

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009

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

ABSENT: Mayor Steven Harasen
Councillor James Jeffery

Deputy Mayor Kilgour called the meeting to order at 7:32 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. 353-10-2009

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, October 21, 2009, by adding the following:

Under Audience Deputations:

: Postpone deputation from Eagle Mountain Resorts until November 18th.

Under Discussion:

: Occupational Health & Safety
: Neebing Recreation Committee - Minutes October 19th, 2009
: Town of Fort Frances - Forest Tenure

Under Correspondence:

: SBH Management Lawyers - Taking the Panic Out of Pandemic Planning
: Stewardship Ontario's "In-the-Loop" for municipalities
: New Horizons - Back to the Tap
: NorWest Community Health Centre - Schedule
: Thunder Bay District Health Unit - H1N1 Flu Virus Update
: AMO - Report to Members on September 2009 Board Meeting
: Robert Hornung - A message from Canadian Wind Energy Association

Under Unfinished Business:

: Honourable Donna Cansfield - Meeting

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council - October 7, 2009

Page 3, under "Tender Results", should be amended to read "Staff was asked to provide Council with copies of completed tender forms prior to their being submitted to the public."

Res. No. 3549-10-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 be adopted as ~~eirculated~~ amended.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Michael Payne - Big Thunder Wind Park

Mr. Payne thanked Council, for allowing his group an opportunity to deliver a deputation outlining their concerns with regard to the wind farm that is being considered for the Loch Lomond Watershed area. He stated that he is the co-chair of the Nor'Wester Mountain Escarpment Protection Committee. He explained that the committee believes there are a number of relevant issues, related to this project, that need to be addressed, but that have not as yet been reviewed. They asked that his group be granted future deputation time, to allow them the opportunity to update Council on the areas of impact that concern the group. Mr. Payne stated that there are objections to Bill 150, and that their group will continue to follow related developments. He concluded, by asking Council to step back, to re-assess and re-think any decision they might have to make regarding the wind farm, and to consider the ratepayers in the area before allowing the wind farm to proceed.

RESOLUTIONS:

To accept Voucher Number 9/2009 being September 2009

Res. No. 355-10-2009

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby approves the vouchers as presented:
VOUCHER NUMBER 9/09 - September 2009

RESOLUTIONS: con't

Res. No. 355-10-2009 con't

Liabilities

GST and Source Deductions	\$ 22,833.17
Expense Accounts	
General Government	19,557.26
Protections to Persons & Property	24,778.94
Transportation Services	44,604.48
Environmental Services	2,481.07
Health Services	3,284.94
Social and Family Services	43,970.00
Recreation and cultural services	974.93
Planning and development	0.00
Capital Purchases - all departments	18,394.34
School Board Payments	105,773.46

Total disbursements in month **\$286,652.59**

CARRIED

To adopt policies - Municipal Equipment at a Fire Scene and Closing the Office

Res. No. 356-10-2009

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Policy on Municipal Equipment at Fire Scenes and Closing the Office dated October 7, 2009.

TABLED

The Municipal Equipment policy should be sent to our Solicitor for a legal opinion on how it will affect our union, and the Closing of the Office should be looked at by a committee of the whole.

DISCUSSIONS:

Permission to Post

Permission was given to post the by-law for the amendment to the Medical Education Bursary criteria.

2008 Consolidated Financial Statements

Council perused the statements as presented.

2008 MPMP

Council was provided with a copy of the 2008 MPMP and were advised that they had been posted on the website.

DISCUSSION: con't

MNR - set date to meet regarding a technical approach for subdivision applications.

Council determined that they would postpone this decision until after their scheduled meeting with Minister Cansfield.

Fabric Covered Storage Shed - Update

After a brief discussion the following resolution was endorsed:

Res. No. 357-10-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing accept the Sales Agreement from Cover-All Central Prairies for a Fabric Covered Storage Shed including supply of material and erection for a total amount of \$110,169.09 (includes all taxes and labour);

AND FURTHER, that it be completed by August 1st, 2010.

CARRIED

TBay Tel - letter of support

Councillor Kilgour advised that TBay Tel cannot request grant funding for high speed internet in Bell territory unless Bell refuses to provide the service themselves. A letter must be written to Bell requesting high speed internet for their customers in the Cloud Bay Exchange. If the request is denied, then TBay Tel can be approached to supply the service.

The Thunder Bay DSSAB - 2009 Cost Apportionment

Councillor Schmdit asked that a letter be written to Mr. Bill Mauro, MPP, to request that representation on the Board be more fairly assigned. At this time, Neebing has a member on the Board for a 2 year time frame, once every 10 years, while Schreiber and Manitouwadge (who have a lower combined apportionment than Neebing and Oliver Paipoonge combined) share a Board member between them. Mr. Mauro should be requested to look into the dynamics of the board, and to inquire as to how Neebing might be granted fairer representation.

Northwestern Ontario Immigration Portal - Memorandum of Understanding

Members of Council discussed, at some length, the merits of opting into this portal, and determined that it would be beneficial to accept the opportunity to participate in the program. A meeting was arranged for Monday, November 2nd at 9:30am., to prepare the portal pages.

Review resumes for CBO

Council asked that this discussion go in-camera.

DISCUSSION: con't

Resolutions from Other Municipalities - Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) proclaim Community Social Services Workers Day - November 6th, 2009

Res. 358-10-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality hereby supports the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) and proclaims November 6th as Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day.

CARRIED

Occupational Health & Safety

The Clerk advised that as part of being compliant with the Act, Council should be discussing Health & Safety at each meeting.

Neebing Recreation Committee - Minutes of October 19th, 2009

Res. No. 359-10-2009

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on Monday, October 19th, 2009 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Town of Fort Frances - Forest Tenure

The Clerk advised that this item would be forwarded for discussion at the next meeting, due to its late arrival at the Office.

Council members agreed that a letter should be sent to Minister Gravelle indicating that Neebing frequently receives information "after the fact", and would appreciate being provided with relevant material(s) prior to decisions being made.

CORRESPONDENCE:

It was noted that the hand sanitizers were a hit at the TBDML. The Clerk was directed to order 500 more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Honourable Donna Cansfield - meeting

Further to correspondence received from the Office of Minister Cansfield, Council agreed to host a "working" luncheon on the 27th of October at 11:30am.

LRCA

Councillor Dale provided copies of the LRCA's Office Business Plan for Council's perusal. She asked that Council carefully review the documentation, as LRCA was requesting a resolution of support relative to the construction of a new building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjourn to an in-camera session to review job resumes.

Res. No. 360-10-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the time being 8:52 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to review job resumes.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the CBO resumes.

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

Res. No. 361-10-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the time being 9:22, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

The Clerk was directed to check the credentials of the prospective candidate, to review the references, and to inquire about salary expectations.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

No concluding reports at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 363-10-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT the time being 9:23 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

DEPUTY MAYOR
Dawne Kilgour

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT