

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, March 1, 2023

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

Erika Kromm, 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. 2023-03-056

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be amended by adding:

a) as Item 7.4 in Closed Session, a report regarding potential litigation.

CARRIED ✓

(e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Hill declared a conflict of pecuniary interest with regards to the discussions under Item 7.2, a report on personnel matters.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

2.1 Karen Coulson will address Council Regarding Recommendations from the Recreation Committee Related to Cloud Lake Boat Launch

Mrs. Coulson provided an overview of the report from the recommendations from the Recreation Committee with regards to improvements to the Cloud Lake Boat Launch. The Committee is recommending some general clean up and repair to the site. Mrs. Coulson responded to questions

from Council.

Mayor Thibert thanked Mrs. Coulson for her presentation.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 15, 2023
(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 February 15, 2023
(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 Recreation Committee held on February 13, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on January 26, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.5 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on January 12, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.6 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on January 26, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.7 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.8 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Reserve and Investment Statement
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.9 Correspondence from Forests Ontario, received February 23, 2023, Regarding Bridging the Gap Between Ontario's Youth and the Provincial Forest Sector
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.10 Correspondence from Township of Conmee, received February 23, 2023, Regarding Aging and Health Series
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.11 Correspondence from Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board, received February 22, 2023, Regarding 2023 Cost Apportionment
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)

Res. No. 2023-03-057

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

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 3.11.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding the Lakehead Police Services Board Community Representative

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-03-058

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to schedule interviews with the candidates for the community representative on the Lakehead Police Services Board.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Hydro One Vegetation Management

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-03-059

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to schedule a joint public meeting with Hydro One regarding their vegetation management program.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Pay Equity

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-03-060

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to engage the services of Equity and More to complete a pay equity review.

CARRIED ✓

Councillors Kurikka and Hill were recorded as being opposed to the cost of the review.

4.4 Correspondence from Charged for Change, received February 21, 2023, Regarding Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program

Members present discussed the report. Administration was directed to research options for the purposes of putting forward a proposal for next year's round of funding under the Charged for Change program.

4.5 Correspondence from Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, received February 22, 2023, Regarding the Voter's List

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.6 Correspondence from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, received February 24, 2023, Regarding Proposed Changes to the Requirements for Camping on Water over Ontario's Public Lands

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-03-061

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to submit comments to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding outlining their concerns of reducing the maximum stay from 21 days to 7 days under the proposed changes to the requirements for camping on water over Ontario's public lands.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from Town of Petrolia, received January 25, 2023, Regarding the School Board Elections

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-03-062

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from Town of Petrolia regarding School Board Elections.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Correspondence from Niagara Region, received February 24, 2023, Regarding Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-03-063

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from Niagara Region regarding homelessness, mental health and opioid addition.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from Town of Grimsby, received February 24, 2023, Regarding Barriers for Women in Politics

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-03-064

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from Town of Grimsby regarding Barriers for Women in Politics.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

There are no by-laws for passage presented at this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Hill provided an over of the Family Day. About 75-80 people attended the event. She thanked all those who volunteered their time. The next event is the easter egg hunt on Good Friday.

Councillor Kurikka advised that he had attended the lunch with the Federal Minister of Natural Resources. He noted that the Minister is very committed to having 100% electric vehicles by 2035.

Mayor Thibert advised that he will be attending the broadband announcement on March 3, 2023.

Mayor Thibert advised that he expects to have further discussions with proponents regarding the medical clinic proposal.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2023-03-065

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:21 p.m. Council will enter closed session 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)(b) to consider items 7.2 and 7.3, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals.

During Closed session the following resolution was passed.

Res. No. 2023-03-066

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:57 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 February 15, 2023

Item 7.1 was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

7.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Personnel Matters

Res. No. 2023-03-067

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

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

CARRIED ✓

7.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding LPSB Appointment

7.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Legal Matters

Items 7.3 and 7.4 were provided for informational purposes. No resolution was passed.

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2023-010, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting

Res. No. 2023-03-068

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-010, 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 7:59 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Mark Thibert
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER