

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, September 16, 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 7:30 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. 322-09-2009

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda, for Wednesday, September 16, 2009, by adding the following:

Under Resolutions:

: Transfer to/from reserves

Under Discussion:

: Mr. John Riley and Ms. Suzanne Scheffler - Podres Road property

: Tender Results - Sand/salt shed & Pardee Road Resurfacing

Under Correspondence:

: Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - Thank you

: Ontario Provincial Police - reassignment of duties

Under New Business:

: Road Inspection - October 21st

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council - September 2, 2009

Res. No. 323-09-2009

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Rosy Brizi - Grant Thornton - 2008 Financial Information

Ms. Rosy Brizi and Ms. Lauren Lappalainen were before Council to discuss the 2008 audit and financial statements. Highlights of the deputation included the following: a review of landfill closure, and post closure, allocations; the large increase in grant receipts; receivables are at a normal level for Neebing, and expenditures for 2008 were reduced generally because budgeted items were not purchased. Ms. Brizi stated that the 2009 statements will look considerably different, and that we may see further changes in 2011.

John Riley & Suzanne Scheffler - Podres Road property

Mr. Riley advised Council that they had purchased a property at W. Oliver Lake that had once been occupied by a store. He continued to explain that the previous owners had been absent for quite some time, and that the general public were now viewing this property as public. Since moving in to their property, they have experienced numerous incidents of people trespassing, leaving behind debris, and making a general mess of their property. Their main issue of concern dealt with the number of people crossing their property to jump off the "rocks", an activity which creates a liability issue for them. They stated they were before Council to gain some support, and to request that Council install a fence to discourage the trespassing.

Following a lengthy discussion, Council advised that, as their property was deemed to be a private property, there was no way they could assist with the trespass concern. Council indicated that they could not put up a fence, or provide any type of control with regard to the access problem. The issue would have to be managed with the assistance of the OPP. They would, however, support Mr. Riley and Ms. Scheffler by allocating space in the Neebing News, in which they could place an article stating their position and concerns, with the hope that the explanation would help to discourage future trespassers.

The Mayor noted that they would deviate a bit from the Agenda for the next two items.

DISCUSSIONS:

Operations Manager's Report

In reply to Councillor Kilgour - the Operations Manager indicated he was currently working on a letter for Mr. Butikofer, which should be sent out shortly. He advised that once all the roads had been brushed, they would then be on a 3-4 year rotation for repeat brushing.

NES report on Fire Truck

Deputy Fire Chief Ashbee updated Council on their quest to secure a water tanker truck. He stated that the price in total, including all travel costs, duty, and additional equipment needed to outfit the truck, would be approximately \$133,000 Canadian. Council requested that he make sure a "deadline date" was included in the contract, with stated penalties to be added if the deadline date was not successfully met.

RESOLUTIONS:

To Accept the Vouchers for August 2009 being Voucher 8-2009

Res. No. 324-09-2009

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby approves the vouchers as presented:
VOUCHER NUMBER 8/09 - August 2009

Liabilities	
GST and Source Deductions	\$ 29,194.40
Expense Accounts	
General Government	19,460.02
Protections to Persons & Property	24,168.91
Transportation Services	50,091.50
Environmental Services	54.47
Health Services	32,747.02
Social and Family Services	43,970.00
Recreation and cultural services	191.58
Planning and development	0.00
Capital Purchases - all departments	128,268.65
School Board Payments	0.00
<u>Total disbursements in month</u>	<u>\$328,146.55</u>

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS: con't

To initiate tax registration proceedings

Res. No. 325-09-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby authorizes the initiation of tax registration proceedings against the following properties:

58 01 030 006 044 00	\$1,810.94
58 01 040 007 152 00	2,734.64
58 01 040 007 154 00	2,193.06
58 01 630 000 077 03	1,937.94

CARRIED

Transfer to/from reserves

Res. No. 326-09-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

WHEREAS the 2008 Municipal Budget was adopted by way of By-law 769-2009^{SH} on June 18, 2009^{SH},

AND WHEREAS the budget designated certain transfers to and from reserves and reserve funds,

AND WHEREAS other issues were discussed throughout the year by Council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby authorizes the Treasurer to make the following transfers as at December 31, 2008 FROM the following reserves and reserve funds.

From the Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund for
Capital Assets \$256,916

From the Capital Fund to Reserve Fund for Capital
Assets (Investing In Ontario) \$207,804

From Reserve Fund for Capital Assets to Capital
Fund for Various projects \$242,704.36

From Reserve Fund for Contingencies to Capital
Fund Combination box & ¾ ton truck
\$ 56,258.33

CARRIED

DISCUSSION: con't

Financial to August 31, 2009

The Treasurer indicated that he would in future be making regular Accounts Receivable reports available to Council, as well as a "status" report on capital funding programs. He would also be providing them with a draft report regarding vacation pay.

Strategic Planning Steering Committee Applications

Council stated that all 3 applicants would be appointed to the Steering Committee, along with Councillors Dale and Kilgour and the Clerk. A notice was to be posted requesting additional applicants.

Neebing Recreation Committee - Minutes of August 10th

The Clerk advised that the 3 toilets in the basement of the Blake Hall would be changed shortly, and that the urinal would be removed and capped. She indicated that a strong job-box would be purchased (and secured) for the storage of the baseball equipment.

Councillor Shott commented on several items at the Pearson site that needed attention.

Mayor Harasen stated that he was aware of a few people who were interested in being on a recreation committee.

Res. No. 327-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on Monday, August 10th be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Neebing Waste Management Committee Meeting - July 21st

Discussion revolved around the collection of tires and e-waste/electronics, and the relevant legislation. The Committee would work with Pack Pros Plus to try to obtain containers for housing the tires and e-waste/electronics.

Res. NO. 328-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Waste Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, July 21st be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION: con't

Letter from Eagle Mountain Resort

The Clerk advised that Mr. Bill Salamon, along with Mr. Jim Salamon, would be at the next meeting of Council on October 7th to discuss their property at Little Trout Bay.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - 2009 Reporting for MPMP

Council reviewed the criteria for reporting the MPMP for 2009.

Recycling Council of Ontario - Waste Reduction Week - Oct 19th - 25th

Council agreed to proclaim Waste Reduction Week as October 19th through the 25th, and stated that it should be recognized in the Neebing News. It was also noted that the Neebing Fire/Rescue Association assumed responsibility for the pop can bins at both landfill sites. The Mayor recommended that they place the same bins at all Fire Stations as well.

Resolutions from Other Municipalities - CUPE - Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

Res. No. 329-09-2009

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

WHEREAS thirty six years of research confirms the benefits of high quality child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

WHEREAS child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, child care workers and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

WHEREAS recent studies clearly show trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care workers are the most important element in quality child care, and further that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover all of which predict higher quality care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that October 21, 2009 be designated the 9th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the influence, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION: con't

Tender Results

Sand/Salt Shed

Res. No. 330-09-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

WHEREAS notices were placed in the Chronicle Journal advertising for tenders to supply and install a fabric covered storage structure;

AND WHEREAS only 1 tender was received which when opened was 1.5 times the amount originally budgeted for;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby instructs the Operations Manager to solicit quotes for the structure in the anticipation that a lower price is achieved.

CARRIED

Pardee Road Resurfacing

Res. No. 331-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

WHEREAS notices were placed in the Chronicle Journal advertising for tenders for the Pardee Road Resurfacing;

AND WHEREAS only 3 tenders were received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby accepts the quotation from Bay City Contractors for a total cost (inclusive of all taxes) of \$390,075.⁰⁰ for the work as prescribed in the tender package.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed various pieces of correspondence.

The Clerk was directed to forward both the CIF Connect newsletter and the report on Moving on Diversion to the Waste Management Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MNR - Endangered Species

Council reviewed the email from Jennifer Chikoski on the Endangered Species subject, and felt that it was not what they were looking for at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Kilgour stated that Dr. Jane Fraser had hosted an excellent luncheon for a representative of New Horizons for Senior's (who funded the history book "Needing Settlers Descendents"). Council concurred, and felt it would be appropriate to purchase 6 copies of the history publication - for presentation to the schools at which our elementary students attend, and to the Oliver Paipoonge Public Library (for their use as well).

Council set aside Wednesday, October 14th at 5:00 p.m. to meet with the Operations Manager and the Public Works Foreman.

Council also concurred that Road Inspection would take place on Wednesday, October 21st.

The Clerk advised that Horizon Wind would be holding an Open House on Monday, September 28th at the Blake Hall.

The Clerk asked Council to consider the Ward makeup for the upcoming election process. She asked that they think about, and determine, whether they wish to maintain things as they are - with the Mayor at-large, 1 Councillor at-large and 5 Ward Councillors, or do they wish to see a new/different configuration eg. all Councillors at-large; reduce the number of Councillors; or have the Mayor and 3 Councillors at-large, with 3 Ward Councillors? She noted that the question would be put forward at the next meeting of Council.

The Clerk advised that the Medical Bursary would be presented at the next meeting of Council on October 7th.

Adjourn to an in-camera session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Res. No. 332-09-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

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

CARRIED

Council reviewed a letter from the Chief Building Official

Council reviewed information regarding Species at Risk.

NEW BUSINESS: con't

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

Res. No. 335-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: B.A. Dale

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

CARRIED

Res. No. 336-09-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby regretfully accepts the resignation of Murray Milne as the Chief Building Official effective September 24th, 2009.

CARRIED

Council directed the Clerk to advertise in the Neebing News for a Chief Building Official to be hired as an individual contractor.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

No concluding reports at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 337-09-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the time being 11:12 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT