

**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 15, 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  
Scoble Councillor Brian Kurikka

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer  
Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Jim Haquoil, Public  
Allan Lalonde, Ontario Hydro  
Steve Chenard, Ontario Hydro  
Raymond Boudreau, Ontario Hydro  
Christopher Prosser, Ontario Hydro

**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. 2022-06-146**

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be approved, with item 7.3, closed session report from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding road allowance legal matters being moved to occur after item 2.2.

**CARRIED ✓**

- (d) **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS**

**2.1 Jim Hacquoil from Hacquoil Construction will address Council regarding Pit Road**

Beyond the travelled portion of Pit Road is a property owned by Hacquoil Construction. Mr. Hacquoil would like to extend Pit Road to his property so that it would be a buildable lot. He would also grant an easement to the Municipality, so the municipally owned property that is beyond his property could be sold.

**Res. No. 2022-06-147**

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

The time being 6:15 pm Council will enter closed session under paragraph 239(2)(i) to consider item 2.2, 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;  
and Under paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider item 7.3, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed:

**Res. No. 2022-06-148**

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 6:50 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

**CARRIED ✓**

2.2 **Representatives from Hydro One will address Council regarding Vegetation Management**

7.3 **Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Road Allowance Legal Matters**

**Res. No. 2022-06-149**

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 2.2 and 7.3 on this evening's Closed Session agenda, Council authorizes Administration to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

**CARRIED ✓**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

3.1 **Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 1, 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.)

3.2 **Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Special Meeting of Council held on June 8, 2022**  
(Recommendation to approve the minutes for both the open session (Item 3.2) and the Closed Session (Item 7.2), with any error corrections, as required.)

3.3 **Voucher Report for the previous month**  
(Recommendation to approve the vouchers.)

- 3.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity  
(Recommendation to schedule Committee of the Whole and Special Council Meetings.)
- 3.5 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month  
(Recommendation to receive the report for information.)
- 3.6 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Asset Management  
(Recommendation to receive the report for information.)

Res. No. 2022-06-150

Moved by: Councillor Thibert  
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 the Closed Session Minutes presented as items 7.1 and 7.2.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:**

- 4.1 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Tax Bill Inserts  
Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-06-151

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka  
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the tax bill insert appended to the report;  
AND THAT Administration be directed to add a link to the trailer by-law along with information regarding speed limit enforcement.

**CARRIED ✓**

- 4.2 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Sturgeon Bay Road  
Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-06-152

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waives the purchasing by-law for the purchase of chipseal coating on Sturgeon Bay Road, as Miller is the only local supplier of the product;

AND FURTHER THAT Council waives the purchasing by-law for the purpose of obtaining type 2 gravel material for the chipseal project, as the quote was lower than the previous price obtained in 2014.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.3 Correspondence from Ministry of Transportation received June 9, 2022, Regarding Hauling Water for Work on Highway 597.

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-06-153

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to suggest the use of the west side of Cloud Lake or Moore Creek to access water for the Ministry of Transportation Highway 597 project;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the use of the Cloud Lake Boat Launch if the alternate location is not possible as long as proper safety protocols are followed.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.4 Correspondence from Ministry of Transportation, received June 9, 2022, Regarding Hauling Water for Work on Highway 61

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-06-154

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to suggest the use of an alternate location along Lake Superior to access water for the Ministry of Transportation Highway 61 project;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the use of the Cloud Lake Boat Launch if the alternate location is not possible as long as proper safety protocols are followed.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.5 Correspondence from Blue Fox Communications, received May 26, 2022, Regarding Fibre Install

Members present reviewed the correspondence. Council directed Administration to obtain further information be provided at a future meeting.

4.6 Correspondence from Municipality of Muskoka, received June 1, 2022, Regarding Annual Emergency Exercise Exemption

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.7 Correspondence from City of Kitchener, received May 31, 2022, Regarding Energy Performance Tiers

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.8 Correspondence from Town of the Blue Mountains, received May 24, 2022, Regarding Voter's List Information

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.9 Correspondence from Fort Erie, received May 31, 2022, Regarding Bidding Wars on Apartment Rentals

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.10 Correspondence from Fort Erie, received May 31, 2022, Regarding Tax on Foreign Owned Properties

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

5. **BY-LAWS**

There were no by-laws presented for passage.

6. **NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Coulson advised that the Harvest dinner would not go ahead for 2022.

Ms. Kromm advised that there may be changes related to the timing of pilings for the bridge. A report will follow on June 29.

7. **CLOSED SESSION**

Items 7.1 and 7.2 were passed in the consent agenda. Item 7.3 was moved after item 2.2

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 1, 2022

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

7.2 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Special Meeting of Council held on June 8, 2022

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

8. **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

8.1 By-law 2022-022 to Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2022-06-155

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-022, 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 8:26 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**



Erwin Butikofer  
MAYOR



Erika Kromm  
CLERK-TREASURER

