

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, February 17, 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
 Barry Livingston, Working Roads Foreman

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. 2021-02-33

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council, be amended by adding as Item 4.10 Correspondence from Thunder Bay District Municipal League, received February 17, 2021, Regarding Superior North Emergency Medical Services Master Plan, be approved as amended.

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 February 3, 2021
 (Recommendation to approve the minutes)

3.2 Voucher Report for the previous month
 (Recommendation to accept the report)

- 3.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.4 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.5 Report from Fire Chief regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.6 Correspondence from Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee, received February 5, 2021, Regarding Notice of Annual Meeting and Minutes
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence and minutes for information)
- 3.7 Correspondence from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, received February 5, 2021, Regarding Proclamation of the Conservation Authorities Act
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence and minutes for information)
- 3.8 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2021-02-034

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve 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 3.8.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Public Works Budget

Members present reviewed the draft 2021 Public Works budget with the Working Roads Foreman. The summer road maintenance and gravel work was discussed for McClusky Drive, Candy Mountain Road and Oliver Creek Road.

The Working Roads Foreman exited the web conference.

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Updates to the Zoning By-Law

Members present reviewed the report. No resolution was passed.

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding the Northern Ontario Transportation Plan

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2021-02-035

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to submit comments on the Northern Ontario Transportation Plan regarding the creation of four lanes between Thunder Bay and Shabaqua, the provision of additional passing lanes, and a review of procedures for sanding and salting to reduce the amount of slush on road surfaces, and for the reinstatement of Passenger Train Service to Thunder Bay.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Proposed Hazardous Waste Regulation

Members present reviewed the report. No resolution was passed.

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Review of Possible Shared Fire Services

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-02-036

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to work with the Township of Conmee and the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition to submit an application under the Municipal Modernization Program to review shared fire services.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Correspondence from Township of Asphodel Norwood, received February 1, 2021, Regarding an Extension to Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-02-037

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the motion from the Township of Asphodel Norwood, received February 1, 2021, regarding an extension to Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from Perth County, received February 3, 2021, Regarding Negative Impacts of the Current Value Assessment

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.8 Correspondence from City of St. Catharine's, received February 9, 2021, Regarding Universal Sick Days

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.9 Correspondence from Township of Perth South, received February 11, 2021, Regarding Conservation Authorities Working Group

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.10 Correspondence from Thunder Bay District Municipal League, received February 17, 2021, Regarding Superior North Emergency Medical Services Master Plan

Members present reviewed the correspondence. Concern was expressed at the plan itself and the lack of consultation. Administration was directed to a draft letter to bring forward at the next Council meeting.

5. **BY-LAWS**

No by-laws were presented at this meeting.

6. **NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Kurikka noted there has been interest expressed in the snowmobile trails from residents. He would like to set up a meeting with Thunder Bay Adventure trails.

Councillor Wright acknowledged the tragic passing of Schreiber Mayor David Hamilton. Mayor Hamilton has done a lot of good work and will be missed.

Councillor Coulson and Councillor Gardner stated they are working acquiring material for the rink boards at Pearson.

7. **CLOSED SESSION**

Res. No. 2021-02-038

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:30 p.m. Council will enter closed session under paragraph 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to consider item 7.1 involving labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed

Res. No. 2021-02-039

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:49 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

Matters Arising from Close Session

7.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer regarding Personnel Matters

Res. No. 2021-02-040

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

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

CARRIED ✓

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2021-008 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2021-02-041

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-008, 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 7:51 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL


Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR


Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER