

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, December 7, 2022

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

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

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

(a) **Call to Order:** Mayor Thibert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(b) **Attendance:** Attendance was recorded.

(c) **Town Hall Segment:**

No members of the public attended for the Town Hall Segment.

(d) **Accept/Amend the Agenda:**

Res. No. 2022-12-243

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be amended by adding as Item 4.13, correspondence regarding Council training.

CARRIED ✓

(e) **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:**

Councillor Hill declared a pecuniary interest in regard to Item 7.1 due to a family relationship to one of the involved parties.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

- 2.1 Kathryn Luretig from Ridgeway Clinic will address Council Regarding Healthcare Services
Ms. Luretig was unable to attend. This deputation will be rescheduled.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held on November 15, 2022
(Recommendation to approve the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.)
- 3.2 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 16, 2022
(Recommendation to approve the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.)
- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board held on October 20, 2022
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.5 Correspondence from NOMA, received November 24, 2022, Regarding Board Meeting Summary for November 23, 2022
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.6 Correspondence from Enbridge Gas, received November 15, 2022, Regarding Application to Change Natural Gas Rates
(Recommendation to receive the report for information.)
- 3.7 Correspondence from Enbridge Gas, received November 15, 2022, Regarding Application to Change Natural Gas Rates
(Recommendation to receive the report for information.)

Res. No. 2022-12-244

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

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 3.7.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

- 4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Municipal Office Renovations
Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-12-245

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to proceed with the changes to the municipal office renovations, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Emergency Plan Updates

Members present reviewed the changes to the emergency plan. No further changes were noted. No resolution was passed.

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Committees

Members present reviewed the report. Committee will have minimum number of participants, but the maximum numbers can vary depending on the committee.

Res. No. 2022-12-246

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to bring forward an amending by-law to make the changes to the committees, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Stage 2 NOHFC Grant Applications

Members present reviewed the report. This item was deferred to a future meeting.

4.5 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Scheduling Budget Meeting

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-12-247

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council schedules a Special Meeting of Council for January 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm to review the 2023 budget.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding More Homes Built Faster Act

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-12-248

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to submit any comments that staff may have regarding the proposed regulations.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Verbal Report from Councillor Kurikka Regarding Tourism Updates

Councillor Kurikka presented an update on activities related to Superior Country, the Tourism Summit and snowmobile trails. Councillor Kurikka was directed to initiate a meeting with Grand Portage. No resolution was passed.

4.8 Correspondence from NOMA, received November 23, 2022, Regarding Urgent Need for Veterinary Services

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-12-249

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the correspondence from NOMA regarding the urgent need to address veterinary services.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from ROMA, received November 23, 2022, Regarding Call for Nominations for ROMA Board of Directors

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-12-251

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Mayor Thibert's nomination to run for a seat on the ROMA Board for Zone 10.

CARRIED ✓

4.10 Correspondence from Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy, received November 28, 2022, Regarding Strategy Highlights and Funding

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-12-252

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration for provide financial support to the Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy in the amount of \$1,000 and invite their representatives to attend a meeting in the Spring of 2023.

CARRIED ✓

4.11 Correspondence from NOMA, received December 2, 2022, Regarding NOMA Conference

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-12-253

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to register Mayor Thibert and Councillors Coulson, Kurikka, Cuthbertson and Wright for the NOMA 2023 Spring Conference.

CARRIED ✓

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

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-12-254

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

WHEREAS Council considers that approval of the application brought by Brian Vistorino as agent for the owner, the Mary Hodder to sever one lot from property on East Oliver Lake Road 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 Brian Vistorino, as agent for the owner Mary Hodder, relative to property with municipal address of 213 East Oliver Lake Road, legally described as Concession 4 South Part Lot 6, MR68, Parcel 1550, within geographic Scoble Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay, the consent requested in Application B06-2022, as submitted, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. A survey is finalized and registered;
2. The severed lot must be transferred and consolidated with the abutting property located at 211 East Oliver Lake Road; and
3. Conveyance of the lot must occur within twenty-four (24) months of the date that this decision becomes final and binding.

CARRIED ✓

4.13 Correspondence from Neebing's Integrity Commissioners, received November 16, 2022, Regarding Councillor Training

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-12-255

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to schedule a joint training session with the Integrity Commissioners, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2022-042 to appoint persons to Boards, Agencies, Committees or Positions

Res. No. 2022-12-256

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-042 to appoint persons to boards, agencies, committees or positions, be passed as discussed in item 4.3

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2022-043 to appoint bank signing authority

Res. No. 2022-12-257

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-043 to appoint bank signing authorities, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.3 By-law 2022-044 to authorize annual pre-spending

Res. No. 2022-12-258

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-044 to authorize annual pre-spending, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.4 By-law 2022-045 to approve the Emergency Response Plan and Program

Res. No. 2022-12-259

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-045 to approve the emergency response plan and program, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cuthbertson inquired about changing the zoning of the municipal land on Highway 608 to prepare for its use as a senior's housing facility. He asked that special meeting be set up on January 18th to address this rezoning.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that the Ward Lake properties have been purchased by the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he had contacted MMAH regarding requirements for a Chief Building Official, but they have not yet called him back.

Councillor Cuthbertson attended a webinar by OBOA where it was noted that municipalities have to improve notes and records of inspections and what was observed.

Councillor Cuthbertson brought forward a motion to revisit the council composition and ward boundary changes that Council passed in 2021.

Res. No. 2022-12-260

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to bring forward a report to revisit the reduction of the council size from 7 to 5 councillors.

CARRIED ✓

Councillor Coulson and Gardner advised that a base for the ice rinks is being established at both rink locations in preparation for flooding.

Councillor Kurikka stated that residents have indicated to him they are interested in having an off leash fenced dog park in Neebing.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2022-12-261

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

The time being 7:30 pm Council will enter closed session under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider items 7.1 and 7.3, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals; and under paragraph 239(2)(d) to consider item 7.2, involving labour relations or employee negotiations; and under paragraph 239(2)(a) to consider item 7.4, involving security of the property of the municipality.

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed:

Res. No. 2022-12-262

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:41 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

- 7.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Staff and Volunteer Appreciation
- 7.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Proposed Recruitment
- 7.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Personnel Matters
- 7.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Confidential Portion of Emergency Response Plan

Res. No. 2022-12-263

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Item 7.1 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 2022-046 to Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2022-11-264

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka


BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-046, 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 Thibert adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Mark Thibert
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

