

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, March 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

STAFF PRESENT:
Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Courtney Lanthier, Economic Development Officer
Barry Livingston, Working Roads Foreman

PUBLIC PRESENT:
Tammy Cook, CAO, Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority
A member of the Public

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 the Agenda:

Res. No. 2021-03-042

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:

2.1 Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer from the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority (LRCA)

Ms. Cook provided a presentation on the role of the LRCA. The LRCA represents the Province with respect to natural hazards. Their role is to ensure that development is sustainable, by protecting people and property from natural hazards. The LRCA regulates watersheds, not Municipal drainage.

In 2021, the LRCA Introduced a fee for service for planning act services, as per provincial policy.

Council thanked Ms. Cook for her presentation.

Ms. Cook and the Working Roads Foreman left the meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 17, 2021
(Recommendation to approve the minutes)
- 3.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Reserve Fund Transfer
(Recommendation to authorize Administration to transfer funds)
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board held on January 14, 2021
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.5 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Municipal League held on February 17, 2021
(Recommendation to receive the minutes.)
- 3.6 Correspondence from AMCTO, received February 18, 2021, Regarding Open Letter to Ontario Municipal Councils
(Recommendation to receive for information.)
- 3.7 Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, received February 12, 2021, Regarding Amendments to Orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Reopening Ontario Act
(Recommendation to receive for information.)
- 3.8 Correspondence from COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Taskforce, received February 22, 2021, Regarding Update on Vaccine Distribution
(Recommendation to receive for information)
- 3.9 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2021-03-043

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

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 3.9.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2021-03-044

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled for April 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm to review planning matters.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2021-03-045

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the 2020 reserve transfers of \$465 to the Landfill Reserve Fund, a transfer of \$100 to the Rate Stabilization Fund, and change the amount to be transferred from reserves for the Fire Truck from \$430,000 to \$124,349.70

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Localintel Business and Investment Assistant

Members present reviewed the report. Ms. Lanthier provided an overview of the report and advised that it was not possible to determine if the service was beneficial. On consensus, council determined not to renew the service. No resolution was passed.

4.2 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Superior Country Email Advertising

Members present reviewed the report. Ms. Lanthier provided an overview of the report.

Res. No. 2021-03-046

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to use of Superior Country referrals in an email advertising program as detailed in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Healthy Communities Initiative

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-03-047

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to submit an application to the Healthy Communities Initiative funding program for park improvements to the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding SNEMS Master Plan

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-03-048

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to send the letter regarding the SNEMS Mater Plan, as appended to the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Thunder Bay Yacht Club

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-03-049

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Thunder Bay Yacht Club's efforts establish a safe mooring area off Spar Island.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Correspondence from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, received February 17, 2021, regarding 2021 NOMA Conference and AGM

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed. Administration was directed to bring forward this matter closer to the conference date.

4.7 Correspondence from Township of Conmee, received February 10, 2021 Regarding Changes to the Municipal Elections Act

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-03-050

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the motion from Township of Conmee requesting the Province to amend the Municipal Elections Act to disqualify individuals with a criminal record from becoming a candidate in a municipal election.

A recorded vote was taken with respect to Resolution Number 2021-03-050.

Results were recorded as follows:

Name (alphabetically, with Head of Council last)	In Favour	Opposed
Councillor Coulson	✓	
Councillor Cuthbertson		✓
Councillor Gardner	✓	
Councillor Kurikka	✓	
Councillor Thibert	✓	
Councillor Wright	✓	
Mayor Butikofer		✓

Tally: 5 in Favour and 2 opposed; Motion CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

No by-laws were presented at this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coulson and Councillor Gardner stated the material required for the rink boards at Pearson is moving in and out of stores quickly, and that the prices for the material are high. They suggest looking at purchasing the materials in April when prices and supply have stabilized.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he was contacted by a resident who asked if there would be a COVID Vaccination Clinic site set up in Neebing. Other Councillors stated they had received similar queries. Council directed Administration to draft a letter to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and offer Blake Hall as a potential vaccination clinic site.

Councillor Kurikka noted that Hydro One crews did a good job reconnecting service during an extended outage on Family Day (February 15, 2021). He suggested Council send a letter thanking hydro crews for their service. Council directed Administration to draft a letter to Hydro One thanking the crews for their good work.

Mayor Butikofer informed Council of a meeting with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program and Neebing's request for a rebate for that tax forgiveness. He stated he is anticipating more developments from that meeting.

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 March 3, 2021

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

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2021-009 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2021-03-51

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-009, 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 7:19 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

