

**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, October 4, 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

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

REGRETS: Pardee Councillor Curtis Coulson

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. 2023-10-325

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

- (e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

No Declarations were made.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

No deputations 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 20, 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 Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on June 15, 2023
(Recommendation to receive the minutes.)
- 3.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.4 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Monthly Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.5 Report from Economic Development Intern Regarding Project Update
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.6 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Tax Arrears
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.7 Correspondence from OPP, received September 26, 2023, Regarding 2024 Annual Billing
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.8 Correspondence from Ministry of Transportation, received September 25, 2023, Regarding Highway 61 Planning and Preliminary Design Study
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)

Res. No. 2023-10-326

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 3.8 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 Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-10-327

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Hill

WHEREAS Council considers that approval of the application brought by James and Silvia Martin, the owners, to sever a parcel from property on Cottonwood Road and Copper Cliff Road East for the purposes of creating one new lot;

AND WHEREAS Council considers that the proposed locations for the severed and retained lots will not result in negative impacts to any nearby residential property owners;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the approval of the application will not result in any

additional service requirements from the Municipality,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a public meeting having been held with respect to the application by James and Silvia Martin, the owners, relative to property known municipally as 40 Cottonwood Road, and legally described as Concession 6 South Part Section 9, Part 1 on Reference Plan 55R2466 in the geographic Blake Township and the District of Thunder Bay; the consent requested in Application B08-2023, as submitted, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. A survey is finalized and registered;
2. Driveway entrance for the new lot is approved by the Working Roads Foreman;
3. Satisfactory approval from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit relating to adequacy of the severed lots for septic services is obtained;
4. If it is not already in Municipal Ownership, that portion of Copper Cliff Road East that is adjacent to the Severed Lot is transferred to the Municipality, free of encumbrances, and at no cost to the Municipality;
5. Conveyance of the lot and road must occur within twenty-four (24) months of the date that this decision becomes final and binding.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2023-10-328

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT application B06-2023 be tabled;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Council schedule a special meeting of Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, as a public meeting under the Planning Act, to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, for the purposes of lifting application B06-2023 from the table.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Podres Road East

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-10-329

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to obtain a legal opinion regarding whether the properties could be labelled as legal non-conforming, and then look into obtaining ownership of the road allowance and update affected property owners.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Christmas Hours

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-10-330

Moved by: Councillor Hill
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to close the municipal office at the end of day on December 22, 2023 and reopen on January 2, 2024

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Fire Numbers

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-10-331

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to bring forward an updated municipal addressing by-law, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Proposed Indigenous Community Circle

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2023-10-332

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to explore options to set up an Indigenous Community Circle and bring forward a report.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Fall Covid Update

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2023-10-333

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to obtain information regarding current COVID and flu recommendation;

AND THAT Administration is directed to request that the Thunder Bay District Health Unit holds a flu shot clinic in Neebing.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Correspondence from Town of Grimsby and City of Hamilton, Regarding Support for Basic Income

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-10-334

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolutions from the Town of Grimsby and City of Hamilton regarding Basic Income.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Correspondence from Greenmantle, received September 20, 2023, Regarding Update on Proposed Regulations for Black Ash Under ESA

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-10-335

Moved by: Councillor Hill

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to work with Greenmantle to draft a letter in response to the updated preposes Black Ash Recovery Strategy.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from ROMA, received September 25, 2023, Regarding ROMA Conference 2024

Members present discussed the correspondence.

ROMA Res. No. 2023-10-336

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Administration is directed to register Councillor Cuthbertson, Councillor Hill and Clerk-Treasurer Kromm for the 2024 ROMA Conference.

CARRIED ✓

4.10 Correspondence from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, received August 31, 2023, Regarding Environmental Permissions Modernization Policy Proposals

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.11 Correspondence from FONOM, received September 21, 2023, Regarding Red Lake's Resolution on the Housing Strategy

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-10-337

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from FONOM regarding Red Lake's resolution on the Housing Strategy

CARRIED ✓

4.12 Correspondence from Town of Midland, received September 25, 2023, Regarding Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2023-10-338

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from Town of Midland regarding catch and release justice in Ontario.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2023-040 for a site-specific amendment to the zoning by-law.

Res. No. 2023-10-339

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-040 for a site-specific amendment to the zoning by-law be passed.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Cuthbertson inquired about when Sturgeon Bay Road would be re-paved.

Councillor Hill advised the Harvest Dinner is October 7, 2023 and that planning for the 100th Anniversary at Blake Hall is in progress.

Councillor Hill was approached by the Friends of Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Museum. They are looking for volunteers with knowledge of how to fix-up the building to the current Building Code.

Mayor Thibert mentioned that MTO is holding an information session tomorrow night at the South Neebing Community Centre in Thunder Bay.

Clerk-Treasurer Kromm mentioned that the Contractor for the Farm Road Bridge is sorting out an issue with TbayTel regarding the incorrect placement of the phone cable.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jones showed the MFOA award she received.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2023-10-340

Moved by: Councillor Hill
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT. The time being 7:09 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, to consider item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and
Under paragraph 239(2)(f) to consider item 7.2, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; and under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider item 7.3, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed session the following resolution was passed.

Res. No. 2023-10-341

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:08 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 20, 2023

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

7.2 Chantel Bryson from Potestio Law will address Council Regarding Legal Matters

7.3 Gail Lawrence from Equity and More will address Council Regarding Pay Equity Review

Res. No. 2023-10-342

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 7.2 thru 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 2023-041, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting

Res. No. 2023-10-343

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-041, 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 9:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Mark Thibert
MAYOR



Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

