

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, July 15, 2009

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

ABSENT: Mayor Steven Harasen

Deputy Mayor Kilgour called the meeting to order at 7:31 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. 257-07-2009

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, July 15, 2009, by adding the following:

Under Resolutions:

: Adopt a Health & Safety Policy

Under New Business:

: To adjourn to an In-Camera session to discuss potential land acquisitions and potential legal issues.

**CARRIED**

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting - May 20, 2009

Res. No. 258-07-2009

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

ADOPTING THE MINUTES: con't

Regular Meeting of Council - June 17, 2009

Res. No. 259-07-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Special Meeting - June 24, 2009

Res. No. 260-07-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Alan G. Jones - Wolfwood Enterprises Ltd. - Proposed Zoning Amendment By-law

Mr. Alan Jones appeared before Council to request that they consider adopting the Zoning By-law Amendment for Wolfwood Enterprises that coincides with the Neebing Official Plan Amendment # 3. The property would be re-zoned from Rural to Recreation S-2 and Public Open Space, and provisions for a "Holding" symbol would be included for the entire property. He stated that the boat launch and corresponding parking area, to be set aside for the use of the Municipality, would accommodate approximately 600 trucks with boat trailers. He added that some additional work, on the part of the developer, would be required in the parking area, due to the terrain. Mr. Jones acknowledged Council's diligence in assisting them through this process, and looked forward to moving ahead with their project.

LRCA - Updates on old building and proposed new building

Mr. Bill Bartley (Chair of LRCA) and Ms. Mervi Hentinen were before Council to present them with an update comparison re the benefit(s) of renovating their existing building versus constructing a new office complex. After a brief slide presentation, they advised that either option would cost the member Municipalities \$2 million dollars, with Neebing's share being \$39,000 (or 1.95%). Upon completion of the new structure, all municipalities would be apprised of the final costs, and any residual monies would be placed in a 'maintenance reserve fund' for future use. Participating municipalities could be reimbursed, if they so desired, for their overage share (if any) using the same funding formula (Neebing 1.95%). Each member municipality would be required to provide the LRCA with a resolution supporting the project and thereby guaranteeing their portion of the levy.

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS: con't

Thunder Bay Federation of Agriculture - request for donation

Peggy Breckfelt provided Council with background information on the local chapter of the TBFA. They are requesting a donation from those municipalities that have agricultural operations within their boundaries, so that they can apply for a grant to do an economic impact study. If successful, the grant would provide 3-1 dollars, while the resultant study would be used to support future grant applications, and to promote agriculture in the Thunder Bay area.

Irwin Butikofer - Deputation regarding road conditions

Mr. Butikofer stated that, in his opinion, Sturgeon Bay Road; Mink Mountain Drive and Margaret Street are in a deteriorating condition, and requested that Council provide affected residents with an assurance that the road will be upgraded to a satisfactory state. Mr. Johansson advised that all material currently being laid on the roads is being tested, and that test results demonstrate that the product is well within the guidelines for Granular "B or M". Councillor Shott noted that safety was a number 1 municipal priority, and that every precaution was being undertaken to ensure that the roads were maintained to current safety standards.

In reply to Mr. Michael Fraser, Councillor Shott reiterated that the monies expended to straighten the corners on Sturgeon Bay Road were funded through a grant, in the amount of \$1.6 million, provided by the Provincial Government. Neebing had previously paid for the preliminary engineering studies that had to be undertaken in order to ensure the project was 'shovel ready'.

Mr. Ray Koenig congratulated Council on the new section of Sturgeon Bay Road, and stated that it would be nice if the entire road was in as fine condition. He stated that he would like to see further granular material laid on the rest of the road, to cover the clay and silt there as well.

Mrs. Sandra Peltonen requested that the ditches along Margaret Street be cleaned out.

Deputy Mayor Kilgour advised that once a plan of action was established, it would be circulated to residents. Councillor Shott advised that yearly road inspections were being carried out to determine what areas needed attention, and that input from residents would be valuable.

