

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, July 23, 2008

PRESENT: Mayor Steven Harasen
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Bev Dale
Councillor Maureen Schmidt
Councillor Beverly Mercer
Treasurer Paul Greenwood

ABSENT: Councillor James Jeffery
Councillor Dawne Kilgour

Mayor Harasen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Beverly Mercer disclosed conflict of interest for Fire Department discussions.

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Rosy Brizi - Review of Unconsolidated Financial Statements for the Municipality of Neebing. Review was page by page. Rosy was questioned about the Landfill closure and it was recommended that an estimate process be taken by a professional engineer. It was noted that some northern municipalities had already been through this process. Rosy reviewed the Report to Council and there were no questions.

Adopting the Minutes:

Regular Meeting - June 18, 2008

Res. No. 265-07-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Bev Dale

THAT the minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Special Meeting - June 25, 2008

Res. No. 266-07-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL held on June 25, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS:

Accept Vouchers for June, 2008 - being Voucher Number 6/08.

Res. No. 267-07-2008

Moved by: Bev Dale
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby approves the vouchers as presented:
VOUCHER NUMBER 6/08 - June 2008

Liabilities

GST and Source Deductions \$ 25,641.83

Expense Accounts

General Government	19,179.75
Protections to Persons & Property	13,171.67
Transportation Services	36,710.09
Environmental Services	1,967.51
Health Services	3,274.29
Social and Family Services	44,526.67
Recreations and Cultural Services	984.01
Planning and Development	6,709.06
School Board Payments	105,536.80
Capital Purchases - all departments	44,579.56

Total disbursements in month \$302,281.24

CARRIED

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 776-2008 being a by-law to establish an Economic Advisory Committee.

Res. No. 268-07-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

That By-law Number 776-2008, being a by-law to establish an Economic Advisory Committee, be read for a first and second time this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 777-2008 being a by-law to establish an Environmental Advisory Committee.

Res. No. 269-07-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Bev Dale

That By-law Number 777-2008, being a by-law to establish an Environmental Advisory Committee, be read for a first and second time this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 778-2008 being a by-law amend By-law Number 775-2008 to levy, raise and collect by way of a tax on the real personal property, money sufficient to defray the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 270-07-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

That By-law Number 778-2008, being a by-law amend By-law Number 775-2008 to levy, raise and collect by way of a tax on the real personal property, money sufficient to defray the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of Neebing, be read for a first and second time this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 779-2008 being a by-law to upgrade the salary of the Treasurer of the Municipality of Neebing

Res. No. 271-07-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Bev Dale

That By-law Number 779-2008, being a by-law to upgrade the salary of the Treasurer of the Municipality of Neebing, be read for a first and second time this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 781-2008 being a by-law to designate a construction zone within the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 272-07-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

That By-law Number 781-2008, being a by-law to designate a construction zone within the Municipality of Neebing, be read for a first and second time this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

Resolution to award Pre-Construction Clearing on the Sturgeon Bay Road Re-alignment

Res. No. 273-07-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Bev Dale

WHEREAS time was of the essence and the contract for the clearing of the Sturgeon Bay Road had to be awarded to meet certain deadlines; and

WHEREAS the tender package had a return date of June 27th, 2008 and the next Council Meeting was not until the 23rd of July 2008; and

WHEREAS Council was poled via telephone on the tender opening and amounts submitted by the 3 contractors returning said tender packages;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby ratifies their previous decision and confirms that the clearing contract for the construction of the road re-alignment for Sturgeon Bay Road be awarded to TYCON CONSTRUCTION for an amount of \$ 73, 444.00 (includes all taxes).

CARRIED

Resolution to award construction of the road re-alignment on the Sturgeon Bay Road

Res. No. 274-07-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby awards the contract for the construction of the road re-alignment for Sturgeon Bay Road to BJ HALOW for an amount of \$ 1,150,232.79 (includes all taxes).

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Ian Pattison - Ian reviewed issues related to the condition of roads on Cloud Bay and Jarvis Bay Road East. He discussed the polling of neighbours, expressed issues related to funding costs, and requested that Council to complete and analysis of the feasibility of hard surfacing the road in question. It was noted that there are approximately 20 full-time residents on the road and that there has been a petition not to pave the road. Council will continue to review hard surfacing options.

Bill Mauro - An announcement will be coming soon with respect for flood damage funding. Mr. Mauro is currently looking for a consensus from stakeholders related to Big Thunder. He would like to attain a supportive resolution from Council for the reopening of Big Thunder without specific plans for defined activities. There was an agreement that a resolution was likely for the next meeting. There was also mention of a similar agreement with the City of Thunder Bay.

Irene Walker - Irene had specific questions about East Padres Road, West Oliver Lake, which consists of the 700 feet along the beach. She wanted to know (1) Who is responsible for the road, (2) if the MNR, then who should approach, and (3) if MNR says no then what? After some discussion it was agreed that Council would investigate.

DISCUSSION:

Financial Statements to the end of June 2008 reviewed.

Operations Managers Report reviewed.

Funding of \$198,000 - to be discussed in the future as it may be impacted by the flood funding.

Neebing Waste Management Committee Meeting

Res. No. 275-07-2008

Moved by: Bev Dale
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the minutes of the Neebing Waste Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 2, 2008 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

By-law to mandate furniture and dismantling of large items: There needs to be additional discussions on ways to deal with large loads and demolition loads.

2008 Budget for Chief Building Official - Council accepts budget as submitted.

2009 Budget Timeline - it is expected that the budgeting process will begin in October 2008.

LRCA - Source Water Protection: additional information available in office.

Permission to post by-law: Permission granted to post by-law Number 780-2008 being a by-law to establish a Community Program

Local Government Week - will not participate at this time.

Canada Post deregulation

Res. No. 276-07-2008

Moved by: Bev Dale
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's exclusive privilege on letters)

WHEREAS it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service - the exclusive privilege.

WHEREAS postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses.

WHEREAS the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office - the public.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing sends a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post - the public.

CARRIED

A-1 Sewage Report: Signage should be put up by operations department that garbage is not to be disposed of in porta-toilets.

Resolution from Township of O'Connor regarding Canada Summer Jobs

Res. No. 277-07-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Bev Dale

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of O'Connor and requests that the Federal Government commit to meeting the demands for the Canada Summer Jobs program by guaranteeing a set number of positions and increase the funding accordingly.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed several pieces of correspondence.

BY-LAWS:

3rd Reading of By-law Number 776-2008 being a by-law to establish an Economic Advisory Committee.

Res. No. 277-07-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

That By-law Number 776-2008, being a by-law to establish an Economic Advisory Committee, be read for a third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

3rd Reading of By-law Number 777-2008 being a by-law to establish an Environmental Advisory Committee.

Res. No. 278-07-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Bev Dale

That By-law Number 777-2008, being a by-law to establish an Environmental Advisory Committee, be read for a third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

3rd Reading of By-law Number 778-2008 being a by-law amend By-law Number 775-2008 to levy, raise and collect by way of a tax on the real personal property, money sufficient to defray the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 279-07-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

That By-law Number 778-2008, being a by-law amend By-law Number 775-2008 to levy, raise and collect by way of a tax on the real personal property, money sufficient to defray the estimated expenditures of the Municipality of Neebing, be read for a third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

3rd Reading of By-law Number 779-2008 being a by-law to upgrade the salary of the Treasurer of the Municipality of Neebing

Res. No. 280-07-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Bev Dale

That By-law Number 779-2008, being a by-law to upgrade the salary of the Treasurer of the Municipality of Neebing, be read for a third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

3rd Reading of By-law Number 781-2008 being a by-law to designate a construction zone within the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 281-07-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

That By-law Number 781-2008, being a by-law to designate a construction zone within the Municipality of Neebing, be read for a third time and finally passed this 23rd day of July, 2008.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bus service to Neebing discussed.

Sprinklers in new residential buildings - promotion and education as a concept. Councillor Mercer to attain additional information.

NES - Purchasing Policy: reviewed options for purchasing large items and the opportunity to poll council if outside of purchasing policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Holowach expressed his concern for the lack of calcium on roads and the excessive speed of traffic on Boundary Drive. Council resolved to bring forth a by-law at the next Council meeting that all of Boundary Drive should be 60 km/h which would mean changing the gravel portion to 60 km/h.

To adjourn to an In-Camera session to discuss personnel issues pertaining to time off.

Res. No. 281-07-2008

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

THAT the time being 9:04 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera meeting to discuss personnel issues pertaining to time off.

CARRIED

To adjourn the In-Camera portion of the Meeting

Res. No. 282-07-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the time being 10:27, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 283-07-2008

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

THAT the time being 10:28 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Treasurer
Paul Greenwood