

**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, September 20, 2023

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

REGRETS: Blake Councillor Katherine Hill

Erika Kromm, 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:
No members of the public wished to speak.

(d) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2023-09-313

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be amended by adding as Item 4.5 a report regarding a request from LH North.

CARRIED ✓

(e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

No Declarations were made.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

No depositions have been scheduled.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 6, 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 Special Meeting of Council held on September 13, 2023
(Recommendation to approve the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.)

- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee held on July 17, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on September 11, 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 Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.8 Report from Economic Development Intern Regarding Project Update
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.9 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Investment Update
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.10 Correspondence from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, received September 11, 2023, Regarding Notice of Termination – Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Program
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.11 Correspondence from Ontario Provincial Police, received September 6, 2023, Regarding Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)

Res. No. 2023-09-314

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

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

CARRIED ✓

Councillor Cuthbertson congratulated the Economic Development Intern on her success with the media tour.

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Second Entrance

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-09-315

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the second entrance along Cloud Lake Road for the property located at 5121 Highway 61, as outlined in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Correspondence from Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, received September 6, 2023, Regarding LRCA Draft Budget Consultation

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-09-316

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to advise the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority that Council has no concerns with their 2024 draft budget.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Correspondence from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, received September 6, 2023, Regarding NOMA Strategic Plan Survey

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-09-317

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to complete the survey on behalf of Council; AND THAT Administration is directed to include the following Council priorities in the responses:

- Implementation of the Official Plan policies;
- Waste management modernization and optimization; and
- Economic development.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, received September 15, 2023, Regarding Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-09-317

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to work with Councillors Gardner and Cuthbertson to provide a response to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing relating to the Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Request from LH North

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-09-318

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves LH North's request to use the parking lot at the municipal office to store equipment provided the area is restored to its original condition.

CARRIED ✓

5. **BY-LAWS**

5.1 By-law 2023-035 to for site specific zoning amendment

Res. No. 2023-09-319

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-035 to approve a site-specific amendment to the zoning by-law be passed.

CARRIED ✓

6. **NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Wright asked if the initial trailer by-law enforcement letters had gone out. Administration has drafted the letter and is preparing the mailing list.

Councillor Gardner advised that the Ministry of Transportation is replacing a culvert on Highway 595 near Belanger Road and traffic will be slower in that area.

Councillor Gardner advised that there are some properties that do not have fire numbers. Administration was directed to bring forward the by-law to review for possible revisions.

Councillor Kurikka requested that a page for economic development be added to the website.

Mayor Thibert inquired about the material used to patch Sturgeon Bay Road. Recycled asphalt was used and some hot mix will be added in some spots.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that the Ministry of the Solicitor General has made some changes to the proposed structure for the OPP Detachment Boards. The target effective date for the new boards and the Community Safety and Policing Act is April 1, 2024.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2023-09-320

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT. The time being 7:32 pm, Council will enter closed session under those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, Council will enter closed session under those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and
Under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider item 7.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed session the following resolution was passed.

Res. No. 2023-09-321

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:09 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 September 6, 2023

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

7.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Personnel Matters

Res. No. 2023-09-323

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

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 ✓

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2023-039, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting

Res. No. 2023-09-324

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-039, 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 8:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Mark Thibert
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

