

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

Held at the Municipal Office
On Wednesday, May 17, 2017

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

REGRETS: Councillor Erwin Butikofer

Erika Kromm, Treasurer/Deputy 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. 2017-05-122

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

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

- a) Add Item 4.8, a report regarding the quote for grader repairs; and
- b) Add Item 5.4, a by-law to appoint temporary staff.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) **Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

2.1 Mr. Leigh Shonosky with Respect to the Zoning of the Municipality's Property adjacent to Sandhill Landfill site

Mr. Leigh Shonosky addressed Council relating to the re-zoning of the Municipality's property adjacent to the Sandhill Landfill Site. Mr. Shonosky expressed concerns relating to the environmental impacts and quality of life resulting from the proposed gasifier project on that site. For a project of this scale, he feels that public consultation should have been expanded and that the developer should have been able to provide greater detail. It was suggested that studies should be done to determine other options for waste management. A copy of Mr. Shonosky's notes were provided to Council.

After Mr. Shonosky finished his presentation, the next deputation was introduced.

2.2 Ms. Wendy McLean with Respect to the Zoning of the Municipality's Property adjacent to Sandhill Landfill site

Ms. Wendy addressed Council relating to the re-zoning of the Municipality's property adjacent to the Sandhill Landfill Site. Ms. Mclean expressed concerns relating to the consultation process for the re-zoning and proposed gasifier project. She feels that public consultation should have been expanded and that insufficient information was available to the public to make an informed decision. Ms. McLean advised that she had brought a petition signed by Neebing residents; however, since time ran out, she would deliver the petition and presentation notes to the municipal office the following day.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 3, 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.

3.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, held on May 9, 2017, with respect to replacement of the Official Plan

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

3.3 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, held on May 10, 2017, with respect to replacement of the Zoning By-law

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

3.4 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month

Administration had recommended that the report be received.

3.5 Voucher Report for the previous month

Administration had recommended approval of the vouchers.

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

Administration had recommended that the report be received.

3.7 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity

Administration had recommended that the report be received.

3.8 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month

Administration had recommended that the report be received.

3.9 Report from Treasurer Regarding Exclusion of Amortization, Post-Employment Benefits and Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure from Budget

Administration had recommended that the report be received.

3.10 Information Correspondence List (Distributed at the Meeting)

Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received.

Res. No. 2017-05-123

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 3.10 as well as Item 7.1 in the Closed Session portion of the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

Councillor McCooeye asked for clarification relating to the landfill closure liability stated in the report at Item 3.9. The Deputy Clerk advised that the liability is an estimated amount based on comparable municipalities and it is possible that the figure could be understated. Once an engineering study is completed, a figure that more closely represents the unique features of Neebing's landfill sites could be estimated.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Draft 2017 Budget

Mayor Polkowski advised that some new figures have come in relating to repairs to the grader and other upcoming projects.

On consensus, this matter was tabled, to be lifted from the table at the Regular Council meeting on June 21st, 2017.

4.2 Report from Treasurer Regarding LAS One Investment Fund

Members present discussed the report. There was some discussion relating to the potential risk to the principle investment. No changes to the current investment portfolio were requested.

No resolution was passed.

4.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Quotations for surveying Land at Blake Hall

Members present reviewed and discussed the report.

Res. No. 2017-05-124

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to hire J.D. Barnes to complete a full survey of the Blake Hall property that includes building location survey and a surveyor's real property report.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Regarding Social Media Options

Members present reviewed the report. The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk responded to questions.

Res. No. 2017-05-125

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to create a social media policy and establish an online social media presence.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding 2017 Spring Road Tour

Members present reviewed the report. No resolution was passed.

4.6 Correspondence from Lake Lenore Property Owners, Received May 12, 2017, Requesting Municipal Services on Private Road

On consensus, this matter was tabled, to be lifted from the table after closed session.

4.7 Correspondence from the Ontario Provincial Police, received May 12, 2017, Regarding Registration to Receive Motor Vehicle Accident Reports online

Members present reviewed the correspondence. There was some discussion on how the reports could be used.

Res. No. 2017-05-126

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorized Administration to register the Municipality of Neebing as an authorized requestor and execute the agreement for the Ministry of Transportation's online Authorized Requester Information Service (ARIS).

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Report from Treasurer Regarding Quotation for Grader Repairs

On consensus this matter was tabled, to be lifted from the table at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for June 21st.

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2017-017 to Approve 2017 Tax Ratios

On consensus this matter was tabled, to be lifted from the table at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for June 21st.

5.2 By-law 2017-018 to Set the 2017 Tax Rate

On consensus this matter was tabled, to be lifted from the table at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for June 21st.

5.3 By-law 2017-019 to Approve the 2017 Budget

On consensus this matter was tabled, to be lifted from the table at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for June 21st.

5.4 By-law 2017-022 to Appoint Temporary Staff

Res. No. 2017-05-127

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2017-022, to appoint temporary staff, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Councillor Shott requested that the new patching material be used on Sturgeon Bay Road before the holes become too large.

Councillor McCooeye advised that about 50 property owners from the Trout Lake Campers Association attended the last Lakehead Rural Planning Board meeting regarding proposed aggregate operations. This issue will go to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) regardless of the decision made by the Board.

Councillor Wright asked for clarification of the complaints procedure. Members confirmed that a copy of all road complaints should go to the Roads Chair, Bill Lankinen.

The Deputy Clerk advised that Clean Water and Wastewater grant application for culvert rehabilitation was approved

The Deputy Clerk advised that Highway 61 will be reduced to one lane and controlled by a temporary traffic signal near Boy Scout Road from June until the end of September.

The Deputy Clerk advised that the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) is considering bringing the diploma program courses to the Thunder Bay District and are attempting to gauge the level of interest in participating. Members expressed interest in the training for Administration, but could not commit without further information regarding costs and timing.

Councillor Lankinen requested that Neebing try one beaver cone to see how well they work. Members present agreed that it was a good idea and Councillor Lankinen will follow-up with the Working Roads Foremen to determine the best size for a trial.

Councillor Coulson advised that there is a piece broken off the top tile on the well at Blake Hall. The consensus was that this needs to be repaired right away. Councillor Coulson will check with Thunder Bay Co-op to determine if they have a cover that can go on the well.

A brief recess was called at 7:19 p.m. Session resumed at 7:26 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Res. No. 2017-05-128

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:26 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); under paragraph 239(2)(b) & (d) to consider Item 7.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals and labour relations/employee negotiations; and under paragraph 239(2)(f) to consider Item 7.3, involving solicitor-client privilege.

CARRIED ✓

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

Res. No. 2017-05-129

Moved by: Councillor McCooeye
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:46 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 May 3, 2017

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

7.2 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Recruitment

Res. No. 2017-05-130

Moved by: Councillor Lankinen
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

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

CARRIED ✓

Item 4.6, which had been tabled earlier in the meeting, was lifted from the table. Item 4.6 and 7.3 were dealt with in a single resolution.

- 4.6 Correspondence from some Lake Lenore Property Owners, Received May 12, 2017, Requesting Municipal Services on Private Road
- 7.3 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Correspondence at Item 4.6

Res. No. 2017-05-131

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

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

CARRIED ✓

7. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Polkowski adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK

