

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 19, 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

Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

(a) Call to Order: Mayor Thibert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and provided a land acknowledgement.

(b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.

(c) Town Hall Segment:

Joseph Zawada had signed in for the Town Hall Segment of this meeting.

Mr. Zawada addressed Council with questions regarding a planning matter and about the tax sale process.

Mayor Thibert thanked members of the public for attending.

(d) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2023-04-094

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

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

- a) as Item 4.8, a report regarding an appointment to the Lakehead Police Services Board
- b) as Item 5.1, a by-law to appoint a member to the Lakehead Police Services Board
- c) as Item 7.3 in Closed Session, a verbal report regarding personnel matters.

CARRIED ✓

(e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Hill declared a pecuniary conflict of interest with respect to Item 7.2 because of a family relationship to a staff member.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

No deputation requests were received for this meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 5, 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.)
- 3.2 Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on April 3, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Police Services Board held on January 11, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on February 22, 2023
(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 Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.8 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.9 Correspondence from Ministry of Canadian Heritage, received March 29, 2023, Regarding Celebrate Canada Funding
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)

Res. No. 2023-04-095

Moved by: Councillor Wright
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 ✓

Councillor Hill noted that information in the minutes of the Neebing Recreation Committee has changed. The Mother's Day Tea will be going ahead regardless of the number of tickets sold.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Clerk Treasurer Regarding Request to Rent Blake Hall

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-04-096

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL authorizes a non-exclusive licence to TBT Engineering Limited for the use of the basement of Blake Hall between May and October 2023 and 2024, at the rate of \$500 per month (subject to TBT being awarded the contract from the Province).

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Grant Funding for Emergency Operations

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-04-097

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to apply for funding from NOHC for the purposes of improving emergency operations at the Blake Hall, as outlined in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding 2023 Budget

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-04-098

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to make changes to the draft 2023 budget, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Correspondence from NOMA, received April 11, 2023, Regarding Research Study on Northern Communities under 10,000

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.5 Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, received April 6, 2023, Regarding Consultation on the new Provincial Planning Statement

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.6 Correspondence from Town of Essex, received March 22, 2023, Regarding Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-04-099

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from the Town of Essex regarding surplus proceeds from tax sales.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from Township of South Glengarry, received April 3, 2023, Regarding the Rural and Northern Education Fund

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-04-100

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from South Glengarry regarding the Rural and Northern Education Fund.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding an Appointment to the Lakehead Police Services Board

Members present reviewed the report. No resolution was passed.

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2023-019 to appoint a Community Representative to the Lakehead Police Services Board

Res. No. 2023-04-101

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-019 to appoint a Community Representative to the Lakehead Police Services Board, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cuthbertson reported on an AMO planning workshop he attended. He stated he appreciated that the planning matters reports that are done at Neebing are consistent with the detail required by the Planning Act. The workshop also emphasized the need for a planner when there are matters that need to go before the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Councillor Gardner expressed his disappointment that the April 26th Public Meeting by Ontario Hydro was not advertised more widely. Clerk-Treasurer Kromm stated she would use social media to provide more advertising.

Councillor Kurikka reported about the two deputations he attended at the Ontario Good Roads Association conference. The MTO was receptive to considering snowmobile traffic on the Pigeon River Bridge and will do a follow-up meeting with MPP Holland and Neebing. He also stated that there is no money for a seniors care home, but we can set up a meeting with the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility to discuss options.

Mayor Thibert clarified that he has no personal or professional stake in a medical clinic in Neebing except to ensure residents have access to care.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked Council for permission to hold a planning meeting May 17th at 5:30 pm. On consensus, it was agreed to schedule the meeting.

The Clerk-Treasurer passed around the sample Request Expressions of Interest document that had previously been reviewed. On consensus, Council agreed with the use of the new format.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2023-04-102

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:40 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 239(2)(a) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to consider item 7.2 and 7.3, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals; and under paragraph 239(2)(e) to consider item 7.1, involving litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

During Closed session the following resolution was passed.

Res. No. 2023-04-103

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:33 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

- 7.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Legal Matters
- 7.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Personnel Matters
- 7.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Personnel Matters

Res. No. 2023-04-104

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.2 to 7.3 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 2023-018, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting

Res. No. 2023-04-105

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-018, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

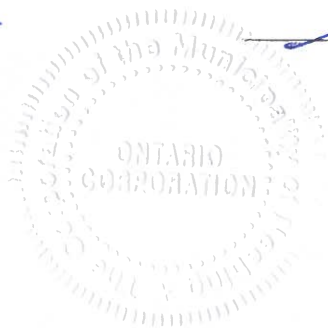
9. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Thibert adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Mark Thibert
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER