

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

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, October 19, 2016

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

Erika Kromm, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
Cheryl Jaspers, Administrative Assistant

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. 2016-10-259

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda circulated for this regular meeting of Council be amended to remove Item 5.3 from the By-laws for Passage portion of the meeting agenda and add Item 4.6, a verbal report from the Treasurer regarding the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program, for discussion.

CARRIED ✓

(d) Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest were received.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

No depositions were requested for this meeting of Council

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 (&7.1) Minutes of the Open Session Portion of the Regular meeting of Council held October 5, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

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

- 3.2 Notes from the Open House Meeting Hosted Jointly by Council and the Neebing Recreation Committee Regarding Oliver Lake, October 12, 2016
Administration recommended that the minutes for the open session, with any error corrections, as required, be received. One change was noted that was received by email from a resident who attended the open house.
- 3.3 Voucher Report for the Previous Month
Administration recommended that Council approve the vouchers.
- 3.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity
Administration Recommended that the Report be received for information.
- 3.5 Variance Report
Administration Recommended that the Report be received for information.
- 3.6 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding two months
Administration recommended that the correspondence be received for information.
- 3.7 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
Administration recommended that the Report be received for information.
- 3.8 Correspondence from AMO, received October 6, regarding "Closing the Fiscal Gap" and "What's Next Ontario"
Administration recommended that a resolution in support be sent, as requested.
- 3.9 Correspondence from The Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley, received October 10, regarding Amendments to the Ministry of Correctional Services Act (parole)
Administration recommended that a resolution in support be sent, as requested.
- 3.10 Correspondence from the Municipality of Grey Highlands, received October 12, regarding School Closures ("Accommodation Review Process")
Administration recommended that a resolution in support be sent, as requested.
- 3.11 Report from the Solicitor-Clerk re 2017 Federal Pre-Budget Consultation meeting
Administration Recommended that the Report be received for information.
- 3.12 Information Correspondence List
Administration recommended that the correspondence be received for information.

Res. No. 2016-10-260

Moved by: Councillor Shott
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, including Item 7.1, with amendments to Item 3.2.

CARRIED ✓

After passage of the resolution, the Deputy Clerk responded to questions regarding vouchers relating to fire equipment purchases and public works equipment rentals.

Members present discussed the information in Item 3.4 relating to a firearms complaint. Administration was directed to provide detailed information about the complaint in the report.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Bill 7 – An Act to Amend or Repeal Various Acts with Respect to Housing and Planning

Members present reviewed the report. Concerns were expressed regarding enforcement and lack of compensation from the Province to take on the extra responsibility.

Res. No. 2016-10-261

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Neebing is opposed to the passage of Schedule 5 of Bill 7 which will download the enforcement of residential tenancy standards to Municipalities without any compensation to the Municipalities for the increased workload that will result;

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, AMO, other municipalities in Ontario who do not have property standards by-laws already, and to the Thunder Bay Municipal League at the Fall Conference.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Consultation on the Ontario Municipal Board

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2016-10-262

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration bring forward a report to the next meeting regarding consultation on the Ontario Municipal Board.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Correspondence from Constituents, received October 10, Seeking Signs for Island Avenue

Members present discussed the request. A petition from the Island Avenue residents requesting the speed limit be reduced to 30 km/hr was circulated. There was some discussion regarding the placement of 30 km/hr signs.

Res. No. 2016-10-263

Moved by: Councillor Shott
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration have children playing/pedestrian walking signs install on Island Avenue and bring forward a by-law to reduce the speed limit to 30 km/hr along Island Avenue starting on Mink Mountain Road before Mink Mountain Resort.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Correspondence from NOMA, received October 13, circulating a Request for Financial Contribution to the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra

Members present discussed the request.

Res. No. 2016-10-264

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration send a donation of \$250 to the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from the Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Boy Scout Road

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2016-10-265

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the additional work on the Boy Scout Road Bridge be completed as described in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Verbal Report from the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program

The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk advised members of the requirement for a resolution authorizing administration to submit a claim relating to the flood damage that occurred from the rain event on June 25, 2016.

Res. No. 2016-10-266

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor Shot

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing experienced a natural disaster in the form of a flood event which occurred overnight on June 25th-26th, 2016;

AND WHEREAS the flood was sudden, unexpected, and extraordinary;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing experienced incremental operating and incremental capital costs to address remediation of the damage caused by the flood event to return the Municipality's infrastructure to its pre-disaster condition;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing will experience future costs (engineering costs, auditing costs and contractor costs) relating to other remediation of the damage caused by the flood event;

AND WHEREAS these costs will exceed three (3%) per cent of the Municipality's "own purpose taxation levy";

AND WHEREAS Administration has been advised that the current and future incremental operating and capital costs incurred are not recoverable under the Municipality's insurance policy portfolio;

ACCORDINGLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neening requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs to activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program;

AND FURTHER, that Administration was authorized to engage the contractors and engineers required to undertake the remediation work;

AND FURTHER that Erika Kromm, Treasurer, is given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the claim for damages for both the incurred and the anticipated future incremental operating and incremental capital costs that directly result from this natural disaster.

CARRIED ✓

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2016-034 to close Boy Scout Road West (a.k.a. Bunt Lane)

Res. No. 2016-10-267

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor McCooye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2016-034, to close Boy Scout Road West (a.k.a. Bunt Lane) be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2016-035 to close Cloud Bay Road North

Res. No. 2016-10-268

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen

Seconded by: Councillor Butikofer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2016-035, to close Cloud Bay Road North, be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Councillor Lankinen advised that although it is good to see the road complaints that come in, they don't always know that they have been resolved. He has received calls to advise that some complaints have not been followed-up. Administration was advised to bring the binder with the completed complaint forms to each meeting.

Mayor Polkowski received a call from a resident on Cameron Road who is happy with the work that was completed.

Councillor McCooye received a call from a resident wondering when repairs can be made to South Bay Road.

The Deputy Clerk advised that the representative from the insurance company is unable to meet with Council in the evenings and requested a meeting during the day. By consensus it was decided that a Special Meeting could be held on November 22 at 9:00 am.

The Deputy Clerk advised that a report seeking input on delegation requests for the 2017 ROMA conference would be brought to the next meeting of Council.

The Deputy Clerk suggested that the Wednesday after the union negotiations scheduled for November 14th and 18th be reserved for a Special Meeting should it be required for ratification. By consensus, it was agreed that November 23 be reserved for union contract ratification, if necessary.

Mayor Polkowski suggested that to reduce the wear and tear on the new public works truck, a new plow should not be purchased and installed. The plow from the old truck should be installed on the Dodge truck. Mayor Polkowski also advised that the Working Roads Foreman has requested that a small spreader be purchased for the Dodge truck for spot sanding. By consensus, it was agreed to install the old plow on the Dodge truck and not purchase or install a new plow for the new truck. It was also agreed that a small spreader could be purchase, but Administration was directed to bring pricing to a future meeting before purchasing.

Councillor Butikofer provided an update on the Cloud Lake Study. At the most recent presentation by the researchers, information was received about how residents can help protect waterways and shorelines. Administration was directed to put the information in the newsletter and on the website.

A brief recess was called at 7:40 p.m. to allow the chambers to clear prior to the Closed Session Agenda. Session resumed at 7:43 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2016-10-269

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:43 p.m., Council close the next portion of the meeting to the public, under the authority of those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, to consider item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider item 7.2, involving proposed or pending acquisition or dispositions of land by the municipality.

CARRIED ✓

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

Res. No. 2016-10-270

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:54 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Council meeting held September 21, 2016
Item 7.1 was approved through the Consent Agenda Resolution.

7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Title Search Results

Res. No. 2016-10-271

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓

8. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
DEPUTY CLERK

