

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL,
Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System
On Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Erwin Butikofer
Councillor at Large Gordon Cuthbertson
Crooks Councillor Brian Wright
Scoble Councillor Brian Kurikka
Pearson Councillor Gary Gardner
Blake Councillor Mark Thibert
Pardee Councillor Curtis Coulson

STAFF: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT:

Karen Bradica, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Heather Nickerson, Senior Municipal Financial Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- (a) Call to Order: Mayor Butikofer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- (b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.
- (c) Declarations of Interest:
No declarations of pecuniary interests under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act were brought forward.

2. REPORTS

- 2.1. Report from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Regarding Financial Indicator Review
The report was received.
- 2.2. Report from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Regarding Municipal Financial Profile.
The report was received.

3. DEPUTATION/QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

- 3.1. Representatives from the local office of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will attend for a discussion relating to the Annual Financial Indicators.
Karen Bradica and Heather Nickerson provided a presentation on Neebing's Financial Indicators and advised Neebing on areas of improvement and where Neebing is doing in relation to other Municipalities Overall Neebing has things well in hand.

Mayor Butikofer thanked Karen and Heather for their presentation and invited questions from Council.

Councillor Thibert thanked them for the presentation and had no further questions.

Councillor Wright noted that Neebing is pursuing the suggestions related to Asset Management Planning and inquired as to whether MMAH had an opinion regarding tax penalty forgiveness.

Karen Bradica and Heather Nickerson both stated that the decision as to what to do is a decision for Council to determine, however it was noted that many municipalities that suspended penalties have reinstated them, as has Neebing.

Councillor Kurikka noted that many of our road assets have a higher life expectancy than you normal see, as our rural roads that don't see a lot of traffic. He will consider revisit our Asset Consumption within our asset management plan.

Karen Bradica acknowledged that Neebing has made asset management an important part of the Neebing strategic plan, and that we have asset management front and center as a priority.

Heather Nickerson noted that the asset indicator looks at the accounting book value of the assets and that our auditors can assist us with determining whether our assets are properly valued, and to see if an adjustment should be made to that book value.

Council Gardner thanked Karen and Heather for their presentation and stated he appreciated seeing where we can make improvements.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked a question about line in the Financial Indicator report regarding taxable residential assessment. In Neebing 98% of our tax base is Residential so whatever we do taxwise affects our residents. He if there were many other you have other municipalities where 98% of taxes are paid by residents.

Heather Nickerson stated she would investigate that question and report back.

Councillor Coulson had no further questions and thanked both the presenters and Neebing Administrative staff for the good work.

The time being 6:00 pm Mayor Butikofer adjourned the Special Meeting of Council.

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Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER