Fire Chief to compare with municipal records.

As part of this discussion, the report at Item 3.13 was reviewed. Administration was directed to schedule a meeting with the Mayor, Fire Chief and the Solicitor-Clerk before the ROMA conference begins in January.

4.2 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Open House November 9th for Highway 61 Closures in 2018

Members present discussed the report. The Fire Chief provided details that were provided to emergency responders. No resolution was passed.

4.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding MDRAP Claim

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2017-11-271

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to withdraw the Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program (MDRAP) application for the 2016 flooding.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Treasurer Regarding Preliminary Budget Discussions

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2017-11-272

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor McCoeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to schedule a special meeting for 4:30 pm on December 6, 2017 to review a preliminary 2018 budget.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Discussions with MNRF about Beaver Management on Crown land to Protect Municipal Infrastructure (as well as private persons and property)

Members present discussed the report. No resolution was passed.

Administration was directed to determine if there was interest from trappers in the area to carry out beaver trapping on behalf of the Municipality.

4.6 Correspondence from the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock and from the Town of Tillsonburg, both received November 15, 2017, Seeking Approval Authority for landfill sites.

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2017-11-273

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Municipality supports the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock and the Town of Tillsonburg in their requests to the Province of Ontario to grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding "sales pitches" Requiring Response

Members present discussed the report. No resolution was passed.

Administration was directed to seek out additional pricing from other website designers in order to compare against the options available from Civic Live.

4.8 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Sponsoring a Break or Lunch for the Pigeon River International Emergency Planning Conference in march, 2018

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2017-11-274

Moved by: Councillor McCooney

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Municipality will sponsor a break or a meal at the Pigeon River International Emergency Planning Conference in March 2018 to a maximum of \$1,500.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Request from Tbaytel to have a special meeting

Members present discussed the merits of Advertising in this publication.

Res. No. 2017-11-275

Moved by: Councillor McCooney

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to schedule a special meeting with Tbaytel at 10:00 am on December 11, 2017.

CARRIED ✓

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2017-039 to appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment

Res. No. 2017-11-276

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-039, to appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

Having previously declared an interest in the By-law, Councillor Shott refrained from voting on the resolution to pass it.

5.2 By-law 2017-040 to amend the Emergency Plan

Res. No. 2017-11-277

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-040, to amend the Emergency Plan, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.3 By-law 2017-041 to Control Municipal Highways (parking, obstruction, drainage, entry permits, damage, etc.)

Members present discussed the by-law presented in the agenda. Some concerns were expressed regarding certain sections in the by-law as presented. Councillors will bring any suggested changes to the Solicitor-Clerk before the next meeting.

Res. No. 2017-11-278

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-041 be tabled, to be lifted from the table at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for December 6, 2017.

CARRIED ✓

5.4 By-law 2017-042 to amend By-law 2017-029 which adopted the new Official Plan

Due to the Tabling of the By-law at Item 5.4, the By-law number for this Item will change from 2017-042 to 2017-041.

Res. No. 2017-11-279

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-041, to amend By-law 2017-09 which adopted the new Official Plan, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk advised that the Chronicle Journal was seeking participants to advertise in their annual "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign. On consensus, it was determined that Neebing will not submit an ad this year.

The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk advised that there are a variety of small handyman tasks that need to be done around the municipal office. Administration was seeking input on hiring a handyman. Administration was directed that custodial and public works staff should be used for this type of work.

The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk asked if there were any additions to the Christmas card list. No changes were noted.

The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk requested clarification on the trailer by-law. Members present advised that the intention was to require permits only during times that a trailer is being occupied. Permits are not required during times a trailer is being stored on a property.

Councillor McCooye advised that the funeral for former Councillor Bev Dale's husband will be held on November 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm at West Arthur Community Centre.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

There were no items for closed session on this agenda, apart from the prior minutes, which had been approved with the Consent Agenda resolution. Council did not enter closed session.

8. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

