THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held in person at the Municipal Office and using GoToMeeting Web Conference System
On Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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

REGRETS: Scoble Councillor Brian Kurikka

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Scotland Morrison, Urban Abbey
Ben Lucyk, Urban Abbey

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. 2022-06-131

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

(d) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

2.1 Scotland Morrison and Ben Lucyk from Urban Abbey will address Council Regarding Eco Village / Abbey in the Woods Collective

Scotland Morrison provided an information handout and gave an overview of the vision that their group would like to develop. Representatives of the Urban Abbey are proposing a phased in development of an eco-village that would include community facilities for recreation, health & wellness, tourist accommodations, farming, residences, and educational/cultural opportunities. The group is seeking support from Council for the project. Mr. Morrison responded to questions from members of Council. Administration was directed to provide the contact information for Neebing's Economic Development Officer Intern so they would further explore the project and determine its viability.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council sitting as Committee of the Whole held on May 18, 2022
(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 May 18, 2022
(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 Neebing Recreation Committee held on May 9, 2022
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)

3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board held on April 21, 2022
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)

3.5 Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on April 27, 2022
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)

3.6 Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Authority held on April 27, 2022
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)

3.7 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Variance Report
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

3.8 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

3.9 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Annual Roads Tour
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

Res. No. 2022-06-132

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

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 and the Closed Session Minutes presented as item 7.1.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Correspondence from Charmaine Jones, received May 20, 2022, Regarding Memory Road Boat Launch

Members present discussed the correspondence. Administration was directed to install a "Caution, Use at Own Risk" sign at the Memory Road Boat launch.

4.2 Correspondence from Ev and Mike MacGray, received May 25, 2022, Regarding Recycling Bins

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-06-133

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to request a weekly pick up of the cardboard from both landfill sites.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Correspondence from Herb Martin and Sherry Burak, received May 25, 2022, Regarding Cemetery Fees

Members present reviewed the correspondence. On consensus, it was determined that the fees would not be waived.

4.4 Correspondence from Royal Canadian Legion, received May 25, 2022, Regarding Military Recognition Book

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-06-134

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to resubmit the ad for the Royal Canadian Legion's Military Recognition Book.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Correspondence from Community Drug Alert, received May 26, 2022, Regarding Advertising in Fall Magazine

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.6 Correspondence from Community School Alliance, received May 17, 2022, Regarding Three Point Action Plan

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-06-135

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

WHEREAS all students should have the opportunity to attend elementary and secondary school in their home community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council asks the province to increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to $50 million;

AND THAT should the current moratorium on accommodation reviews and school closures be lifted, Council asks that the moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed;

AND FURTHER THAT before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups including the Community Schools Alliance.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws presented for passage.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Gardner advised that there was some washout on Chimo Road.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2022-06-136

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

The time being 7:30 pm 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)(c) to consider items 7.3 and 7.4, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and
Under paragraph 239(2)(i) to consider item 7.2, involving a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed:

Res. No. 2022-06-137

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:50 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 18, 2022

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

7.2 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Engineering Vendor of Record
7.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Offer to Purchas Property
7.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Legal Matters

Res. No. 2022-06-138

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.2 to 7.4 on this evening's Closed Session agenda, Council authorizes Administration to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2022-021 to Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2022-06-139

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-021, 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 7:50 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR

Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER