

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held in person at the Municipal Office and using GoToMeeting Web Conference System
On Wednesday June 29, 2022, 5:30pm

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

Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk -Treasurer
Rosalie Evans, Consultant
Elizabeth Jones, Economic Development Intern

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- (a) **Call to Order:** Mayor Butikofer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- (b) **Attendance:** Attendance was recorded.
- (c) **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. REPORTS

2.1 Verbal Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole

Res. No. 2022-06-156

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

WHEREAS Council considers that approval of the application brought by Kenna and Gregory Huffman to sever two lots from property on Salo Road and Highway 597 represents good planning;

AND WHEREAS Council considers that the proposed locations for the severed and retained lots will not result in negative impacts to any nearby residential property owners;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the approval of the application will not result in any additional service requirements from the Municipality,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a public meeting having been held with respect to the application by, Kenna and Gregory Huffman, relative to property with municipal address 440 Salo Road, and legally described as Part South ½ Lot 11, Concession 1, Parcel 23776, within geographic Pearson Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay, Committee of the Whole recommends:

THAT the consent requested in Application B02-2022, as submitted by the owner to sever two lots from their property, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. A survey is finalized and registered;
2. A driveway entrance for the severed lot is approved by the Working Roads Foreman and Ministry of Transportation;
3. Satisfactory approval from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit relating to adequacy of the severed and retained lots for septic services is obtained;
4. If it is not already in Municipal Ownership, that portion of Salo Road that is adjacent to the Severed Lots is transferred to the Municipality, free of encumbrances, and at no cost to the Municipality; and
5. Conveyance of the road allowance and the lot must occur within twenty-four (24) months of the date that this decision becomes final and binding.

CARRIED ✓

2.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Pit Road

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-06-157

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration establish a working group, comprised of Councillor Coulson, Councillor Gardner, Councilor Cuthbertson, Working Roads Foreman Barry Livingston, and Consultant Rosalie Evans, to further discuss the proposed extension of Pit Road.

CARRIED ✓

2.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Farm and Pardee Road Bridge Pilings Replacement

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2022-06-158

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waives the purchasing by-law and allow TBT Engineering to obtain quotes from the firms in Thunder Bay that are capable of performing the piling work. This exemption of the purchasing by-law is being provided as this work must be completed in a short period of time, and there are only three companies in Thunder Bay with the equipment to perform the work.

CARRIED ✓

2.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Extreme Temperature Policy

Members present reviewed the policy.

Res. No. 2022-06-159

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Extreme Temperature Policy as presented.

CARRIED ✓

2.5 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Asset Management Policy

Members present reviewed the policy.

Res. No. 2022-06-160

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Asset Management Policy as presented.

CARRIED ✓

2.6 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Sturgeon Bay Road

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-06-161

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the chipseal renewal project for Sturgeon Bay Road as discussed and directs the Working Roads Foreman to advance this project, including hiring of external contractors, as required.

CARRIED ✓

2.7 Report from Economic Development Officer Intern Regarding Thunder Grinder Event

Members present discussed the report. Administration was directed not to proceed with the NOHFC application because the event does not qualify for the program.

2.8 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Canada Building Fund Resolution

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-06-162

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

WHEREAS the 2021 census data indicates that the population of the Municipality of Neebing is 2,241 with 1,205 private dwellings of which 263 are occupied by seasonal or foreign owners;

AND WHEREAS a review of the local data indicates that the actual number of seasonal or foreign owned dwellings is closer to 418;

AND WHEREAS seasonal or foreign owned dwellings represent 22-35% of the dwellings within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS there are other municipalities within Canada that have large numbers of seasonal or foreign owned dwellings;

AND WHEREAS seasonal population fluctuations can have significant impacts on municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS these municipalities must maintain local infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, regardless if the owners live in the municipality year round;

AND WHEREAS the Community Building Fund's allocates funding based on per-capita population of each municipality as defined by the federal census;

AND WHEREAS seasonal residents are not included in the federal census;

AND WHEREAS the seasonal residents are not factored into the Community Building Fund allocation model;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Neebing asks the Government of Canada to reconsider the allocation model for the Community Building Fund to include seasonal residents in order to better represent the infrastructure that must be maintained to accommodate seasonal population fluctuations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada consider applying any changes to the funding model retroactively.

CARRIED ✓

2.9 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Blue Box Producer Responsibility

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-06-163

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to submit survey responses to Circular Materials Ontario and to begin discussion with CMO regarding our depot recycling collection.

CARRIED ✓

3. DEPUTATION/QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

3.1 Representatives from Neebing Emergency Services will attend for a discussion relating to Fire Hall Locations

Fire Chief Ashbee and Fire Officer Jeff LaFontaine joined the meeting.

The Fire Department provided an information session on Hall Locations, Volunteer Fire Department Members Location and Fire Response.

4. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Butikofer adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL


Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR


Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

