

**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, June 7, 2023

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

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:

Susan Hacquoil and James Bakker had signed in for the Town Hall Segment of this meeting.

Mrs. Hacquoil requested a written decision from Council regarding her waterline.

Mr. Bakker spoke to Council regarding his concerns about raising the pride flag.

Mayor Thibert thanked members of the public for attending.

(d) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2023-06-233

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

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

a) As Item 4.10, a report regarding Blake Hall Renovations.

CARRIED ✓

(e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

2.1 Jessica Taylor from FoodCycle Science will address Council Regarding the FoodCycler Pilot Program

Jessica Taylor provided an overview of the FoodCycler pilot program and introduced the new larger sized FoodCycler. Ms. Taylor will provide Administration the proposals for a second pilot program in Neenbing for Council's consideration.

Mayor Thibert thanked Ms. Taylor for her presentation.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on May 17, 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 May 17, 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 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity

(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

3.4 Voucher Report for the previous month

(Recommendation to approve the vouchers.)

Res. No. 2023-06-234

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

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 3.4 and the Closed Session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required.)

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Municipal Flag Policy

Members present discussed the report. There was discussion about raising flags that support causes related to the Ontario Human Rights Code. Administration was directed to include a provision relating to an option to share time on the flagpole if there are multiple causes and to remove the provision about only flying flags during office hours.

Res. No. 2023-06-235

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Municipal Flag Policy appended to the report, with the amendments, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Draft Landfill By-law

Members present discussed the report. Administration was directed to add the following provisions to the by-law:

Res. No. 2023-06-236

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to bring forward the Landfill By-law for passage at the next regular Council meeting, with the following amendments:

- Owners of vacant land who have a recreational trailer can only receive a punch card if they purchase a trailer license;
- Landfill attendants have the right to inspect loads;
- Punch cards will not carry over into the next year; and
- Add batteries to the list of accepted items.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Gillies Boundary Road Agreement

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-06-237

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to arrange a meeting with the Township of Gillies to review the boundary road agreement.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Homewagon

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-06-238

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the wooden structure portion of the Homewagon surplus;

AND THAT Council directs Administration to separate the wood structure from the trailer and offer the wood structure for sale.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Trailer Licence Application

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-06-239

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the trailer licence application appended to the report;

AND THAT Administration is directed to include licences for special events at no charge.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Updated Discover Neebing Brochure

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-06-240

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Discover Neebing Brochure appended to the report;

AND THAT Council directs Administration to obtain quotes for printing.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Grant Writing Services

Members present reviewed the report. Administration was directed to look at other options for grant writing services.

4.8 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Tax Bill Inserts

Members present reviewed the report. Administration was directed to include information on the following in the tax bill insert:

- Upcoming changes to the landfill site operations
- Call 911 for a dangerous driver and use the 1-888 number for non-emergencies
- Economic development update

Members will submit any additional ideas to the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

4.9 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding AMO Conference

Members present reviewed the report. Interested members will confirm with the Clerk-Treasurer their ability to attend.

4.10 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Blake Hall Renovations

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-06-241

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to proceed with the Ontario Trillium Foundation funding application for Blake Hall renovations, as discussed;

AND THAT Council directs Administration to proceed with the roof repairs without the grant funding, if necessary.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws presented for passage.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he attended the meeting with the Parks Superintendent regarding reopening the Pigeon River campground. They are agreeable to Neebing taking over operation of the campground. The Ministry will prepare an agreement for Council to review.

Councillor Wright suggested that Council send a letter of congratulations to Michelle Solomon, the new Fort William First Nation Chief. Administration was directed to draft a letter and invite their newly elected Council to a joint meeting.

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer provided an overview of the meeting with the LRCA at the Cloud Lake Boat Launch.

Councillor Hill passed along a thank you from the Edwards family for their donations after their fire.

Councillor Hill advised that she would collect donations for the Morrison baby on behalf of councillors.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that there is new funding under the Seniors Active Living Centre Program. Administration was directed to put together a proposal for the program.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2023-06-242

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:21 p.m. 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)(a) to consider item 7.2, involving security of the property of the municipality;

and Under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider item 7.4, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals; and under paragraph 239(2)(e) to consider item 7.3, involving litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed session the following resolution was passed.

Res. No. 2023-06-243

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:03 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 May 17, 2023

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

7.2 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Security of Municipal Property

7.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Potential Litigation

7.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Matters Involving Identifiable Individuals

Res. No. 2023-06-244

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.2 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 2023-026, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting

Res. No. 2023-06-245

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-026, 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 9:05 p.m.



Mark Thibert
MAYOR

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER