

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, December 2, 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. 2020-12-220

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

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 depositions were scheduled for this meeting of Council.

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

3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 18, 2020  
 (Recommendation to approve the minutes for both the Open Session (Item 3.1) 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 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Road Closures  
 (Recommendation to receive the report for information)

**3.4 Report from Neebing Recreation Committee Regarding Committee Activities**

(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

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

(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

**3.6 Information Correspondence List**

(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

**Res. No. 2020-12-221**

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

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 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 RFP for Outdoor Skating Rinks**

Consensus was to draft a tender document for both Blake Hall and Alf Olson rink surfaces, and to have a group of volunteers work on the boards. Council asked for a draft tender document to be presented in January.

**4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding ROMA and OGRA Conferences**

Members present reviewed the report.

**Res. No. 2020-12-222**

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to register the Clerk-Treasurer, Mayor Butikofer, and Councillor Cuthbertson for the ROMA conference.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding 2021 Budget Process**

Members present reviewed the report.

**Res. No. 2020-12-223**

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to schedule a Special Meeting of Council on January 27 on 5 pm to discuss the 2021 Draft Budget.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Proposed Changes to the Zoning By-law**

Members present reviewed the report.

**Res. No. 2020-12-224**

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes administration to proceed with public Consultation to change the Zoning bylaw to remove the first primary structure being a recreational dwelling or a boat house in Residential Zones, and to allow garages for lots in the Rural Zone of 5 hectares or larger.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.5 Correspondence from Shop Local Ontario, received November 12, 2020, Regarding the Shop Local Ontario Service**

**Res. No. 2020-12-225**

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Shop Local Ontario.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.6 Correspondence from Howick Township, received November 19, 2020, Regarding Tile Drainage Loan Program**

**Res. No. 2020-12-226**

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution passed by Howick Township regarding the Tile Drainage Loan Program.

**CARRIED ✓**

**5. BY-LAWS**

**5.1 By-law 2020-023 to Close Roads (originally presented to Council on June 17, 2020)**

**Res. No. 2020-12-227**

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-023, to close the roads known as Pete's Place, John's Place and Garbo Road in the Municipality of Neebing, be passed.

**CARRIED ✓**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Kurikka asked that Neebing explore the SpaceX Starlink project in Pikangikum, as an option for internet hookup that may be useful for Neebing residents in the Bell service area.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that she attended an information webinar on the COVID Resilience Infrastructure funding program. The project that Neebing has, that would be the best fit, is Municipal Office upgrades. The Administrative Coordinator was meeting with contractors this week to get an idea of the cost of the different pieces of the project. A report will go to Council for the next Council Meeting.

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer advised Council that a building appraisal is scheduled on December 3, 2020.

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **Res. No. 2020-12-228**

Moved by: Councillor Thibert  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 721 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) consider item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and

Under paragraph 239(2)(e) to consider item 7.2, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

**CARRIED ✓**

During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

### **Res. No. 2020-12-229**

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:37 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

**CARRIED ✓**

## **Matters Arising from Close Session**

### **7.1 Minutes of the closed session portion of the regular meeting of council held on November 4, 2020**

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

7.2 Report from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding an offer to purchase property

Res. No. 2020-12-230

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

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

**CARRIED ✓**

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2020-043 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2020-12-231

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2020-043, 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 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

  
Erwin Butikofer  
MAYOR

  
Erika Kromm  
CLERK-TREASURER

