

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, September 2, 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. 306-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda, for Wednesday, September 2, 2009, by adding the following:

Under Resolutions:

- : To accept the quotation from JML Engineering and True Grit Consulting for engineering consulting services.
- : To accept resignation from Jay Eingold from the Neebing Environmental Advisory Committee - when to schedule?
- : 1st & 2nd Reading of By-law Number 834-2009 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Under Discussion:

- : FireCon - Municipal Leadership Program
- : NES - Update on water truck purchase
- : Presentations from Economic Advisory Committee and Environmental Advisory Committee
- : Donation for Valley Central School PTA Fall Fair
- : Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and Township of Conmee
- : Resolutions from other Municipalities
- : Town of New Tecumseth - Harmonization of taxes

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA con't

Res. No. 306-09-2009 con't

Under Correspondence:

: Regional Food Distribution Association - Food Drive

Under By-laws:

: 3rd Reading of By-law Number 834-2009 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council - August 12, 2009

Res. No. 307-09-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour

Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Special Meeting - August 27, 2009

Res. No. 308-09-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Gunther Lengfellner - OPP

Mr. Henry Wojak introduced himself to Council and stated that he would be speaking on behalf of Mr. Lengfellner. He indicated that Mr. Lengfellner had made several reports to the OPP however; they had not been able to trace the calls or give him incident numbers. He stated that they would be putting a case into OCOPS to try and solve the issue. Mr. Wojak stated that Mr. Lengfellner and his neighbour were having a long-time disagreement over property lines that they were hoping either Council or the OPP could assist in mitigating this dilemma. After further comments, Council thanked both gentlemen for appearing before them.

RESOLUTIONS:

1st & 2nd Reading of By-law Number 833-2009 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing and Mary-Ann Baarts-Matson acting on behalf of Ann Baarts

Res. No. 309-09-2009

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

THAT By-law Number 833-2009 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing and Mary-Ann Baarts-Matson acting on behalf of Ann Baarts be read for a first and second time this 2nd day of September, 2009.

CARRIED

To accept the quotation from JML Engineering and True Grit Consulting for engineering consulting services

Res. No. 310-09-2009

Moved by: B. A. Dale
Seconded by: D. Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby accepts the proposals from JML Engineering and True Grit Consulting Ltd. to provide consulting services in their field of expertise on an as-needed basis for the year ending 2009;

AND FURTHER THAT JML Engineering be paid at a rate of \$100 per hour for professional fees; \$64 per hour for technical fees; \$0.40 per kilometre and all additional costs at cost plus 5%. True Grit Consulting Limited be paid at a rate of \$90 per hour for professional fees; \$70 per hour for technical fees; \$0.60 per kilometre and all additional costs at cost plus 10%;

AND FURTHER THAT all assignments shall have project estimates and budgets established prior to undertaking any work.

CARRIED

To accept the resignation from Jay Eingold from the Neebing Environmental Advisory Committee

Res. No. 311-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby regretfully accepts the resignation of Jay Eingold from the Neebing Environmental Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS: con't

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 834-2009 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Res. No. 312-09-2009

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

THAT By-law Number 834-2009 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund be read for a first and second time this 2nd day of September, 2009.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS:

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee - August 19

Council reviewed the minutes and directed the Clerk to put a notice in the Newsletter looking for additional members for this Committee.

Minutes of the Economic (Development) - May 20

Council reviewed the minutes as presented.

Northwestern Ontario Conference - MMAH/NOMA - Who is going to attend

Councillors Shott and Jeffery indicated they would also attend.

Thunder Bay District Municipal League - Who is attending - October

Councillors Dale; Schmidt; Kilgour and Shott indicated they would attend.

Rural Broadband update

Council adopted the following resolution:

Res. No. 313-09-2009

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports Thunder Bay Telephone and the Rural Broadband project; and

FURTHER THAT they approach the Federal Government to ensure that all available funding is applied for and that rural residents everywhere are treated equally and have full access to broadband.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION: con't

Transport 2000 Canada - Via Rail

Council perused the information provided and determined that no action was required at this time.

MMAH - Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review update

Council reviewed the material as provided.

Request from Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee - Donation

Council stated that their donation budget was almost exhausted for 2009.

FireCon - Municipal Leadership Program

The Clerk was given permission to attend this course at FireCon.

NES - Update on water truck purchase

Deputy Fire Chief Dale Ashbee updated Council on their quest to replace a water truck. Council concurred with their recommendations that they proceed with entering into negotiations with OSCO to supply a water tanker complete to NES' specifications.

Presentations from Economic Advisory Committee and Environmental Advisory Committee

Council agreed to meet with the two Committees for their annual presentation on October 14th at 7:30.

Donation for Valley Central School PTA Fall Fair

Res. No. 314-09-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the annual fall fair at Valley Central School with a donation of \$50.00.

CARRIED

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and Township of Conmee

Council debated the question whether to support the LRCA in their efforts to build a new building versus renovating their present building and the Township of Conmee resolution requesting that the LRCA look into utilizing a vacant building in the City. The following resolution was endorsed:

DISCUSSION: con't

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and Township of Conmee

Res. No. 315-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing supports The Township of Conmee and requests that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority revise their plan for a new building and re-use some of the vacant building spaces in the City of Thunder Bay, thereby saving the ratepayers in the member municipalities from an increase in the levy costs.

CARRIED

Resolutions from Other Municipalities

Town of New Tecumseth - Harmonization of taxes

Res. No. 316-09-2009

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of New Tecumseth and requests that the provincial government consider that the GST and PST harmonization not include any items, goods or services that are currently subject to only one of the taxes not be subject to the other, so that no new taxation is created.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed various pieces of correspondence.

It was noted that the RFDA was looking for volunteers to assist with their food drive.

BY-LAWS:

3rd Reading of By-law Number 833-2009 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing and Mary-Ann Baarts-Matson acting on behalf of Ann Baarts.

Res. No. 317-09-2009

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

THAT By-law Number 833-2009 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing and Mary-Ann Baarts-Matson acting on behalf of Ann Baarts be read for a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of September, 2009.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS: con't

3rd Reading of By-law Number 834-2009 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Res. No. 318-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT By-law Number 834-2009 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund be read for a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of September, 2009.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MNR - Endangered Species

The Clerk responded to Council that nothing had been received from Jennifer Chikoski on the Endangered Species subject.

Report on AMO

The Council Members that attended AMO reported that it was a very good conference and that the speakers were well versed and up to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the cycle clubs utilizing local highways to do their time trials. It was noted that an accident had occurred on Highway 61 between a motorist and a cyclist and that had brought about questions of safety to both. It was also noted that the OPP were aware of the problems that were being encountered with the group and that all concerns should be lodged with them. Council noted that they should be privy to events being held in our area.

Councillor Mercer requested that Thunder Bay Media Distributers be contacted to see about getting an "Ad bag" box at Fire Hall # 4 on E. Oliver Lake Road.

The Clerk advised that the Zoning Schedules had been completed by the LRCA and would like to schedule an Open House and Statutory Public Meeting to deal with the Comprehensive Zoning By-law on October 28th. The Open House would start at 1 and run until 4 and then the Stat Meeting would begin at 7:30. Council concurred and directed that the Notices go out as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS: con't

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

Res. No. 319-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the time being 9:21 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

CARRIED

Council debated the Species at Risk legislation and how it could affect the Minutes of Settlement signed at the OMB hearings.

Council reviewed the policy of closing the Office when staff are ill.

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

Res. No. 320-09-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the time being 6:56, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

The Clerk was directed to try to set up an In-Camera meeting with Minister Cansfield next time she is in Thunder Bay to further discuss Species at Risk legislation.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

Council agreed to continue with the Appreciation Party in January.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 321-09-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the time being 9:57 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT