

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

Held at the Municipal Office  
 On Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Erwin Butikofer  
 Councillor at Large Gordon Cuthbertson  
 Pardee Councillor Curtis Coulson  
 Pearson Councillor Gary Gardner  
 Scoble Councillor Brian Kurikka  
 Blake Councillor Mark Thibert

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk

**REGRETS:** Crooks Councillor Brian Wright

**1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:**

- (a) **Call to Order:** Mayor Butikofer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- (b) **Attendance:** Attendance was recorded.
- (c) **Town Hall Segment:**  
 There were no attendees for the Town Hall segment of the meeting.
- (d) **Accept/Amend the Agenda:**

**Res. No. 2019-03-057**

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
 Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda circulated for this regular meeting of Council be amended to reverse the order of items 2.1 and 2.2, and approved as so amended.

**CARRIED ✓**

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

No declarations of interest were brought forward.

**2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:**

**2.1 Mitch Taylor to Address Council Regarding Tax Payment in U.S. Funds**

Mr. Taylor explained his concern to Council and responded to questions.

Res. No. 2019-03-058

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to process a credit to Mr. Taylor's account in the amount of the U.S. dollar exchange.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2019-03-059

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka  
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to change policy, moving forward, so that any payments received in U.S. funds are credited appropriately with the exchange rate.

CARRIED ✓

Mr. Taylor and Ms. Troje left the chambers at 6:13 p.m.

2.2 Karen Coulson to address Council Regarding Park Improvement Request

Mrs. Coulson reviewed her letter to Council, as set out in the agenda. She advised Council that the school bus driver for the area indicates that there are many more children than had been indicated at the Recreation Committee meeting, and many are young. As a result the Committee would like to recommend consideration of a playground structure for this area. Mrs. Coulson responded to questions. Given the number of amenities under discussion, and the limited size of the park, it was suggested that a visit be paid once the snow is gone in order to prepare a site plan drawing. Amenities need to be positioned so as not to interfere with one another or with operations such as snow clearing and/or the helipad.

The list of requests is lengthy, and some of the requests are expensive. Discussion occurred over what to undertake at what time.

Res. No. 2019-03-060

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft 2019 budget be amended to include a play structure for the Alf Olsen Park area;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration follow up with other municipalities relating to BMX bicycle areas and report back with options;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration write to residents in the area to outline plans for park improvement and solicit volunteers;

AND, FURTHER, THAT an ice surface be planned for the 2019-2020 winter season;

AND, FURTHER, THAT a gazebo be included in a (preliminary) 2020 budget.

CARRIED ✓

Mrs. Coulson and Mrs. Shott left the chambers at 6:34 p.m.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 20, 2019  
Administration had recommended that the minutes be approved, with any error corrections, as required.
- 3.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 22, 2019  
Administration had recommended that the minutes be received.
- 3.3 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 27, 2019  
Administration had recommended that the minutes be received.
- 3.4 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Administrative Activity  
Administration had recommended that the minutes be received.
- 3.5 Information Correspondence List  
Administration had recommended that the correspondence be received.

The Clerk advised that some corrections needed to be made to the minutes for the meetings held on February 20<sup>th</sup> (Item 3.1) and 22<sup>nd</sup> (Item 3.2).

Res. No. 2019-03-061

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendations from Administration with respect to Items 3.1 and 3.2 "as amended", and the balance of the items on the consent agenda portion of this evening's meeting, being Items 3.3 through 3.5 as recommended.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:**

4.1 Report from Solicitor-Clerk Regarding Bill 66 – Further Information as Requested

Mayor Butikofer advised that Schedule 10 of Bill 66 had been removed from the bill by the Province.

No resolution was passed.

4.2 Recommendation from Committee of the Whole (March 1<sup>st</sup>) to Waive Time limits and Write Off Taxes

Res. No. 2019-03-062

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the time limits within the Municipal Act, 2001 for filing an application under Section 357;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the application submitted under Section 357 by Mr. and Mrs. Convey, for 106 Griffis Road, be approved

**CARRIED ✓**

4.3 Further Discussion Regarding Streetlight Installations

Councillor Kurikka relayed some concern based on information that he had received while attending the OGRA conference that liability might be found against the municipality for having "inconsistency" throughout the area by lighting some corners and not others. Members present discussed the matter.

The Solicitor-Clerk advised that Council is protected through its policy decision of commencing streetlight construction with what is affordable within the budget.

No resolution was passed.

5. TABLE BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2019-010 to Amend the User Fee By-law (2016-006)

Res. No. 2019-03-063

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2019-010, to amend the User Fee By-law (By-law 2016-006), be passed.

**CARRIED ✓**

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Butikofer advised of a conversation held with Mr. Chaschuk in which he was told that the Chaschuk gravel pit on "Pit Road" remains active.

Councillor Thibert asked whether a laminated contact information card could be made up for ease of reference for Council members. The Solicitor-Clerk advised there had been one for the past Council and she would look into re-creating it.

The next meeting of the Roads Committee is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. On consensus, a meeting of the Asset Management Committee was scheduled, to commence at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the Roads Committee meeting.

The Solicitor-Clerk advised of information obtained from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, seeking sponsors to assist children attending "CampMed". Administration was directed to write a Neebing News article to describe the camp, and Council's interest in sponsoring an attendee from Neebing, should there be one.

The Solicitor-Clerk advised that she had missed recording this month's edition of "Municipal World" magazine in the information correspondence list, but it is available for circulation.

The Solicitor-Clerk reported that the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk had heard back from OMERS with respect to Council participation in the plan, and it is necessary for each member of Council (with one exception) to enroll. Forms were provided on members' desks this evening. A full report on the matter will be on the March 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting agenda.

## 7. CLOSED SESSION:

### Res. No. 2019-03-064

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:08 p.m., Council will enter closed session under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to consider items 7.1 and 7.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

### Res. No. 2019-03-065

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:16 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

CARRIED ✓

### **Matters Arising from Closed Session:**

No matters requiring resolutions arose from Closed Session.

## 8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

### 8.1 By-law 2019-011 to Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

#### Res. No. 2019-03-066

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson


BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2019-011, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting, be passed as presented in the agenda.

CARRIED ✓

**9. ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Butikofer adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

  
Erwin Butikofer  
MAYOR

  
Rosalie A. Evans  
SOLICITOR-CLERK

