

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Held at the Municipal Office  
On Wednesday, April 5, 2017

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Mike McCooye

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk  
Erika Kromm, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

**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 advised that he would declare an interest and leave the room during Closed Session in the event that Administrative salaries were discussed in any detail, as his spouse is employed by the Municipality.

**2. 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:**

**2.1 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Draft 2017 Budget**

The Treasurer reviewed with Council some changes to the draft budget since distribution of the agenda. She also overviewed with Council a webinar relating to an organization called "Foundation Search" which assists municipalities to locate and secure grant funding from Canadian Foundations.

Members of Council reviewed the budget line by line.

Administration was directed to review with the Working Roads Foreman the two large culverts proposed for replacement on Copper Cliff Drive East.

Council directed that the next iteration of the 2017 budget be presented as a "break even" budget with an associated reduction in the tax rate.

Administration was directed to purchase membership in "Foundation Search" as discussed.

## 2.2 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Purchase of a Triple Combination Pumper

Administration was directed to review with the Fire Chief what “strategy” is referred to in the Report which sees Neebing maintaining two “rated” fire trucks.

Administration was also asked to delete the anticipated grant from the next draft budget iteration, unless more detail and probability of receipt can be confirmed. Concern was expressed with respect to the cost of the proposed new truck. Councillors also expressed concern that their request to close two existing fire halls has not as yet been addressed.

Council entertained a brief recess from 5:04 to 5:10 p.m.

## 3. CLOSED SESSION

### Res. No. 2017-04-072

Moved by: Councillor Shott  
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 5:10 p.m., Council close the next portion of the meeting to the public, under the authority of those Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, paragraph (d), to consider Item 3.1, involving labour relations or employee negotiations.

**CARRIED ✓**

It was not necessary for Councillor Shott to leave the room during closed session due to his declaration of interest, as wages for non-union staff were discussed in general rather than in specifics.

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

### Res. No. 2017-04-73

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer  
Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 5:20 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

**CARRIED ✓**

## 3.1 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Personnel Matters

### Res. No. 2017-04-74

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Item 3.1 of the agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

**CARRIED ✓**

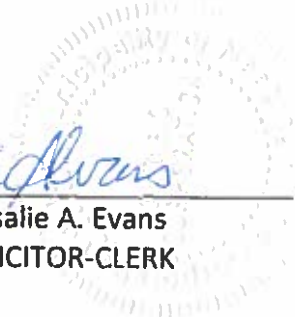
**4. ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**



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Ziggy Polkowski  
MAYOR



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Rosalie A. Evans  
SOLICITOR-CLERK