

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Held via GoToMeeting Web Conferencing

On Wednesday March 24, 2021, 6:00 pm

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

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer  
Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk -Treasurer  
Rosalie Evans, Solicitor

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Shannon Dodd-Smith and Family  
Lucas Durand  
Darren Fisk  
Carolyn Huber, Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Thora Cartlidge  
Joseph Zawada

**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) Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of pecuniary interests under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act were brought forward.

**2. PUBLIC MEETING RELATING TO THE MUNICIPALITY'S REVIEW OF ITS OFFICIAL PLAN**

**2.1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Official Plan Review**

The Clerk-Treasurer provided an overview of the report. Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Clerk-Treasurer. There were no questions from the Committee.

2.2. Members of the Audience may address Committee either in favour of, or in opposition to, the Municipality's proposed amendments to the Official Plan

Shannon Dodd Smith spoke regarding the draft Official Plan and the letter she had previously submitted to the Municipality outlining her suggested changes. Ms. Dodd-Smith started by thanking Council for the park amenity improvements in geographic Pearson Township, and noted that the new plan highlighted protected areas and the replenishment of shared spaces to support community building. She stated that she was glad to see a focus on sustainable development and stated that residential growth should not be confused with commercial development. Mrs. Dodd-Smith stated that she does not like to see farmland lost, however was glad to see more community amenities, including medical clinics. She stated she would like to see public access to shoreline protected. She expressed concern that there were no studies to support the deletion of Environmental Protection areas from the mapping, as proposed.

Ms. Dodd-Smith went through her suggested changes, which are also outlined in her correspondence.

Mayor Butikofer asked Council if they had any questions for Ms. Dodd-Smith. Members of Council thanked Mr. Dodd Smith for her presentation and some members stated they needed more time to review her detailed comments.

Mayor Butikofer asked if any other members of public wished to speak. No one else requested to speak.

2.3. Committee will consider the proposed Official Plan changes and make a recommendation to the Municipal Council, to be considered at the regular meeting of the Council, scheduled for April 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer whether the owners of the three properties that are proposed to have special conditions removed from the Environmental Protection designation had been consulted. The Clerk-Treasurer responded that, apart from the general public notice provisions, no individual notices had been sent.

Committee members expressed that they would like more time to consider all of the written comments received prior to making a recommendation regarding the Official Plan.

Rec. No. 2021-03-03

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

WHEREAS Committee of the Whole requires additional time to consider input from the public;

AND WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole does not recommend an additional public meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a public meeting having been held with respect to the proposed revised Official Plan, the Committee of the Whole defers recommendation of any changes to the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on April 7, 2021.

CARRIED ✓

### **3. PUBLIC MEETING RELATING TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAW**

#### **3.1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer on the Proposed Amendments to the Zoning By-Law**

The Clerk-Treasurer provided an overview of the report. Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Clerk-Treasurer. There were no questions from the Committee.

#### **3.2. Members of the Audience may address Committee, either in favour of, or in opposition to, the Municipality's proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law**

Mayor Butikofer asked if any members of public wished to speak. No one requested to speak.

#### **3.3. Committee will consider the proposed Zoning By-law amendments and make a recommendation to the Municipal Council, to be considered at the regular meeting of the Council, scheduled for April 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Butikofer asked each of the members of the Committee if they had comments or concerns about the proposed zoning by-law amendments. Two members stated that they had discussions with members of the public regarding the removal of boat house as a permitted use in certain zones, but in each case the person was made aware that the use is still permitted as an accessory building. No other comments or concerns were expressed.

Rec. No. 2021-03-04

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

WHEREAS Committee of the Whole considers the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law to represent good planning;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a public meeting having been held with respect to the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law, the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council pass the amendments to the zoning by-law as presented in the report.


CARRIED ✓

4. ADJOURN THE MEETING

Mayor Butikofer reminded the audience that these proceedings are recommendations only, and they would be brought forward to Council for consideration during the regular Council meeting held at 6:00 pm on April 7, 2021.

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Butikofer adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

  
Erwin Butikofer  
MAYOR

  
Erika Kromm  
CLERK-TREASURER

