

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, February 1, 2017

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

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-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. 2017-02-022

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer
Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

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

- i) Add, as Item 4.4, a resolution proposed by Councillor Butikofer;
- ii) Add, as Item 4.5, a discussion relating to upcoming conferences and seminars;
and
- iii) Add, as Item 7.2, a closed session discussion regarding personnel matters and/or
labour negotiations.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

- 2.1 Deputation from "Path of the Paddle" and Trans Canada Trails requesting use of a portion of "Old Border Road" as a connecting link hiking/cycling route

Pam Cain and Ed Shields outlined the portion of Old Border Road that the Trans Canada Trail system wishes permission to utilize. The organizations have their own insurance and it was clarified that there would be no cost to the Municipality. Some signage will be erected to mark the path for users of the trail system.

It was noted that "Old Border Road" should not be referred to as "paved", as this could be deceiving. It had been paved in the past, but much of the road is now gravel. Ms. Cain took note of this fact and indicated that the materials would be revised in this regard so as not to confuse cyclists.

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Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Path of the Paddle and/or Trans Canada Trail System organizations be granted the permission to utilize "Old Border Road" as proposed in their presentation.

CARRIED ✓

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 21, 2017

Administration had recommended the draft minutes be approved, for both the open session (Item 3.1) and the closed session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required. No errors or omissions were brought forward.

3.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information, and that the proposed adjustments to the outstanding items list appended to the report be made.

3.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding CEMC Orientation Meeting

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.4 Correspondence from MPAC, received January 20th, 2017, enclosing the "Municipal Summary Report".

Administration had recommended that the report be received for information.

3.5 Information Correspondence List (Distributed at the Meeting)

Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received for information.

Res. No. 2017-02-024

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 3.5, and Item 7.1, in the Closed Session portion of the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

The Solicitor-Clerk referenced a correction required to the meeting schedule circulated as Attachment One, Item 3.2. The conciliation on February 15th is to commence at 10:00 a.m., rather than 9:00 a.m. as shown.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Anemos Energy Project(s)

Members present reviewed the report. Two members of the audience, Mr. Peter Major and Mr. Bruce Snider had questions relating to the Anemos Energy projects. On consensus, the procedural rules were waived to allow discussion between the two gentlemen and members of Council.

The Solicitor-Clerk read out an email message from the developer in which he acknowledged that, should the projects be resurrected, consultation with Council and the Community would be required and would commence.

No resolution was passed.

Administration was directed to send to Anemos Energy Council's previously passed resolution relating to Neebing not being a "willing host" for industrial wind turbine development projects.

4.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Police Service Contract with OPP

Members present reviewed the report. The Solicitor-Clerk responded to questions.

Res. No. 2017-02-025

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

WHEREAS, The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing wishes to enter into a contract under Section 10 of the Police Services Act to have the Ontario Provincial Police provide policing services to the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS, Neebing's neighbouring rural municipalities, being The Corporation of the Township of Gillies, The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor and The Corporation of the Township of Conmee, have expressed interest in participating with Neebing in this venture;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, should any of the other communities pass resolutions to participate, Administration is directed to undertake the necessary steps to have a joint policing contract finalized and brought to Council for approval by By-law, and to undertake the necessary steps to have a joint Police Services Board created with the other willing participants;

AND FURTHER, THAT, should the other communities ultimately determine that they do not wish to participate, Administration is directed to undertake the necessary steps to have a policing contract for Neebing finalized and brought to Council for approval by By-law, and to undertake the necessary steps to have a Police Services Board created

AND THAT these actions be undertaken as expeditiously as possible such that the contract can be entered into on or before April 1, 2017.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk (tabled at meeting January 18th) Regarding Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration

Members present discussed the report. The Solicitor-Clerk updated Council on the resolutions passed by the Gillies Council and by the City of Thunder Bay's Committee of the Whole. The Solicitor-Clerk also read out the press release that had been issued by the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition ("LRMC") in response to the Thunder Bay Committee of the Whole recommendation.

Res. No. 2017-02-026

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing reluctantly supports Resolution Number 16/113 of The Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB), which calls upon the Minister of Community and Social Services to amend Schedule 6 of Regulation 278/98 to increase the TBDSSAB representation of the municipalities comprising Area One from one member to three members;

AND THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing expresses its disappointment that the agreement reached in good faith at mediation, which, in part, involved an increase to the representation of the municipalities comprising Area One from one member to four members, was not accepted by the TBDSSAB;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the TBDSSAB to indicate Council's support;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services, and to Members of Provincial Parliament Bill Mauro and Michael Gravelle.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Resolution Proposed by Councillor Butikofer

Members present reviewed the memorandum containing the proposed resolution. It was noted that this resolution dovetails with Council's consensus, reached earlier in the day, at the Special Council meeting for asset management planning, not to sell any vacant lands at this time.

Res. No. 2017-02-027

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

WHEREAS there are Provincial programs, including the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program, and Provincial legislation which exempts some privately owned land parcels from all or some of the otherwise applicable municipal property taxes;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipalities bear the costs of these programs by having to provide services to these lands without receiving any revenue to defray the costs of those services;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is in the process of implementing a system of carbon taxes and carbon tax credits;

AND WHEREAS certain lands, such as vacant forested or cleared lands, may be eligible for carbon tax credits;

AND WHEREAS the benefit of a carbon tax credit may, at no expense to the Province, defray some or all of the costs to Ontario's municipalities for servicing tax exempt land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing respectfully requests the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Legislature, when considering the policies associated with carbon taxes and carbon tax credits, to accrue any carbon tax credits applicable to tax-exempt private properties within Ontario municipalities, to the Municipality in which the land is situate, rather than to the property owner;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, AMO, NOMA, the Thunder Bay District Municipal League; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Conference/Seminar Attendance Discussion

The Solicitor-Clerk sought Council's agreement to withdraw the previously sent delegation request for the Ontario Good Roads Association ("OGRA") conference. The request had been sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ("MNRF") who had not, at that time, responded to the identical delegation request submitted to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association ("ROMA") conference. The MNRF had subsequently responded, and the LRMC members had met with the Minister. On consensus, Council agreed that the delegation request could be withdrawn.

The Solicitor-Clerk then asked whether Council would still require attendance at the OGRA conference by a member of Administration. (Councillor Shott and Working Roads Foreman Barry Livingston are registered and planning to attend.) On consensus, Council agreed that the Solicitor-Clerk's attendance would not be required.

It was noted that Mayor Polkowski will be attending the annual meeting/conference for the Great Lakes St Lawrence Cities Initiative in June, 2017 in Montreal.

The Solicitor-Clerk asked for detail on who would be attending the conference for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in Ottawa in August. It was confirmed that Mayor Polkowski and Councillors Shott and Wright will attend with Ms. Kromm.

The Solicitor-Clerk advised that there is a 2-day forum focused on Emergency Management in April (11th-12th) with a registration cost of \$250 per person. The Amethyst Sector emergency management sector meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of the 10th, also in Dryden. On consensus, Council agreed that all three new Community Emergency Management Co-ordinators (Councillors Butikofer and Shott, and the Solicitor-Clerk) register to attend both events.

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

No by-laws were presented for passage at this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Members of Council were reminded that Enviroshred will be attending the office on Friday, February 3rd. Rules for what is and is not accepted were reviewed.

Councillor Shott indicated that Sturgeon Bay Road had been extremely slippery over the past week or so. He commended the Roads crew members for taking care of it very well. He suggested that we place warning signs for a curve and hill which are not currently marked, and that the speed be reduced to 30 kilometers per hour in that area. One section of road has a curve and hill clearly marked, but the "second" is not marked.

A brief recess was called at 7:22 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. 2017-02-028

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:25 p.m., Council close the next portion of the meeting to the public, under the authority of paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to consider Item 7.2, involving personal information 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. 2017-02-029

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:27 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 January 18, 2017

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

7.2 Discussion Relating to CUPE 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 7:28 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Rosalie A. Evans
SOLICITOR-CLERK

