

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, June 2, 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/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2021-06-122

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED 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 deputations 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 May 19, 2021
(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 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on April 15, 2021
(Recommendation to receive the minutes.)

- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority held on April 28, 2021
(Recommendation to receive the minutes.)
- 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 May 27, 2021, Regarding Three-Step Roadmap to Safely Reopen the Province
(Recommendation to receive for information.)
- 3.6 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2021-06-123

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

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 3.6, and item 7.1 the closed session minutes from May 19, 2021.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

- 4.1 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Proposed Monthly Newsletter
Members present reviewed the report. The Economic Development Officer provided an overview of the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-124

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to develop a monthly economic development newsletter.

CARRIED ✓

Administration was directed to create page on the municipal website to post economic development information.

- 4.2 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Curated Packages
Members present reviewed the report. The Economic Development Officer provided an overview of the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-125

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes administration to launch the first curated package, as detailed in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Roadside Grass Cutting

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-126

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waives the requirements of the purchasing by-law in order to sole-source a 2-year extension to the expired contract with Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical for the roadside grass cutting, on the basis that there are few service providers, that the existing contractor is familiar with the municipal road system and has performed well over the past four years.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Consultation on the Phase 1 Regulations Under the Conservation Authorities Act

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-127

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Neebing supports the comments from Lakehead Region Conservation Authority regarding the Phase 1 Regulations Under the Conservation Authorities Act;

AND THAT Administration be directed to submit comments outlining Council's position to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding the Grant Application for Municipal Office Addition

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that new information regarding grant criteria was obtained and asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

4.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding a Request to the Ministry of Transportation to Repair Secondary Highway 597

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-128

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

WHEREAS the condition of the road surface on some sections of Secondary Highway 597 have fallen into a condition that could be damaging to vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Neebing has been notified that Secondary Highway 597 is not scheduled for work in 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Neebing requests that the Ministry of Transportation undertakes work to repair Secondary Highway 597 between Mannisto Road and Cloud Lake Road.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding the Municipal Vision and Mission.

Members present discussed the municipal Vision and Mission statements. Administration was directed to bring forward proposed statements to the next regular Council meeting.

4.8 Correspondence from Perth County, received May 26, 2021, Regarding Domestic COVID-19 Vaccine Production and Capacity

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-06-129

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution passed by Perth County regarding domestic COVID-19 vaccine production and capacity.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from Township of Terrace Bay, received May 18, 2021, Regarding Advocacy for Reform MFIPPA

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-06-130

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution passed by Terrace Bay regarding advocacy of MFIPPA reform.

CARRIED ✓

4.10 Correspondence from Wounded Warriors Magazine, received May 18, 2021, Regarding Sponsorship Renewal

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-06-131

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to renew the sponsorship with Wounded Warriors Magazine.

CARRIED ✓

4.11 Correspondence from Township of McKellar, received May 17, 2021, Regarding Tax Breaks on 2020 CERB Payments

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.12 Correspondence from York Region, received May 27, 2021, Regarding Reopening Ontario Plan

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.13 Correspondence from Municipality of Calvin, received May 25, 2021, Regarding Lottery Licensing

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

5. BY-LAWS

No by-laws were submitted for passage at this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Butikofer noted that people are complaining about dust on the roads. Unfortunately, the weather has been too dry to grade and lay down Calcium. the Clerk-Treasurer advised that Superior North Emergency Medical Services will be working on their Master Plan and will have a process to consult with Municipalities.

Councillor Coulson stated that a resident complained about grading on Lake Lenore road. He asked if the whole road could be graded – not just the hill.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Margaret Street seemed to be graded with the blade at two different levels.

Councillor Kurikka advised that the Ontario Government has placed a forest sector strategy on the Environmental Registry. He would like to assist Administration in drafting a report to Council in order for the Municipality to submit comments.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that we need to examine whether the hauling bylaw requires changes.

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer advised that rink proposal for Blake Hall has passed Stage 1.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2021-06-132

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:45 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 item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and Under paragraph 239(2)(k) to consider item 7.2, involving a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed

Res. No. 2021-06-133

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:55 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 May 19, 2021

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda

7.2 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Negotiations Relating to a Proposed Plan

Res. No. 2021-06-134

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT with respect to Item 7.2 on this evening's Closed Session agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2021-025 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2021-06-135

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-025, 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