RESOLUTIONS:

To accept the Vouchers for June 2009 being Voucher 6/09

Res. No. 262-07-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby approves the vouchers as presented:  
VOUCHER NUMBER 6/09 - June 2009

Liabilities

GST and Source Deductions	\$ 40,646.79
Expense Accounts	
General Government	30,213.50
Protections to Persons & Property	24,776.18
Transportation Services	65,226.90
Environmental Services	3,124.30
Health Services	3,810.16
Social and Family Services	43,970.00
Recreation and cultural services	588.21
Planning and development	0.00
Capital Purchases - all departments	212,328.65
School Board Payments	106,558.20

**Total disbursements in month \$531,242.89**

**CARRIED**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 830-2009 being a by-law to rescind By-law Number 823-2009

Res. No. 263-07-2009

Moved by: B. A. Dale  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT By-law Number 830-009 being a by-law to rescind By-law Number 823-2009 be read for a first and second time this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

**CARRIED**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 831-2009 being a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 3

Res. No. 264-07-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT By-law Number 831-009 being a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment Number 3 be read for a first and second time this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

**CARRIED**

DISCUSSIONS:

Financial Statements

Council reviewed the financial statements as presented. Discussions ensued regarding the acquisition of new municipal credit cards. The Treasurer outlined the various options and different card structures. Council concurred with his recommendation and directed that he proceed.

Operation Manager's Report

Council perused the report as presented.

Permission to Post

Permission was granted to post:

- : By-law Number 838-2009 being a by-law to amend the fees by-law
- : By-law Number 839-2009 being a by-law to provide for the burning of noxious materials

Medical Education Bursary award

Council reviewed the applications that had been received, and requested that further discussion be held in-camera (owing to the personal nature of the applications).

Thunder Bay DSSAB - 2008 Surplus Distribution

Council noted that in these trying times, it was good to see a reduction, and refund, from the DSSAB.

Thunder Bay District Health Unit - 2008 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Council perused the statements as presented.

LRCA- 2008 Audited Financial Statements

Council reviewed the statements as presented.

Subscription Rates for Neebing News

The Clerk was directed to prepare a resolution for the next meeting of Council, setting the subscription rate for the Neebing Newsletter at \$12.00 per year (which includes 6 issues).

Thunder Bay District Municipal League - items for Fall Meeting

Council reviewed the topics that had been put forward for the meeting.

DISCUSSION: con't

Resolutions from Other Municipalities

County of Innisfil - Harmonized Sales Tax and Electricity Rates

Res. No. 264-07-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of Innisfil and requests that the Province of Ontario be requested to exempt electricity sales from the provincial portion of the single harmonized sales tax, at least until the stranded debt of Ontario Hydro is fully retired.

**CARRIED**

Canadian Union of Postal Workers - no to deregulation

Res. No. 266-07-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and requests that Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCSR recommendations that would:

1. Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets.
2. Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or representatives of rural delivery workers.

AND FURTHER THAT Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

**CARRIED**

DISCUSSION: con't

Resolutions from Other Municipalities

City of Pickering - Harmonized Sales Tax

Res. No. 267-07-2009

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the City of Pickering and requests that the Province of Ontario stop the implementation of the proposed Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax until more public consultation and input is received.

**CARRIED**

City of Welland - medical & health services

Res. No. 268-07-2009

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the City of Welland and demands that an improved funding model be developed and implemented by the Provincial Government to ensure that every citizen has equal and reasonable access to all necessary medical and health services provided through the hospital system.

**CARRIED**

Thunder Bay Federation of Agriculture - donation

Council debated the funding request, and determined that they would make a donation in the amount of \$300.00. This support represents \$10.00 per Neebing farm operation.

Res. No. 269-07-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby donates \$300.<sup>00</sup> to the Thunder Bay Federation of Agriculture.

**CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed various pieces of correspondence.

The Clerk was directed to put the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care information in the Newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE: con't

The Clerk was asked to forward the information from DSSAB, regarding Landlord and Tenant Board Hearings in Thunder Bay being carried out by telephone (rather than in person), be forwarded to Mr. Bill Mauro and Mr. Jim Watson.

Council was pleased to see the minutes from the TBDSSAB meeting being circulated.

BY-LAWS:

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 824-009 being a by-law to adopt the job descriptions of the Clerk-Deputy Treasurer and the Treasurer-Deputy Clerk of the Municipality of Neebing

Res. No. 270-07-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT By-law Number 824-2009 being a by-law to adopt the job descriptions for the Clerk-Deputy Treasurer and the Treasurer-Deputy Clerk for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

**CARRIED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 830-2009 being a by-law to rescind By-law Number 823-2009

Res. No. 271-07-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT By-law Number 830-2009 being a by-law to rescind By-law Number 823-2009 be read for a third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

**CARRIED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 831-2009 being a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment Number 3

Res. No. 272-07-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT By-law Number 831-2009 being a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment Number 3 be read for a third time and finally passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

**CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on Endangered Species Delegation with Minister Cansfield

Council advised that they had had a productive meeting with Minister Cansfield regarding the Endangered Species Act. They agreed that those attending AMO in August should develop a 'plan of attack' prior to their meeting(s) with the Minister, and that they should impress upon the Minister that a 1 kilometre radius (with regard to the peregrine falcon) was too extreme. Councillor Mercer remarked that she hoped the 'team' would return with a workable mitigation package relevant to the ESA.

The Clerk to report on the AMCTO Annual General Conference

The Clerk advised that she felt the conference was a success - a bit slow, but very beneficial.

Councillor Dale stated that she had attended the Well Awareness Seminar hosted by EcoSuperior and found it informative. She suggested that all new country people should contact EcoSuperior for information on wells.

The Clerk was directed to contact the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to obtain information on pandemic planning, and the inoculations that may be provided for the H1N1 virus. It was noted that various municipalities have already begun to plan for a pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjourn to an in-camera session to discuss potential land acquisitions and potential legal issues.

Res. No. 273-07-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the time being 10:44 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss potential land acquisitions and potential legal issues.

**CARRIED**

Council discussed the possibility of acquiring two different pieces of property that would be beneficial to our operations.

NEW BUSINESS: con't

Resolution to extend past the curfew time

Res. No. 274-07-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the time being 10:59 p.m. and the business on the agenda is not yet complete;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with By-law 716-2006 paragraph 9, Council approves the extension of the 11:00 p.m. curfew.

**CARRIED**

Council further discussed a potential legal issue regarding dogs barking.

Council reviewed the applicants for the medical bursary to determine if both met the criteria as outlined.

Adjourn the In-Camera session and return to the Regular Meeting of Council

Res. No. 275-07-2009

Moved by: B. A. Dale  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the time being 11:22, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

**CARRIED**

The Clerk was directed to set up a meeting for Wednesday, July 22 at 5:00 p.m. with the potential vendor of the Crooks property.

Council determined that they would await further information on the potential land sale in Blake.

The Clerk was directed to send a letter to the owners of the dogs that are reportedly barking, asking that they act as responsible neighbours by putting their dogs inside by 11:00 p.m. at night, in an effort to alleviate the 'constant barking'.

NEW BUSINESS: con't

Council further reviewed the applications for the medical bursary. The current application deadline date was discussed, and it was determined that, beginning in 2010, all applications must be received by August 1<sup>st</sup> (and not June 1<sup>st</sup> as previously stated). Council is pleased to be able to award the bursary to Meghan Ferguson, and endorsed the following:

Res. No. 276-07-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: B. A. Dale

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing having reviewed the applications, hereby instructs the Clerk to make the appropriate arrangements for the presentation of the Municipality of Neebing Medical Education Bursary for 2009 to Meghan Ferguson.

**CARRIED**

CONCLUDING REPORTS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 277-07-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the time being 11:25 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

**CARRIED**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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DEPUTY MAYOR  
Dawne Kilgour

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Clerk  
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT