

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, November 4, 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. 2020-11-193

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
 Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) Declarations of Interest:

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

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

No deputations 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 October 21, 2020

(Recommendation to approve the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.) and the Closed Session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required.)

3.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity

(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

3.3 Voucher Report for the previous month

(Recommendation to approve the vouchers.)

- 3.4 Correspondence from Ministry of Finance, received October 30, 2020, Regarding 2021 OMPF Allocation Notice
(Recommendation to receive for information.)

- 3.5 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2020-11-194

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

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 3.5, and approves the closed session minutes presented as item 7.1.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

- 4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer regarding new OPP contract

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2020-11-195

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the OPP contract proposal with a four-year term and with the Township of Conmee Municipal Office as the arbitration location.

CARRIED ✓

- 4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Consultation on New Blue Box Regulations

Members present reviewed the report. The Clerk provided further information received in a webinar hosted by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Clarification on sections of the proposed legislation is expected to be provided in a later webinar by AMO. Administration was directed to bring forward this report again at the next regular meeting of Council. No resolution was passed.

- 4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Council Composition

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2020-11-196

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to proceed with the public consultation activities, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Universal Broadband Fund

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2020-11-197

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing recognizes the importance of access to broadband services to everyone; and

WHEREAS many areas in the Country are underserved by the current broadband network; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has put greater pressure on the current broadband network; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has committed funding for expanding broadband infrastructure and has already opened their program for applications; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has committed funds that can work in conjunction with provincial funding programs to expand broadband funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing respectfully requests that the Government of Canada expedite the opening of the Universal Broadband Fund for applications so that projects relying on funding from multiple programs can move forward.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Insurance

Members present discussed the report. Administration was directed to bring forward a list of replacement value of the buildings without the full asset management plan valuation, to the next Council Meeting.

Res. No. 2020-11-198

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to remove full replacement coverage for the five listed buildings and insure for Named Perils and Demolition and Debris.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Christmas Holiday Hours

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2020-10-199

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to close the Municipal Office from December 21st, 2020 through to January 4th, 2021 for seasonal holidays.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from Township of Oro-Medonte, received October 22, 2020, Regarding Declaring Snow Sports an Essential Service in Stage 2

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2020-11-200

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the motion passed by the Township of Oro-Medonte, requesting that snow sports be declared an essential service in Stage 2 of the pandemic recovery.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2020-036 to Establish the New Police Services Board)

Res. No. 2020-11-201

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-036, to establish a joint police services board with Township of Conmee and Township of O'Connor, be passed.

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2020-037 to Authorize Execution of New OPP

Res. No. 2020-11-202

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-037, authorize the execution of the Agreement for Policing Services from the Ontario Provincial Police under Section 10 of the Police Services Act with the Townships of O'Connor and Conmee, be passed.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coulson advised that the skating rink and the Alf Olson Memorial Park has been leveled and plans are proceeding for a rink in 2020-2021.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he would like Council to look at some possible changes to the Zoning By-law related to permitted uses in residential areas.

Councillor Kurikka provided an update regarding his contacts regarding biomass power. Councillor Kurikka will work with the Clerk to draft a letter to the Province.

Mayor Butikofer advised that he is waiting for confirmation of the donation from Swoop Airlines towards a skating rink in Pearson.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2020-11-203

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:01 p.m. Council will enter closed session under those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, to consider under paragraph 239(2)(h) to consider 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and

Under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider item 7.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

Res. No. 2020-11-204

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:13 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

CARRIED ✓

Matters Arising from Close Session

Res. No. 2020-11-205

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

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

CARRIED ✓

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2020-038 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2020-11-206

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-038, 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 7:15 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL


Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR


Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

