

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, April 5, 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. 2023-04-081

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be amended by adding as Item 4.8, a report regarding the Landfill Reserve Fund

CARRIED ✓

- (e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

2.1 Dr. Meaghan Labine will address Council Regarding Medical Services

Dr. Labine provided her presentation on what services could be offered and responded to questions from Council. Further discussions are required to determine what would be feasible. Mayor Thibert will follow up with Dr. Labine at a later date.

Mayor Thibert thanked Dr. Labine for her presentation.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on March 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 March 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 Neebing Waste Management Committee held on February 21, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee held on March 17, 2022
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.5 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board held on February 16, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.7 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding a Public Meeting with Hydro One
(Recommendation to schedule the public meeting as outlined in the report.)
- 3.8 Correspondence from the Attorney General, received March 24, 2023, Regarding Update on POA Modernization and Streamlining Initiatives
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)

Res. No. 2023-04-082

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
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 3.8.

CARRIED ✓

Councillor Wright noted two missing dates from the Administrative Activity Report.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

- 4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Recommendations from the Tender Review Committee on the Farm and Pardee Road Bridge Replacements

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-04-083

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council awards the contract for the replacement of the Farm Road and Pardee Road bridges in the amount of \$1,468,005.24.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Recommendations from the Waste Management Committee

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-04-084

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration implement the good neighbour shed improvements and punch cards, as recommended by the Waste Management Committee;

AND THAT Administration is directed to complete a review of the implementation progress in six months.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Council Educational Retreat

Members present reviewed the report. Administration was directed to poll members of Council for topic ideas and contact Mink Mountain Resort about availability.

4.4 Correspondence from AMO, received March 15, 2023, Regarding Housing and Homelessness

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-04-085

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing calls on the Provincial

Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Correspondence from Foundation Emergence, received March 27, 2023, Regarding International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-04-086

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

WHEREAS the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression;

WHEREAS Quebec is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions;

WHEREAS, despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society.

WHEREAS May 17th is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003.

WHEREAS there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proclaims May 17 as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia and recognizes this day as such.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Correspondence from Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, received March 28, 2023, Regarding 2023 Senior of the Year

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-04-087

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council nominates Edith Tivendale as Senior of the Year in 2023.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from Municipality of Trent Lakes, received March 15, 2023, Regarding the Oath of Office

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-04-088

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding the oath of office.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Reserve Fund Transfers

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-04-089

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to transfer \$190 into the Landfill Reserve Fund, as outlined in the report.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2023-013 to appoint CBO

Res. No. 2023-04-090

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-013 to appoint a Chief Building Official, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2023-014 to execute an agreement with Fire Marque Inc.

Res. No. 2023-04-091

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-014 to execute an agreement with Fire Marque Inc, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.3 By-law 2023-015 to authorize cost recovery related to fire department response

Res. No. 2023-04-092

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-015 to authorize cost recovery related to fire department response, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.4 By-law 2023-016 to execute an agreement with Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Res. No. 2023-04-093

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-016 to execute an agreement with Federation of Canadian Municipalities, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coulson advised that the nails are coming up on the floor in the Blake Hall. Administration was directed get quotes and look for funding opportunities.

Councillor Kurikka advised that Thunder Bay Adventure Trails is putting together their proposal for the trail in Neebing.

Councillor Hill advised that she attended a session on net zero building code.

Ms. Kromm advised that work on the branded merchandise is in progress. Samples will be shown at a future Council meeting once they are ready.

7. CLOSED SESSION

There were no reports to review in Closed Session.

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 15, 2023

Item 7.1 was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

8. **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

8.1 By-law 2023-017, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting

Res. No. 2023-04-094

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-017, 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 7:36 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Mark Thibert
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

