

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, July 7, 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

PUBLIC:

Kevin Cadieux
John Riley

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. 2021-07-157

Moved by: Councillor Wright
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 John Riley addressed Council regarding West Oliver Lake

Mr. Riley had been recently informed that Neebing's intent is to expand the parking area at West Oliver Lake, and he is opposed to that plan.

Mayor Butikofer stated that problems with parking at West Oliver Lake have been ongoing for many years. There were a number of discussions, including with residents, about parking concerns and there was a site visit where solutions to alleviate parking issues were discussed. That meeting took place in 2019 and it took two years to obtain a work permit from MNR and then clear the project with the LRCA. The project will create angle parking and the berm will be covered with rock. It is slated to be done in the fall after the summer swimming season is over.

Mr. Riley stated that the problem with parking is that parking is not policed. He stating that the plan to create angle parking spots will cause additional safety concerns with kids running between cars. He does not want more parking created. He does not want money to be spent on creating more parking so more people will be down there throwing their garbage on the ground.

Councillor Kurikka recalled a meeting from 2019 where Mr. Riley was in attendance and it was stated that parking was a concern. Mayor Butikofer stated the parking area decision was made on behalf of community improvement.

Mr. Riley stated that he lives there and has to put up with noise and crap. We are going to fight it [the additional parking].

Mayor Butikofer invited comments from the rest of Council.

Councillor Coulson stated there have been parking complaints for as number of years

Mr. Riley stated that half the time the problem is that people do not obey the no parking signs. And that the no parking signs were not enforced.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he did not understand why the OPP were not enforcing the no parking signs.

Councillor Wright stated he recalled talking with Mr. Riley about parking issues in the past. He stated we can address policing, but had thought people had agreed that creating additional parking spaces was a good idea. Councillor Wright is on the Police Services board and he will raise the issue about parking enforcement at the Police Services Board.

Councillor Gardner stated he was at a meeting held over a year ago, and he thought there was an agreement to create more parking spaces.

Councillor Thibert thanked Mr. Riley for his valued input. He stated that if the signs are valid under the highway traffic then the OPP does the enforcement; they are not enforced by a municipal by-law officer.

Councillor Kurikka stated that people are encouraged to report illegal activity to the OPP.

Mr. Riley stated that he would have to be phoning the OPP all the time and would not do that.

Mayor Butikofer stated that when calls come in to the OPP, then focussed patrols are dispatched based on the time of the calls and number of calls. Calls need to be made.

Mayor Butikofer stated that in the interest of time, the next item on the agenda would be addressed.

2.2 Kevin Cadieux addressed Council regarding West Oliver Lake

Mr. Cadieux stated he agreed with everything Mr. Riley said. He does not think a few extra parking spots will fix the problems at West Oliver Lake. He thanked Ms. Kromm for getting him notes, and said that there were complaints by residents. But no one in the area knew that more parking was being proposed.

Mr. Cadieux stated that he thinks money would be better spent on improving the road conditions in the area. He said there was one suggestion in the documentation he received to hire security in the area. He thought hiring security might be a good idea

Mayor Butikofer invited comments from the rest of Council.

Councillor Cuthbertson said he believed we needed more enforcement.

Council stated that another meeting to look at the project location and discuss options would be a good idea. Tentative meeting date was set for August 5, at 6 pm. Ms. Kromm will send a letter to everyone in the area informing them about the meeting.

Council thanked Mr. Cadieux for his time and his comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on June 16, 2021 (Recommendation to approve the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.)
- 3.2 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 16, 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.)
- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board held on May 20, 2021 (Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 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 May (Recommendation to receive the report for information)

- 3.6 Correspondence from Bell Canada, received June 25, 2021, Regarding NG911 Implementation Updates
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.7 Correspondence from Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, received June 23, 2021, Regarding Proposed Regulations Under the Conservation Authorities Act
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.8 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)

Res. No. 2021-07-158

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

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, and item 7.1 the closed session minutes from June 16, 2021.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Branded Clothing

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2021-07-159

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to purchase branded clothing as outlined in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding OPP Detachment Boards

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2021-07-160

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

WHEREAS the Provinces is requesting that municipalities submit proposals for the new structures of the OPP Police Service Boards;

AND WHEREAS the five municipalities in the Thunder Bay Detachment have met to discuss and propose new police services board structures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Neebing support the creation for two polices services boards in the Thunder Bay Detachment with the following structure:

- A five member board for Municipality of Shuniah; and
- A seven member board for Municipality of Neebing and Townships of Conmee, Gillies and O'Connor.

AND FURTHER THAT Council commits to work with the Municipality of Shuniah and Townships of Conmee, Gillies and O'Connor to determine the participation of the First Nations in the police services boards.

AND FURTHER that the draft letter inviting First Nation participation received by the municipality on July 7th, 2021, be sent to relevant First Nations.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Recommendations from the Tender Review Committee

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-07-161

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council awards the gravel crushing tender to Kamlander Crushing Ltd.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2021-07-162

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will hold a special meeting at July 13, 2021 to award the RFP consulting engineering services for bridge replacements.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-07-163

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, as appended to the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Request to Waive Purchasing By-law Activity

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-07-164

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waives the purchasing by-law to sole source oxygen canisters that fit existing breathing apparatus, for the reasons outlined in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Correspondence from Schooley Mitchell, received June 21, Regarding Cost Reduction Services

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.7 Correspondence from Municipality of St. Charles, received June 28, 2021, Regarding Municipal Land Transfer Tax

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.8 Correspondence from MP Peter Julian, received June 17, 2021, Regarding Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate

Res. No. 2021-07-165

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT On behalf of the residents of the Municipality of Neebing, the Mayor and Council of Neebing endorse MP Peter Julian's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from Township of Georgian Bay, received June 18, 2021, Regarding Bill 279 – Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines.)

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-07-166

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the correspondence from the Township of Georgian Bay regarding Bill 279.

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4.10 Correspondence from St. Catharines, received May 31, 2021, Regarding Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-07-167

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the resolution from St. Catharine's regarding Lyme Disease National Awareness Month and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that supports the building of a province wide awareness campaign with on-line resources for families with Lyme Disease

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-Law 2021-027 To Repeal By-Law 395-1997 Which Regulates the Establishment of Trails for Motorized Snow Vehicles

Res. No. 2021-07-168

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-027 to repeal By-law 395-1997 which regulates the establishment of trails for motorized snow vehicles, be passed

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Wright requested that the traffic and vehicular speed counter be placed within the slow speed area on Cloud Lake Road.

Councillor Gardner provided an update on the rink boards for Alf Olsen Park. He estimates two to three more session will complete the forms.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that our noise bylaw was not adhered to by a builder who was working on Canada Day. He asked that a copy of the noise by-law be attached to building permits so people are aware of it.

Councillor Thibert requested the Council consider when face-to-face meetings would be held.

Ms. Kromm advised that the latest vaccination figure in Neebing is sitting at 62% of the population having first doses. She stated that we cannot meet in person until the Province enters stage three and the vaccination rate is sitting at 75%.

Councillor Kurikka is encouraged by some of the new businesses that are relocating to Neebing. Would like to be able to promote the businesses.

Ms. Jones states that a call had come into the office, and a post appeared on social media regarding the washroom facilities at West Oliver Lake. Council determined to increase the number of pump-outs to the end of the summer.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2021-07-169

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:05 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)(b) to consider item 7.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals; and
Under paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider item 7.3, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed

Res. No. 2021-07-170

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:25 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 June 16, 2021

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda

7.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Personnel Matters

7.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Offers to Purchase Property

Res. No. 2021-07-171

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT with respect to Items 7.2 and 7.3 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 2021-028 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2021-07-172

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-028, 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 8:27 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL


Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR


Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

