

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, January 20, 2016

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

REGRETS: Councillor Mike McCooeye

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk
Erika Kromm, Treasurer-Deputy Clerk
Barry Livingston, Acting Roads Foreman
Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief
Jeff Lafontaine, District Chief R.P.P.O.

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- (a) **Call to Order:** Mayor Polkowski called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- (b) **Attendance:** Attendance was recorded.
- (c) **Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Shott indicated that he would declare an interest in Administrative wages if the matter came up with any level of detail, given his spouse's employment with the Municipality.

2. REPORTS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO 2016 BUDGET

The first two reports were discussed together.

2.1. Re-presentation of Report from 2015 May Road Tour

2.2. Follow Up memo to 2015 Road Tour Report

The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the Report and the update. Council discussed the possibility to increase the "road tour" to two annual trips – one in spring and one prior to snowfall in the fall/early winter. No resolutions were passed.

2.3. User Fee Report

The Solicitor-Clerk overviewed the report and its purpose in presentation. There was some discussion relating to the various fees and charges that the Corporation has imposed.

Res. No. 2016-01-001

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is directed to bring forward a by-law to incorporate user fees, and a report overviewing the 2002 Fire Call by-law.

CARRIED ✓

2.4. Re-prints of excerpts from minutes of Meetings in 2015 referring to the 2016 budget

The Solicitor explained the purpose for including this background information for the 2016 budget discussions. No resolutions were passed.

3. DRAFT BUDGET

3.1 Detailed Preliminary DRAFT Operating & Capital Budget for 2016

Council reviewed the draft 2016 operating and capital budgets with staff. The review started with the Fire Department. Chief Ashbee and District Chief Lafontaine responded to questions as Council reviewed the Fire Department operating and capital budgets on a "line by line" basis. Discussion included a review of the current fleet and the need to replace a pumper that was at the end of its "useful life" period of 25 years. There was also discussion about the need for architectural drawings for a new, central and "main" fire hall. There were adjustments made to some of the line items as directed through discussion. The Treasurer made the changes as they were discussed. Chief Ashbee and District Chief Lafontaine left the chambers when discussion had concluded at 4:45 p.m.

Council moved on to discuss the 2016 operating and capital budgets for the Public Works Department with Roads Foreman Barry Livingston, who responded to questions relating to the budget as presented. The Solicitor-Clerk reminded Council that no external contracting had been included in the budget (apart from what was required for the 2016 chip-seal project). Some discussion was held relating to the purchase of a new vehicle given the high cost of repair for one in our current fleet. There were adjustments made to some of the line items as directed through discussion. The Treasurer made the changes as they were discussed. Mr. Livingston left the council chambers when discussion had concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Council then turned to discussion of the Administrative and Council portions of the budget. The Treasurer was asked to follow up on several questions. There was insufficient time to complete the review. On consensus, it was agreed to carry on with the discussion at a future meeting.

3.2 Budget Meeting Schedule

Res. No. 2016-01-002

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Special meetings of Council be scheduled as follows for further discussion of the 2016 budget:

Wednesday, February 17th at 5:00 p.m.; and

Wednesday, March 16th at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED ✓

4. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

No deputation requests had been received for this meeting.

Res. No. 2016-01-003

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 5:56 p.m., there being no further business to attend to at this time, this Special Meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED ✓

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Rosalie A. Evans
SOLICITOR-CLERK