

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System
On Wednesday, October 7, 2020

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

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2020-10-166

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT the agenda as amended, by adding item 4.9 Verbal Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding proposed noise bylaw, for this regular meeting of Council,

AND FURTHER THAT the agenda, as so amended, be approved.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) Declarations of Interest:
No declarations of interest were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

No depositions were scheduled for this meeting of Council.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 16, 2020
(Recommendation to approve the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.)
- 3.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to approve the vouchers.)

- 3.3 Correspondence from Township of Conmee, received September 28, 2020, Regarding Proposed Amalgamation with Oliver-Paipoonge
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.4 Correspondence from Community Schools Alliance, received September 16, 2020 regarding 2021 Membership,
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.5 Correspondence from Ontario Provincial Police, received September 29, 2020 regarding 2021 Billing
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.6 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2020-10-167

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Gardener

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves 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 3.6, and the closed session minutes from September 16, presented as item 7.1.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Verbal Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

The Clerk-Treasurer provided an overview of the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding three applications to create new lots.

Res. No. 2020-10-168

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

WHEREAS Council considers that approval of the application brought by Steve Sawchuk to sever two lots from property a 482 Union School Road South represents good planning;

AND WHEREAS Council considers that the proposed locations for the severed and retained lots will not result in negative impacts to any nearby residential property owners;

AND WHEREAS the severed lots represent "infill" development on Mannisto Road;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the approval of the application will not result in any additional service requirements from the Municipality,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a public meeting having been held with respect to the application by Steve Sawchuk, relative to property with a municipal address of 482 Union School Road South located at the northeast corner of Union School Road South and Wamsley Road, and

legally described as the South Part Lot 10, Concession 4, Less 55R11901 Parts 1 and 2, in the Municipality of Neebing (geographic Pearson Township) and the District of Thunder Bay, the consent requested in Application B02-2020, as submitted by the owner to sever two lots from their property, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- a) A survey is finalized and registered;
- b) Driveway entrances for the retained lot, and for both severed lots, are approved by the Working Roads Foreman;
- c) Satisfactory approval from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit relating to adequacy of the severed and retained lots for septic services is obtained;
- d) If it is not already in Municipal Ownership, those portions of Union School Road South and Mannisto Road that are adjacent to the Severed Lots are transferred to the Municipality, free of encumbrances, and at no cost to the Municipality; and
- e) Conveyance of the road allowance and the two severed lots must occur within twelve (12) months of the date that this decision becomes final and binding.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2020-10-169

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

WHEREAS Council considers that approval of the application brought by Steve Sawchuk to sever three lots from property a 140 Union School Road South represents good planning;

AND WHEREAS Council considers that the proposed locations for the severed and retained lots will not result in negative impacts to any nearby residential property owners;

AND WHEREAS the severed lots represent “infill” development on Pearson Road;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the approval of the application will not result in any additional service requirements from the Municipality,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a public meeting having been held with respect to the application by Steve Sawchuk, relative to property with a municipal address of 140 Union School Road South located at the northeast corner of Union School Road South and Wamsley Road, and legally described as the South Part Lot 12, Concession 1, Parcel 5566, in the Municipality of Neebing (geographic Pearson Township) and the District of Thunder Bay, the consent requested in Application B04-2020, as submitted by the owner to sever three lots from their property, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- a) A survey is finalized and registered;
- b) Driveway entrances for the retained lot, and for both severed lots, are approved by the Working Roads Foreman;
- c) Satisfactory approval from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit relating to adequacy of the severed and retained lots for septic services is obtained;
- d) If it is not already in Municipal Ownership, those portions of Union School Road South and Pearson Road that are adjacent to the Severed Lots are transferred to the Municipality, free of encumbrances, and at no cost to the Municipality; and
- e) Conveyance of the road allowance and the three severed lots must occur within twelve (12) months of the date that this decision becomes final and binding.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2020-10-170

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

WHEREAS Council considers that approval of the application brought by Laura Plexman to sever one lot from property a 276 Cloud River Road East represents good planning;

AND WHEREAS Council considers that the proposed locations for the severed and retained lots will not result in negative impacts to any nearby residential property owners;

AND WHEREAS the severed lot represents "infill" development on Cloud River Road East;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the approval of the application will not result in any additional service requirements from the Municipality,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a public meeting having been held with respect to the application by Laura Plexman, relative to property with a municipal address of 276 Cloud River Road East located at the end of Cloud River Road East on the South side, and legally described as the North Part Lot 1, Concession 4, in the Municipality of Neebing (geographic Crooks Township) and the District of Thunder Bay, the consent requested in Application B03-2020, as submitted by the owner to sever one lot from their property, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- a) A survey is finalized and registered;
- b) Driveway entrances for the retained lot, and for the severed lot, are approved by the Working Roads Foreman;
- c) Satisfactory approval from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit relating to adequacy of the severed and retained lots for septic services is obtained;

- d) If it is not already in Municipal Ownership, the portion of Cloud River Road East that is adjacent to the Severed Lot is transferred to the Municipality, free of encumbrances, and at no cost to the Municipality; and
- e) Conveyance of the road allowance and the severed lot must occur within twelve (12) months of the date that this decision becomes final and binding.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Winter Weather Software Application

Members present reviewed the report. Clerk-Treasurer responded to questions.

Res. No. 2020-10-171

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to purchase a subscription for the OGRA Weather App for one station.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Consultation on Proposed SNEMS Strategic Plan

Members present discussed the report. There are some concerns related to the financial model and the future impacts of the proposed Superior North Emergency Medical Services (SNEMS) Strategic Plan.

Res. No. 2020-10-172

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Gardener

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to write a letter to Superior North Emergency Medical Services regarding Council's concerns relating to the proposed strategic plan.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding Tax Arrears

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2020-10-173

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to proceed with tax sales for non-residential properties with arrears prior to 2018 and directs administration to hold off on next steps until 2021.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding Landfill Fee Collection

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2020-10-174

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to investigate point of sale systems for landfill waybills

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding Recycle Bins

The Clerk was asked to investigate additional options, and the report was tabled until the next meeting.

4.7 Report from Report from Clerk-Treasurer regarding Pardee Road Bridge

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2020-10-175

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to bring forward a by-law to temporarily close the Pardee Road Bridge over Friendly Creek for the winter.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Gateway Signs

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2020-10-176

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to proceed with the purchase and installation of the gateway signs on Highway 61 and at the Municipal office, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Verbal Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding Set Fines for the Noise By-Law

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a verbal report. The noise by-law presented as item 5.1 requires a resolution to approve the set fine for noise violations.

Res. No. 2020-10-177

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council sets the fine at \$125 for any violation of the noise by-law, number 2020-033.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2020-033 to adopt a noise by-law

Res. No. 2020-10-178

Moved by: Councillor Gardener

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2020-033 to adopt the Noise By-law, be passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coulson inquired about a quote obtained for rebuilding the grader. Options for the Grader will be discussed at an upcoming Roads Committee Meeting, and they will make a recommendation to Council.

Councillor Thibert stated that there was an initial meeting of the panel regarding source water protection. He will provide the Clerk a questionnaire that can be completed at the next Council Meeting.

Councillor Kurikka discussed a letter from Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce regarding biomass. The Clerk will bring a draft letter of support to the next Council meeting.

The Clerk reported that extension was approved for the Scoble Landfill Expansion Application to allow time to receive Ministry feedback, as well as time for the mandatory public consultation.

In 2021, the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority will be charging a fee to review planning applications. We will likely have to collect the fee on their behalf for various planning applications.

The Mayor requested that Administration prepare a letter detailing Neebing's concerns with respect to the use of Current Value Assessments as a levy determination.

Councillor Cuthbertson requested that Administration investigate what precautions are in place for visitors when the border entrance restrictions are eased for compassionate reasons.

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1 Minutes of the closed session portion of the regular meeting of council held on September 16, 2020

These minutes were approved through the consent agenda resolution earlier in the meeting.

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2020-034 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2020-10-179

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-034, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

9. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Butikofer adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL


Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR


Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

