

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, January 6, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Steven Harasen  
Councillor Dawne Kilgour  
Councillor Roger Shott  
Councillor Bev Dale  
Councillor James Jeffery  
Councillor Maureen Schmidt  
Councillor Beverly Mercer  
Clerk Delma Stajkowski

Mayor Harasen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No disclosure of conflict of interest was declared at this time.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Res. No. 1-01-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda for Wednesday, January 6, 2010 by adding the following:

Under Audience Deputations:

: S/S Dan Peters

Under Discussion:

: Compensation Review

: Permission to register for Law Course

Under Correspondence:

: Ministry of Natural Resources - Endangered Species Act.

: Mayor Lynn Peterson - Invitation to attend discussion session.

: Bill Mauro - Invitation.

**CARRIED**

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

S/Sgt Dan Peters, OPP

S/Sgt Peters introduced himself to Council, and advised that he had been appointed the new Detachment Commander for the Thunder Bay **OPP** Unit on Hwy 130. He presented Council with the 2010 budget estimates, and explained that it had increased by approximately 1%, or \$16,000, over 2009 due to rising costs. He also advised that the number of calls had risen, and **that** roughly 18% of their overall incident volume related to Neebing. He noted that calls for monitoring alarms that activate falsely were quite high (15 in 2009). Council and S/Sgt Peters participated in a valuable question and answer period. Council thanked S/Sgt Peters for attending the meeting, and re-iterated that they looked forward to working with him, and the OPP, in the future.

Dr. Jane Fraser - funding proposal

Dr. Fraser appeared before Council to outline her new proposal to initiate a 55+ organization in the Community. She advised that her plan included a survey, which could be sent out to see how well this type of organization might be welcomed in Neebing, and then the holding of a Town Hall Meeting **in** order to try to establish the logistics of the organization. In response to Dr. Fraser, Council stated that, while they supported her in principle, they would not be able to support her project either financially or materially at this time. Dr. Fraser was advised that Administration Staff were not available to assist her with the survey, and that should she wish to advertise in the Neebing Newsletter, she would have to deal with the publisher regarding any rates.

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council - December 16, 2009

Res. No. 2-01-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS:

To accept the Policy of Advertising Tender Documents

Res. No. 3-01-2010

Moved by: James Jeffery  
Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Policy on Advertising Tender Documents dated January 6, 2010.

**CARRIED**

DISCUSSIONS:

Comments from MMAH for OPA # 3

Prior to making a decision on this issue, Council requested that the following questions be answered by the Ministry:

1. clarify "timing" in Item 9
2. has the MNR seen the modifications and made comment on them
3. clarify "legal access"

The Clerk advised that the proponent was also requesting a postponement until their Planner could review, and make comment on, the modifications. Council concurred, as they hoped to receive replies to their own questions by then.

Permission to post

The Clerk was given permission to post 3 by-laws - the 2010 Interim tax by-law; the 2010 by-law for Boards and Committees; and the naming of an arrangement, to be entered into with Olive Paipoonge, for Maintenance Service Agreements. The Clerk was further directed, to post only the names of those individuals who had responded to the request for names for Boards and Committees on the By-law. Any person on the old Boards and Committees listing who had not responded they should not be named in the posting.

Neebing recreation Committee - Minutes of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Res. No. 4-01-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on Monday, December 14, 2009 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Council was informed that Public Works was preparing the rink at the Blake Hall for flooding. A notice is to be posted at the rink stating that a "Use at Own Risk" policy is in place, and a notice will be placed in the Newsletter notifying interested users that the rink is now open.

NOMA - Issues for meeting with Provincial Ministers

Council would like to see the following discussed with the Ministers through NOMA:

- Green Energy Act
- HST
- NOSTA - what is going to happen?
- Availability of Grants

Township of Essa - Conservation Authorities

Council reviewed the letter from the Township and noted that this was a local issue.

DISCUSSIONS: con't

Resolutions from other Municipalities

Township of Mapleton (Wind Energy Project)

Res. No. 5-01-2010

Moved by: B. A. Dale  
Seconded by: James Jeffery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby supports the Township of Mapleton and requests that the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Environment issue a moratorium on wind energy projects until a health study has been completed by an independent third party.

**DEFERRED**

This resolution was deferred until the following question could be answered: Define "3<sup>rd</sup> Party".

Compensation Review

Reviews for compensation would be set for Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00; 4:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Permission to register for Law Course

The Clerk was granted permission to register for this course.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed various pieces of correspondence.

The Clerk was directed to try to arrange a meeting with Bill Mauro **on** Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., for educational purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no Health & Safety issues at this time.

Councillor Dale advised that she had been in contact with a resident who may wish to enter into a contract with the Municipality to remove the cottage at Cloud Lake. The person was advised to contact the Municipal Office to be placed on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Mercer asked that Thanks be passed on to the Public Works crew for the great job of scarifying the roads in Scoble.

Councillor Kilgour stated that the two Landfill Site attendants had received compliments on their Christmas attire and on their attitude. Ratepayers going to the E. Oliver Lake site were impressed with the two ladies.

NEW BUSINESS: con't

Councillor Shott advised that some garbage bags had been thrown over the snow banks in his area and needed to be cleaned up. It was determined that a brief notice in the Newsletter may alleviate this situation.

Mayor Harasen brought forward an issue regarding dogs roaming at large within the Municipality. The Clerk was directed to send a letter to both the dog owner and the OPP, with a blind c.c. to the complainant. The Clerk was also directed to find out if this is one of the policing and/or enforcement charges that might increase our yearly budget. She was also directed to canvas other municipalities in order to find out whether or not they bill individuals for nuisance calls of this type.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

There were no concluding reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 6-01-2010

Moved by: James Jeffery

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT the time being 9:46 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

**CARRIED**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR  
Steven Harasen

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Clerk  
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT