

**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 21, 2022

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

**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. 2022-12-265**

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be amended by adding as Item 2.1 a deputation by Glen Wilson regarding medical services to Neebing, and Item 4.9, Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding VFIS Insurance Renewal.

**CARRIED ✓**

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## **2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS**

### **2.1 Deputation by Mr. Glen Wilson representing Hybrid Pharm**

Glen Wilson is the Director of Hybrid Pharm which is opening a new store in Thunder Bay's Brentwood Mall. Hybrid Pharm is a pharmacy chain from Ottawa with a full compounding pharmacy and Indigenous medicine. Glen is interested in offering service to residents of Neebing and wants to discuss what services you would like to see from us.

Hybrid Pharm can offer residents a family physician on an as-needed basis through telehealth which can tap into services, and can add other services as needed. They will have a locked cabinet pharmacy at its disposal, with medications dispensed in Neebing on-site. Hybrid Pharm also offers a delivery service and will deliver to Neebing residents.

Hybrid Pharm is willing to draw up a Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality regarding services to its residents, with the awareness that the services offered may change over time depending on need.

Council stated that something can be included in the January tax billing.

Mayor Thibert stated that he has no professional interest, or financial interest, or involvement in this project except interest except as a resident of Neebing.

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

### **3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council sitting as Committee of the Whole held on December 7, 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 December 7, 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 December 5, 2022**

(Recommendation to receive the minutes)

### **3.4 Minutes of the meeting of Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on October 26, 2022**

(Recommendation to receive the minutes.)

### **3.5 Voucher Report for the previous month**

(Recommendation to approve the vouchers.)

### **3.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity**

(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

### **3.7 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month**

(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

- 3.8 Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, received December 6, 2022, Regarding Neebing's 2021 Financial Indicator Report  
(Recommendation to receive for information.)
- 3.9 Correspondence from Ministry of Infrastructure, received December 9, 2022, Regarding 2023 OCIF Allocations  
(Recommendation to receive for information.)

Res. No. 2022-12-266

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

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 3.9.

**CARRIED ✓**

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

- 4.1 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Fire Response Cost Recovery

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-12-267

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to begin negotiations with Fire Marque regarding their services and to invite them to a future Council meeting.

**CARRIED ✓**

- 4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Annual Insurance Renewal

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-12-268

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the 2023 Insurance renewal, as presented.

**CARRIED ✓**

- 4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding NOHFC Stage 2 Applications

Members present reviewed the report. In addition to what was in the report, installation of a screen for spectators was discussed.

**Res. No. 2022-12-269**

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration provide information to JML regarding the NOHFC Stage 2 Applications, as discussed.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.4 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Cloud Lake Boat Launch**

Members present reviewed the report.

**Res. No. 2022-12-270**

Moved by: Councillor Hill  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves holding an Information Session on February 6, 2023 with additional on-site meeting in the Spring to explore possible improvements relating to Cloud Lake Boat Launch

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Ward Boundaries**

Members present reviewed the report.

**Res. No. 2022-12-271**

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to take steps to explore rescinding By-law 2021-043 which changed ward boundaries and council composition from 7 to 5 members.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.6 Correspondence from Wounded Warriors Magazine, received December 6, 2022, Regarding Sponsorship**

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

**Res. No. 2022-12-272**

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the renewal for the Annual Wounded Warriors Magazine sponsorship with the same ad from 2022.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.7 Correspondence from Township of Malahide, received December 6, 2022, Regarding Federal Cannabis Act Review

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2022-12-273

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council supports the correspondence from the Township of Malahide regarding the Federal Cannabis Act Review.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.8 Correspondence from Greenmantle, received December 13, 2022, Regarding Black Ash Recovery

Members present reviewed the correspondence. There was discussion regarding the difficulties of carrying out the suggested recovery activities.

Res. No. 2022-12-274

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the correspondence from Greenmantle regarding Black Ash Recovery;

AND directs Administration to provide comments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, as discussed.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.9 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding VFIS Insurance Renewal

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2022-12-275

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to renew the VFIS Insurance for 2023.

**CARRIED ✓**

**5. BY-LAWS**

5.1 By-law 2022-047 to amend the committees by-law

Res. No. 2022-12-276

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-042 to change the bylaw to align the Roads and Asset Management Committee be passed as presented.

**CARRIED ✓**

5.2 By-law 2022-048 to appoint members to a committee

Res. No. 2022-12-277

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

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

**CARRIED ✓**

**6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Hill advised that she has been receiving many phone calls in relation to the poor condition of Sturgeon Bay Road. Councillor Cuthbertson added that he has not seen the road in such bad shape. Council was asked to inform residents to call the office with complaints so they can be tracked.

Councillor Cuthbertson put forward a motion to direct staff to plow the Margaret Street Boat launch in the winter.

Res. No. 2022-12-278

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to plow the Margaret Street Boat launch in the winter, in manner that will allow for easier pedestrian access in the event an air ambulance landed in the site.

**CARRIED ✓**

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that the plow truck goes to the end of Sturgeon Bay Road and turns around without plowing Margaret Street or Island Avenue. He has received complaints from residents about this. He would like the Roads Committee to review the Roads Maintenance Policy specifically to look at plowing and plow routes.

Councillor Gardner stated that he was contacted regarding some tree clearing on the land near Twin City Crossroads that Neebing owns within the City of Thunder Bay. The Clerk stated there is a question regarding the ownership of that land relating back to the annexation of a portion of Neebing to the City. A title search and legal review of that parcel is required.

The Clerk advised that MPAC would like to address Council and asked Council schedule a meeting.

Res. No. 2022-12-279

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council schedules a Special Meeting on February 1, 2023 at 5:00 pm for the purposes of meeting with MPAC representatives.

**CARRIED ✓**

Mayor Thibert advised that the Canadian Coast Guard is considering a detachment in Neebing.

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

No Closed session was held.

**7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 7, 2022**

These minutes were passed as part of the Consent Agenda.

**8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**8.1 By-law 2022-049 to Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting**

Res. No. 2022-12-280

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2022-049, 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 7:51 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**



Mark Thibert  
MAYOR



Erika Kromm  
CLERK-TREASURER

