

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, February 18, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Steven Harasen
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Bev Dale
Councillor James Jeffery
Councillor Beverly Mercer
Clerk Delma Stajkowski

ABSENT: Councillor Dawne Kilgour
Councillor Maureen Schmidt

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.

AMENDING THE AGENDA

Res. No. 63-02-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda for Wednesday, February 18, 2009 by adding the following:

Under Discussion:

- : Building Canada Fund - Pine River Bridge
- : Set dates for Official Plan Amendment # 3 (Wolfwood) (second Meeting) and Official Plan Amendment # 4 (Kapush) (first Meeting).
- : Planning Meeting
- : Resolutions from other Municipalities
 - : Town of Marathon - highway markers
- : Newsletter - Neebing News

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting - February 4, 2009

Res. No. 64-02-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Special Meeting - February 4, 2009

Res. No. 65-02-2009

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

J & R Electronics - computer recycling

Mr. Robert Casavant and Mr. John DeRuiter appeared before Council to discuss their new venture - to collect electronics from various designated landfill sites, to sort and package the items, then to arrange to have them couriered from their property to southern Ontario for further distribution. They stated that if their proposal is successful, they will then move their operation to a larger warehouse in the City of Thunder Bay. They indicated that, as of April 1st, 2009, government regulation states that no electronic waste may legally be disposed of in a landfill pit, or left uncovered (i.e. it must be tarped or sheltered) on the landfill site. Examples of some of the items they would be picking up are computers, monitors, T.V.'s - anything of an electronic nature. If this venture is successful, they may, at a future date, be gathering microwaves and cell phones as well.

After a lengthy discussion, Council indicated that, while they agree with the concept proposal, they would like additional information. They would have to consider all the liabilities involved. They stated that a formal agreement may need to be drawn up, and insurance criteria would have to be met, before any large scale collection of electronics could begin.

RESOLUTIONS:

Voucher Report for the month of January being 1/09

RESOLUTIONS: con't

Res. No. 66-02-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer

Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby approves the vouchers as presented:

VOUCHER NUMBER 1/09 - January 2009

Liabilities

GST and Source Deductions \$ 36,679.55

Expense Accounts

General Government 42,635.86

Protections to Persons & Property 32,109.43

Transportation Services 50,673.63

Environmental Services 1,106.74

Health Services 0.00

Social and Family Services 43,970.00

Recreation and cultural services 2,089.63

Planning and development 30,680.83

Capital Purchases - all departments 213,240.78

School Board Payments 0.00

Total disbursements in month \$453,186.45

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS:

Statement of Financial Position - as at December 31, 2008

Council reviewed the statements as presented.

Neebing Emergency Services - Activity Report for January 2009

Council reviewed the report as presented.

Permission to Post

Permission was given to post the following by-laws for adoption at the next Regular Meeting of Council:

- By-law Number 794-2008 being a by-law to establish and regulate the mandatory use of Stickers at the Waste Management Site;
- By-law Number 805-2009 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 Health

DISCUSSION: con't

Permission to Post: con't

- By-law Number 806-2009 being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees
- By-law Number 807-2009 being a by-law to close, stop up and sell the original road allowance; Part of the S.W. and S.E. ¼ of Lot 5 Concessions 7 and 8 Township of Blake
- By-law Number 808-2009 being a by-law to open a portion of Sturgeon Bay Road that was re-aligned
- By-law Number 809-2009 being a by-law to adopt the estimates of the sums required by the Municipality of Neebing during 2009
- By-law Number 810-2009 being a by-law to set the fees for building and provide for a code of conduct policy for building purposes for The Corporation of The Municipality of Neebing.

Building Canada Fund

Council congratulated staff for successfully preparing an application for the grant for the Pine River Bridge replacement.

Set dates for Official Plan Amendment # 3 (Wolfwood) and Official Plan Amendment # 4 (Kapush)

Wednesday, March 25 would be the scheduled date for the Statutory Public Meetings for the OPA's.

Newsletters

After a brief discussion, it was determined that Council would try to publish a newsletter every two months.

Landfill Site Hours

Council concurred that the winter hours should be brought forward by two weeks. Therefore, summer hours would, in future, be listed as being from April 1st to September 30th, and winter hours would be from October 1st to March 31st. The Clerk was directed to prepare the by-law for posting.

Resolutions from other Townships:

Prince Edward County:

Res. No.67-02-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports Prince Edward County and requests that the Federal and Provincial government agencies responsible for public health, energy creation and energy management complete the following:

- 1) Dedicate resources to the necessary scientific research to consider the impact of:
 - a) low frequency noise and,
 - b) electrical and electromagnetic disturbances in areas of industrial wind turbines with the intent to confirm/deny public health implications: and
- 2) Create and provide authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and wind energy developers.

CARRIED

Town of Ajax - Authority to Prohibit Corporate and Trade Union Contributions to Municipal Election Campaigns

Res. No. 68-02-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of Ajax and requests that the Government of Ontario be requested to amend the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to provide all municipalities in the Province with the authority to pass a by-law that would prohibit a corporation that carries on business in Ontario or a trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario from making a contribution to or for any candidate for an office on the respective municipal council.

DEFEATED

City of Hamilton - Bill 138, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2008

Res. No. 69-02-2009

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 Hamilton and supports the efforts of MPP Andrea Horwath with respect to the current Bill 138 - Protection of public Participation Act, 2008.

DEFEATED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Various pieces of correspondence were acknowledged.

BY-LAWS:

None at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councillor Shott stated that he would pass on Council's appreciation for the Building Canada Fund grant while he was at ROMA/OGRA next week.

It was noted that a new landfill site attendant had been hired and would commence work on the 21st of February.

A brief discussion ensued over the current burning by-law. Councillor Dale and the Clerk will work together, to separate the issues from that by-law into environmental and burning, and then present the result to Council for further consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjourn into an In-Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Res. No. 70-02-2009

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

THAT the time being 9:24 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

CARRIED

Adjourn In-camera session and return to the Regular Meeting

Res. No. 72-02-2009

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

THAT the time being 9:58 p.m., the In-camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

Council set a schedule to meet with Administration for their annual compensation reviews.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 73-02-2009

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

THAT the time being 9:59 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT