

**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 21, 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 an acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples Day.

(b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.

(c) Town Hall Segment open at 6:07 PM:

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

Mrs. Hacquoil spoke regarding the Asphalt that was removed from the Memory Road unopened road allowance.

Mayor Thibert thanked members of the public for attending.

(d) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2023-06-246

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be amended by adding as Item 4.11 a report from the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding waiving the purchasing bylaw, Item 4.12 a report from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding scheduling a Special Meeting, Item 4.13, a verbal report regarding the asphalt from the tennis court removed from the Memory Road unopened road allowance and Item 7.4 a report from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding Personnel Matters.

CARRIED ✓

(e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Hill declared a conflict with item 7.4.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

2.1 Wendy McLean will address Council regarding Flag Risings

Ms. McLean's belief is that because we have never done Flag Raising before, the fact that we did not raise a Flag for other issues such as Black Lives Matter demonstrates racism. She requested that Council only fly Government flags. Ms. McLean stated that Neebing residents are a diverse group and this flag raising has demonstrated division. Councillors can demonstrate their support for different groups individually.

Council discussed why the Pride flag was flown then Mayor Thibert thanked Ms. McLean for her deputation and informed her that Neebing has a flag raising policy and that special interest groups can now make an application to the Municipality to have their flag flown for a two-week period.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 7, 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 Neebing Recreation Committee held on June 12, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on April 20, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board held on May 18, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.5 Variance Report: Year to date as of the end of the previous quarter (as applicable)
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 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 Report from Economic Development Officer Intern Regarding Economic Development Update
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

Councillor Wright advised the Clerk-Treasurer to correct the Minutes from June 7th under New Business to change his name regarding the Cloud Lake Boat Launch to Laura Jones.

Res. No. 2023-06-247

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

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.13 Verbal Report Regarding the Asphalt from the Tennis Court removed from the Memory Road unopened road allowance

Ms. Hacquoil requested that the asphalt now located on the garage property not be recycled until she and her family have been able to hold a healing ceremony, which cannot take place until after July.

Res. No. 2023-06-248

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council permits Ms. Hacquoil to hold a healing ceremony around the asphalt at the garage after hours at a date and time to be determined.

4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding FoodCycler Pilot

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-06-249

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Food Cycle Science Pilot with a total of 50 units.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Tax Bill Inserts

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-06-250

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the tax bill inserts appended to the report, with the edits as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

Administration was directed to include information about Highway 61 improvements and the FoodCycler.

4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Road Matters

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-06-251

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the placement of School Bus Stop Ahead signs at 222 and 556 Sturgeon Bay Road and McCluskey Drive.

AND Further directs Administration to place an article in the Neebing News regarding road improvement projects.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Economic Development Officer Intern Regarding Branded Merchandise

Members present discussed the report and directed Administration to survey Council on their preferred options.

4.5 Correspondence from Neebing Recreation Committee, received June 14, 2023, Regarding Canada Day Celebrations

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-06-252

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Recreation Committee to use the Municipal Office for Canada Day celebrations in 2023 and going forward on an annual basis.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Correspondence from Wounded Warrior Magazine, received June 7, 2023, Regarding Sponsorship Renewal

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-06-253

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the renewal of the sponsorship to the Wounded Warrior Magazine in the same amount as prior years.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from Rural Heritage Agricultural Society, received May 30, 2023, Regarding Sponsorship of Rural Heritage Day

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-06-254

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the sponsorship to the Rural Heritage Agricultural Society by purchasing a half page advertisement.

CARRIED ✓.

4.8 Correspondence from Municipality of South Huron, received May 30, 2023, Regarding Proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023

The correspondence was reviewed. No resolution was passed.

4.9 Correspondence from Municipality of West Grey and City of Cambridge, received June 9, 2023, Regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-06-255

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of West Grey and City of Cambridge regarding amendments to the Highway Traffic Act

AND FURTHER directs Administration to research Community Safety Zone requirements.

CARRIED ✓.

4.10 Correspondence from Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, received June 9, 2023, Regarding the Right to Repair Movement

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-06-256

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the Right to Repair Movement.

CARRIED ✓

4.11 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Waiving the Purchasing Bylaw

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-06-257

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the requirements of the Purchasing Bylaw for the following reasons:

- The volume of material to crushed is beneath the dollar value where a tender is required.
- There are a limited number of suppliers
- Soliciting vendors for quotes may provide a better competitive process.

AND FURTHER THAT Administration is directed to obtain quotes from the available vendors.

CARRIED ✓

4.12 Report form the Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Scheduling a Special Meeting

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-06-258

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council schedule a Special Meeting on June 28th at 5:30 at Blake Hall to pass by-laws.

CARRIED ✓

5. **BY-LAWS**

5.1 By-law - 2023-027 to Regulate Landfill Sites

Res. No. 2023-06-259

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-027 to regulate Landfill Sites, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2023-028 to adopt the approve the Emergency Response Plan and Program

Res. No. 2023-06-260

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-028 to adopt the approve the Emergency Response Plan and Program, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Kurikka advised that the MTO Bridge on Highway 61 over Cloud River Bridge needs a bump sign and should have speed reduction. He asked if Administration could talk to the contractor responsible for the Highway 61 improvements to request this be done and to ask about repairs to this bridge.

Administration advised that the Blake Hall basement would be rented to the Engineering Contractor responsible for the Highway 61 improvements.

Administration advised that Niibing Tribal Tours is applying for a youth programing grant and is asking if the Municipality is interested in a non-financial partnership agreement similar to what was done last year if they are successful. Council expressed support.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2023-06-261

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:15 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 7.3, involving security of the property of the municipality; and Under paragraph 239(2)(e) to consider item 7.2, involving litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and Under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider item 7.4, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed session the following resolution was passed.

Res. No. 2023-06-262

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:48 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 June 7, 2023

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

- 7.2 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Potential Litigation
- 7.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Confidential Portion of Emergency Response Plan
- 7.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Personnel Matters

Res. No. 2023-06-263

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

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 2023-029, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting

Res. No. 2023-06-264

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-029, 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 8:50 p.m.



Mark Thibert
MAYOR

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

