

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, June 17, 2009

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 7:33 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. 240-06-2009

Moved by: Bev Dale
Seconded by: James Jeffery

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda for Wednesday, June 17, 2009 by adding the following:

Under Resolutions:

Adopt a resolution to not support the proposed one kilometre radius of habitat protecting the peregrine falcon as recommended by the new EBR and Ministry of Natural Resources.

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting - June 3, 2009

Res. No. 241-06-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Note the following changes:

Councillor Schmidt: Page 5 - Add to 5th paragraph that she would like to see "park space, playground, with picnic tables and parking for public at one of our lakes turning it into something similar to Boulevard Lake."

Councillor Dale: Page 8 - In the 5th paragraph that "to be worn when working at the Fire Halls" be removed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Accept May Vouchers being Voucher Number 5/09

Res. No. 242-06-2009

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby approves the vouchers as presented:
VOUCHER NUMBER 5/09 - May 2009

Liabilities

GST and Source Deductions	\$ 20,019.29
Expense Accounts	
General Government	24,792.86
Protections to Persons & Property	7,015.06
Transportation Services	26,631.27
Environmental Services	754.31
Health Services	33,858.00
Social and Family Services	43,970.00
Recreation and cultural services	140.28
Planning and development	151.00
Capital Purchases - all departments	376.19
School Board Payments	0.00

Total disbursements in month \$157,708.26

CARRIED

1st & 2nd Reading of By-law Number 826-2009 being a by-law to appoint a Temporary Truck Driver/Equipment Operator for the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 243-06-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT By-law Number 826-2009 being a by-law to appoint a Temporary Truck Driver/Equipment Operator for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a first and second time this 17th day of June 2009.

CARRIED

1st & 2nd Reading of By-law Number 827-2009 being a by-law to appoint a Seasonal Maintenance Person for the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 244-06-2009

Moved by: Bev Dale
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT By-law Number 827-2009 being a by-law to appoint a Seasonal Maintenance Person for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a first and second time this 17th day of June 2009.

CARRIED

To adopt Vision and Mission Statements.

Res. No. 245-06-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Vision Statement "Valuing the natural beauty of our Community and our unique quality of life, while respecting our heritage and recognizing our diversity" and the Mission Statement "To actively seek out economic development opportunities which will provide the basis for social and economic growth, the enhancement of the quality of life for all residents and the protection, preservation and conservation of our natural resources".

CARRIED

To not support the proposed one kilometre radius of habitat protection for the peregrine falcon.

Res. No. 246-06-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

That all reports show the peregrine falcon to be at or above historic levels, and that local knowledge indicates that the peregrine is neither threatened nor endangered in Ontario.

That this municipality already has criteria in place to cover the habitat and protection of these once extremely endangered birds in our new Official Plan.

That this regulation would be detrimental to both our forest industry, which is failing badly, and our rural property owners, who will be severely impacted by these provisions outlined in the changes to the EBR.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing does not support the proposed one kilometre radius of habitat protection for the peregrine falcon as recommended by the new EBR and Ministry of Natural Resources.

CARRIED

To adopt a Policy on annual Evaluations and Compensations.

Res. No. 247-06-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Bev Dale

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Policy on Annual Evaluations and Compensation dated June 17, 2009.

CARRIED

To purchase a 2009 Dodge Ram ¾ Ton Truck.

Res. No. 248-06-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

WHEREAS Council adopted Resolution Number 230-2009 on June 3rd, 2009 accepting the quotation from McKinstry Chrysler for a 2009 Dodge Ram ¾ ton truck;

And WHEREAS that particular truck had been sold in the interim;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby accepts the 2nd lowest quotation from West End Motors in Fort Frances for a total cost (inclusive of all taxes) of \$49,155 for a 2009 ¾ Dodge Ram truck.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

Fire Chief Mo Douglas

Council reviewed with the Fire Chief the purchase of the safety clothing including clarification and interpretation as to what constituted a uniform versus safety clothing.

Councillor Dale asked for feedback on the Fire Chief's discussion of the open burning by-law with the Clerk. The Fire Chief was asked by Councillor Dale and responded positively to there being a separate by-law for the burning of noxious materials and to having the by-law noted on the burning permit.

Operations Manager's Report

Council reviewed the report as submitted by the Operations Manager. There was some discussion regarding the planned capital work on Pardee Road and the condition of Sturgeon Bay Road and Mannisto Road.

Financial Report for period ending May 31, 2009

Council reviewed the report as submitted by the Treasurer. Council would like some additional detail on Health and Safety expenses and forecast for the year. Council would also like to have a by-law to charge a \$25.00 fee for NSF cheques received. Councillor Shott asked for an update on the outstanding sale of shoreline road allowance.

By-Law 824-2009

Permission granted to post by-law 824-2009 being a by-law to adopt the Job Descriptions for the Clerk-Deputy Treasurer and the Treasurer-Deputy Clerk.

2009 Tax Billing Insert

Council requested that last year's tax billing insert be emailed to all councillors in a format that they can edit. Insert to be reviewed at the next Council meeting in July.

Council also discussed the mailing of the Neebing News to property owners who live outside of the current distribution. Decision was made to bring forward a resolution to have an annual fee for the mailing of 6 copies of the Neebing News to be paid up front and cover the costs to administer and mail.

Deputations to Ministers at AMO

Council would like to make deputations to the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure.

Meeting with Public Works Staff

Meeting to be held on June 24, 2009, at 3:00pm

EcoSuperior - Invitation to Well Aware workshop

Councillor Dale has requested to be registered for this workshop being held on June 29, 2009.

Request for Donation

Council decided not to donate to the Wallaceburg Disaster Relief Committee.

Resolutions from Other Municipalities

Township of Bonnechere Valley - Annual Grant for Library Services

Res. No. 249-06-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Bonnechere Valley and requests the Province to increase its annual grants to 15% of library revenue.

CARRIED

Town of Hawkesbury - Investments made by Canadians

Res. No. 250-06-2009

Moved by: Bev Dale
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of Hawkesbury in their bid to lobby the federal and Ontario Governments to ensure that investments made by Canadians in industries be protected in a long term basis and be secured against being moved outside of the country or being permanently closed without consultation with Canadian investors.

CARRIED

Town of Fort Erie - Ombudsman Act

Res. No. 251-06-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of Fort Erie and hereby petitions the Premier of Ontario to take the necessary steps in a timely manner to amend the Ombudsman Act to include hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed correspondence.

BY-LAWS:

3rd Reading of By-law Number 826-2009 being a by-law to appoint a Temporary Truck Driver/Equipment Operator for the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 252-06-2009

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Bev Dale

THAT By-law Number 826-2009 being a by-law to appoint a Temporary Truck Driver/Equipment Operator for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a third and finally passed this 17th day of June 2009.

CARRIED

3rd Reading of By-law Number 827-2009 being a by-law to appoint a Seasonal Maintenance Person for the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 253-06-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT By-law Number 827-2009 being a by-law to appoint a Seasonal Maintenance Person for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a third and finally passed this 17th day of June 2009.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councillor Dale asked for assurance from Council that the Clerk could go ahead and get a steering committee for the Strategic Planning and the answer from Council was yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Dale brought forward a letter regarding a dog in the Municipality. Request was made from Council for the Clerk to send a letter to the dog owner from Council. Letter to dog owner is to be cc'd to property owner requesting action and to the OPP.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 254-06-2009

Moved by: Bev Dale
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the time being 9:51 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Treasurer
Paul Greenwood