

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, February 3, 2021

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

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
 Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
 Dale Ashbee, Volunteer Fire Chief,
 Courtney Lanthier, Economic Development Officer

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. 2021-02-22

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

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

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 Special Meeting of Council held on January 20, 2021
 (Recommendation to approve the minutes)
- 3.2 Minutes of the meeting of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 20, 2021
 (Recommendation to for both the open session (Item 3.2) and the Closed Session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required)

- 3.3 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Special Meeting of Council held on January 27, 2021
(Recommendation to approve the minutes for both the open session (Item 3.3) and the Closed Session (Item 7.2), with any error corrections, as required.)
- 3.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.5 Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, received January 26, 2021, regarding 2nd Intake of Municipal Modernization Program
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.6 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2021-02-023

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

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 Items 7.1 and 7.2.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Fire Department

Members present discussed the report. Chief Ashbee provided an overview of the fire department budget. He spoke regarding the need for a design and a concept plan for a fire bay expansion at the Municipal Office, replacement of a rapid attack vehicle and the need to improve radio reception for the department.

Chief Ashbee exited the web conference.

4.2 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Curated Packages

Members present reviewed the report. Ms. Lanthier provided an overview of the how curated packages can provide a creative way to market businesses and the Municipality.

Res. No. 2021-02-024

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to move forward with purchase of curated packages, as outlined in the report.

CARRIED ✓

Ms. Lanthier exited the web conference.

4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Grader

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2020-02-025

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the purchase of a five year 5,000 hour comprehensive warranty for the new John Deere grader.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Surveys

Members present reviewed the report. Administration was directed to obtain an additional quote and bring forward to a future meeting.

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Scheduling Public Consultation

Members present reviewed the report. The Clerk provided an overview of the proposed public consultation schedule.

Res. No. 2021-02-026

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council schedules a Public Meeting regarding changes to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, on March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm, with a back-up date of March 31, 2021;

AND THAT Council authorizes administration to proceed with an online public consultation campaign starting on March 1, 2021, as outlined in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Correspondence from Heart of the Continent, received December 15, 2020 regarding Annual Dues

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2020-02-027

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the payment of annual dues of \$1,000 for membership with the Heart of the Continent organization.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from Municipality of Greys Highlands, received January 28, 2021, Regarding Municipal Insurance

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2020-02-028

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the motion from the Municipality of Greys Highlands regarding municipal insurance rates.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Correspondence from Township of Augusta, received January 28, 2021, Regarding the Ontario Fire College

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.9 Correspondence from Town of Bracebridge, received January 22, 2021, Regarding Infrastructure Funding

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2020-02-029

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the motion from Town of Bracebridge regarding infrastructure funding.

CARRIED ✓

4.10 Correspondence from Township of South-West Oxford, received January 20, 2021, Regarding Automatic Speed Enforcement

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2021-005 to amend Interim Tax Billing

Res. No. 2020-02-030

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-005, to authorize interim tax billing, be passed.

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2021-006 to amend Building Permit Fees

Res. No. 2021-02-031

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-006, set building permit fees and create a code of conduct for building purposes, be passed.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk advised that there have been recent reports of vandalism and theft, and the OPP would like to encourage citizens to report suspicious activity. Council discussed the use of social media, Neebing News and a future tax insert.

Councillor Coulson advised that there have been volunteers who are helping to maintain the rink surface at Blake Hall and Alf Olsen Memorial Park.

Mayor Butikofer stated that the boards for the rink sides at Pearson should be ordered soon, as shortages are likely to persist into the summer months.

The Clerk inquired whether any members of Council should be registered to attend the OGRA conference. No members of Council wished to attend.

The Clerk advised that Walker Road South will see some hauling activity for a logging operation.

Mayor Butikofer noted that the Pigeon River Park Management Plan still lists campground, picnic area and day use. He would like to look into the possibility of reviving some of the park amenities.

7. CLOSED SESSION

There were no items to review in Closed Session.

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session Portion of the Regular Meeting of Council Held on January 20, 2021

7.2 Minutes of the Closed Session Portion of the Special Meeting of Council Held on January 27, 2021

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

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2021-007 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2021-02-032

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-007, 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 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

