

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, March 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
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 the Agenda:

Res. No. 2021-03-052

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:

Mayor Butikofer stated he will not participate in the discussion on Item 4.5 correspondence from Path of the Paddle, due to his close connection to the organization.

No additional declarations were received.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

No deputations were received for this meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 3, 2021
(Recommendation to approve the minutes (Item 3.1) and the Closed Session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required)
- 3.2 Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee held on January 28, 2021
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.3 Voucher Report for the previous month
(Recommendation to authorize Administration to transfer funds)
- 3.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(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 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.7 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Reserve Fund Transfers
(Recommendation to approve the transfers)
- 3.8 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Statement of Remuneration and Expenses
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.9 Correspondence from Ministry of the Solicitor General, received March 11, 2021, Regarding Fire Safety
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.10 Correspondence from Ministry of the Solicitor General, received March 4, 2021, Regarding Ontario Fire College Training Modernization
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.11 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2021-03-053

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

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 3.11.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Drone Video

Members present reviewed the report. Ms. Lanthier provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

Res. No. 2021-03-054

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to proceed with the drone video project with Epica Pictures, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding NOHFC Funding Programs

Administration requested support to proceed with exploring new grant funding opportunities.

Res. No. 2021-03-055

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to proceed with exploring grant funding opportunities.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Draft 2021 Budget

Members present reviewed the report. Administration was directed to schedule a roads committee meeting will be scheduled to confirm the 2021 project list before the budget is passed.

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Turnaround on Valley Road West

Members present discussed the report. Administration was directed to bring this report forward at the next regular meeting and invite the Working Roads Foreman to join the meeting.

Mayor Butikofer turned the chair over to Councillor Wright and left the meeting.

4.5 Correspondence from Path of the Paddle, received February 17, 2021, Regarding Request for Support

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-03-056

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support Path of The Paddle and authorizes Administration to provide

a donation in the amount of \$1,000.

CARRIED ✓

Councillor Wright invited Mayor Butikofer back to the meeting and turned the chair to Mayor Butikofer

4.6 Correspondence from Niagara Region, received March 4, 2021, Regarding Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara)

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed,

4.7 Correspondence from City of Sarnia, received March 4, 2021, Regarding Colour Coded Capacity Limits

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed,

4.8 Correspondence from Kasper Transportation, received March 8, 2021, Regarding Coast-to-Coast Bus Coalition

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-03-057

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Coast to Coast Bus Coalition and Administration is directed to send a letter of support to Kasper Transportation.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from Township of Manitouwadge, received March 11, 2021, Regarding Thunder Bay District Communities in Lockdown

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed,

5. BY-LAWS

No by-laws were presented at this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cuthbertson thanked Administration for their work.

Councillor Gardner stated that as of two weeks ago the cost for boards as around \$7,000. Administration will coordinate ordering the materials as soon as the list is received.

Councillor Kurikka noted Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) requires a noise study before a grinding trial at the landfill could be approved. One manufacturer has a noise study that can be presented. He suggests we check with MECP regarding whether they will accept that study.

The Clerk stated the Fire Truck is due to arrive on March 18th. Councillor Kurikka stated he would take pictures.

Mayor Butikofer noted that Neebing would be participating in a conference call with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit on March 18th, and another call on the same day with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch enhancement project.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2021-03-058

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 6:55 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. 2021-03-059

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:07 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. 2021-03-60

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 2021-010 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2021-03-61

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

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 7:09 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL


Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR


Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

