

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Held in person at the Municipal Office and using Teams Web Conference System  
On Wednesday, September 4, 2024

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

**STAFF:** 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:

No one attended the town hall segment.

(d) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2024-09-224

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be accepted.

**CARRIED ✓**

(e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS**

No deputations were scheduled.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 7, 2024  
(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 sitting as Committee of the Whole held on August 28, 2024  
(Recommendation to approve the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.)
- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Board held on August 12, 2024  
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on August 29, 2024  
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.5 Voucher Report for the months of May to July 2024  
(Recommendation to approve the vouchers.)
- 3.6 Variance Report: Year to date as of the end of the previous quarter  
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.7 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity  
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.8 Report from Roads Foreman Regarding July Departmental Activity  
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.9 Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, received August 20, 2024 Regarding the 2024 Provincial Policy Statement  
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)
- 3.10 Correspondence from City of Thunder Bay, received August 28, 2024, Regarding Notice of Passing Official Plan and Zoning Amendments  
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)

Res. No. 2024-009-225

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

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

**CARRIED ✓**

**4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:**

**4.1 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Western Lake Superior Conservation Reserve**

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-226

Moved by: Councillor Hill  
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to advise Ontario Parks that Council wishes to make park improvements at the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch in the future;

AND THAT Council requests that Ontario Parks preserves the option to improve the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch area within the Western Lake Superior Conservation Reserve regulations.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Pearson Wetland Conservation Reserve**

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-227

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to advise Ontario Parks that they have no concerns with any road allowance within the Pearson Wetland Conservation Reserve Boundaries being closed provided no private land owners will lose access to their property.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Community Sport and Infrastructure Fund**

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-228

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes administration to apply for the Community Sport and Infrastructure Fund for the recreation projects including playground and gazebo relocation, and boat launch improvements, as discussed.

**CARRIED ✓**

**4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Road Naming Issues**

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-229

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to bring forward by-laws open and change road names for road segments owned by the municipality, as outlined in the report.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Landfill By-law Amendments

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-230

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to bring forward amendments to the landfill by-law to allow the purchase of punch cards by commercial businesses.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-231

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

WHEREAS Council considers that approval of the application brought by Cliffview Properties, the owner, to sever two parcels from property on Sturgeon Bay Road for the purposes of creating two new lots;

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 Cliffview Properties, the property owner, relative to property with no municipal address on Sturgeon Bay Road, and legally described as Part 2 on Reference Plan 14960, within geographic Blake Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay; the consent requested in Application B07-2024, as submitted, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- a) A survey is finalized and registered;
- b) A driveway entrance for the severed lots is pre-approved by the Roads Foreman;
- c) Satisfactory approval from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit relating to adequacy of the severed lots for septic services is obtained; and
- d) Conveyance of the lots must occur within twenty-four (24) months of the date that this decision becomes final and binding.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.7 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding New Strategic Plan

Members present discussed the report. No changes were requested. No resolution was passed.

4.8 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding 2024 Reserve Fund Transfers

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-233

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the reserve fund transfers as outlined in the report.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.9 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Holiday Hours

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-234

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to close the Municipal Office from December 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm and reopen on January 2, 2025 at 9:00 am.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.10 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Blake Hall Rental Rates

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-235

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the changes to the Blake Hall rental rates as outlined in the report;

AND THAT Council directs Administration to bring forward by-law to amend the fees by-law.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.11 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Complaint Form Privacy

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-236

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to report complaints in the format as discussed

**CARRIED ✓**

4.12 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2024-09-237

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to raise the flag for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> for a period of two weeks in accordance with the Municipal Flag Policy;

AND THAT Council directs Administration to raise the flag for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on the business day before September 30<sup>th</sup> each year for a period of two weeks.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.13 Correspondence from Thunder Bay District Municipal League, received August 21, 2024 Regarding Request for Feedback on Strategic Plan Action Items

Administration was directed to bring forward a summary of this correspondence for review at the next regular Council meeting.

4.14 Correspondence from Wounded Warrior Magazine, received August 15, 2024 Regarding Sponsorship Renewal

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2024-09-238

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to place a business card size advertisement for two issues of Wounded Warrior Magazine.

**CARRIED ✓**

4.15 Correspondence from Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, received August 29, 2024 Regarding 2025 Draft Budget

Members present reviewed the correspondence. There were no concerns noted. No resolution was passed.

4.16 Correspondence from Stirling Rawdon, received August 21, 2024 Regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2024-09-239

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from Stirling Rawdon regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure.

CARRIED ✓

**5. BY-LAWS**

**5.1 By-law 2024-037 to adopt a site-specific amendment to the Zoning By-law**

Res. No. 2024-009-240

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-037 to adopt a site-specific amendment to the Zoning By-law, be passed as amended.

CARRIED ✓

**6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Kurikka advised that the Fish Derby held in conjunction with the LRCA was a tremendous success. Epica pictures was able to get some excellent footage from the day. There is interest in holding this event again.

Councillor Kurikka asked to be reimbursed for a transducer that was damaged on his persona boat from wave action against the dock when the boats departed for the derby. On consensus Council agreed they would replace the damaged item.

Administration was asked to bring forward to another meeting past reports and discussions regarding Nuclear Waste Storage and Transportation

Councill Hill stated a resident spoke to her about concerns relating to bears at our Sand Hill Landfill. They want staff to inform residents when there are bears present.

Councillor Gardner stated that invasive phragmites has been found in Conmee. He asked that our Public Works staff be made aware and keep an eye for this invasive species that can choke out lakes and beaches. Councillor Kurikka added that if found it can be reported to LRCA and they can deal with it.

Councillor Coulson stated that Lake Lenore Road washed out and the roads crew fixed it. A resident commended them for their good work.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that there was a severe storm over the weekend and the Fire Department and Public Works were called to remove trees from municipal roads and highways. It is believed that it was a tornado that hit the area along Highway 608. The province says they do have enough evidence yet to declare it a tornado and are encouraging people to submit damage reports and videos to the Northern Tornadoes Project. Nearby Marks Lake has been declared a tornado

Councillor Gardner noted that some people are dumping loose garbage from barrels. He wants to see all garbage contained in bags.

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

Res. No. 2024-09-241

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka  
Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT. The time being 8:07 pm Council 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)(c) to consider item 7.2, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and  
Under paragraph 239(2)(d) to consider item 7.3, involving labour relations or employee negotiations

**CARRIED ✓**

During Closed session the following resolution was passed.

Res. No. 2024-09-242

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:38 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 August 7, 2024**

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

**7.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Acquisition of Property**

**7.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Personnel Matters**

Res. No. 2024-09-243

Moved by: Councillor Coulson  
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 2024-038, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting.**

Res. No. 2024-09-244

Moved by: Councillor Wright  
Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-038, 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 8:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL



Mark Thibert  
MAYOR



Erika Kromm  
CLERK-TREASURER

