

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, May 20, 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 7:35 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. 201-05-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda, for Wednesday, May 20, 2009, by adding the following:

Under Adopt Minutes:

: Adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council - April 29, 2009

Under Deputations:

: Postpone OPP until June 3

Under Discussion:

: Review Procedural By-law

Under Correspondence:

: Councillor Schmidt - Minutes from the DSSAB Meetings

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting - May 6, 2009

Res. No. 202-05-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Special Meeting of Council - May 6, 2009

Res. No. 203-05-2009

Moved by: James Jeffery  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Special Meeting - April 22, 2009

Res. No. 204-05-2009

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Michelle McChristy and Mike Landers from M.O.E., and Chris Beveridge from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, appeared before Council to speak about the open burning of waste materials and garbage (eg. in a 'burn barrel'). They gave a short slide presentation on outdoor burning and the dioxins that it creates; the harmful effects it has on the environment and on all living species. It was noted that education is the best method of prevention, and that with the diverse chemical composition of garbage today, people need to be made more aware of the harmful effects that it produces when burnt.

RESOLUTIONS:

Accept March Vouchers being Voucher Number 3/09

Res. No. 205-05-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby approves the vouchers as presented:  
VOUCHER NUMBER 3/09 - March 2009

Liabilities

GST and Source Deductions	\$ 29,539.62
Expense Accounts	
General Government	80,110.81
Protections to Persons & Property	34,173.94
Transportation Services	48,769.11
Environmental Services	1,091.46
Health Services	3,125.00
Social and Family Services	43,970.00
Recreation and cultural services	1,077.43
Planning and development	576.25
Capital Purchases - all departments	114,711.84
School Board Payments	106,558.20

**Total disbursements in month \$463,703.66**

**CARRIED**

Accept April Vouchers being Voucher Number 4/09

Res. No. 206-05-2009

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby approves the vouchers as presented:  
VOUCHER NUMBER 4/09 - April 2009

RESOLUTIONS: con't

Accept April Vouchers: con't

Liabilities

GST and Source Deductions	\$ 40,476.53
Expense Accounts	
General Government	43,405.97
Protections to Persons & Property	17,674.22
Transportation Services	43,975.71
Environmental Services	450.00
Health Services	3,125.00
Social and Family Services	43,970.00
Recreation and cultural services	821.43
Planning and development	3,025.00
Capital Purchases - all departments	31,529.76
School Board Payments	0.00

**Total disbursements in month \$228,453.62**

**CARRIED**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 825-2009 being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees

Res. No. 207-05-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT By-law Number 825-2009 being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees be read for a first and second time this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

**CARRIED**

DISCUSSION:

Financial Activities

Council reviewed the report as submitted by the Treasurer.

Ministry of Industry - Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario

Council suggested many valid projects that would qualify for this grant. They decided to direct Staff to apply for funds to be used to rehabilitate the rinks at both the Blake Hall and the Pearson Recreation Centre. Items to be included in the update would involve the rink boards, a change to energy efficient lighting, nets around the ends of the rinks, and bleachers.

Ministry of Finance - 2009 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

Council reviewed the OMPF Funding for 2009.

DISCUSSION: con't

Budget 2009: Canada's Economic Action Plan

Council reviewed the criteria, and felt they had submitted sufficient grant applications at this time.

Resolutions from Other Municipalities

Township of Centre Wellington - Bill 221 WSIB

Res. No. 208-05-2009

Moved by: James Jeffery  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Centre Wellington and requests the provincial Government to amend Bill 221, an Act to Amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 with respect to firefighters and certain related occupants to "include" volunteer firefighters and part-time firefighters.

**CARRIED**

Township of Woolwich - Bill 221 WSIB

Res. No. 209-05-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Woolwich and strongly urges the Provincial Government take immediate action to extend the legislation to include Volunteer and Part-time Firefighters.

**CARRIED**

Procedural By-law

The Clerk advised that she had spoken at some length to Fred Dean regarding an update of our procedural by-law. He stated he would be willing to do one of two things - either review our draft by-law, at an hourly rate of \$300, or come before Council to present a workshop-type session, for \$2,500, plus expenses. He stated that he could possibly piggy-back this proposed session onto another session, thereby reducing some of the costs, or Neebing could invite other municipalities to share our session, which would also cut down on some of the expenses. After a lively debate, regarding the expense of having Mr. Dean review the document, Council agreed that they would provide the Clerk with their recommendations, which she would then consolidate into one draft, and then bring it back for further review by Council. Once Council was satisfied with the updated draft, they could then forward it to Mr. Dean for review and comment. Council felt it should not take more than one hour of Mr. Dean's time, to complete the review, once the draft has been reworked.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed various pieces of correspondence.

Councillor Schmidt advised that she had had the opportunity to complete a tour of the DSSAB facilities at the Royal Edwards Arms, and noted that they were quite impressive. She stated that 1 in 10 dwellings in the City of Thunder Bay were under the auspices of DSSAB.

Councillor Kilgour asked that the information from AMO regarding the "Task Force to Foster Local Economic Development Opportunities" be forwarded to the Economic (Development) Advisory Committee.

All Council members endorsed the "Homegrown Ontario - Support Ontario - Buy Local" concept. It was noted that we should support our local food producers.

Mayor Harasen mentioned that if anyone has the opportunity, they should attend the Rosslyn Library in its new facility at the Rosslyn Community Centre.

BY-LAWS:

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 825-2009 being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees.

Res. No. 210-05-2009

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

THAT By-law Number 825-2009 being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees be read for a third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

**CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councillor Mercer stated that, due to economic constraints, Lakehead University would not be awarding any bursaries this year.

Councillor Dale gave an update on various LRCA activities. The day set aside for viewing birds in Dorion was a success, and over 140 different species had been spotted. She also informed Council that vandals had done close to \$30,000 worth of damage to the Cascades pavilion, while the LRCA had sold 18,000 tree seedlings with their tree program.

Councillor Shott advised that the Cemetery Board would meet on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

In reply to Councillor Schmidt, the Treasurer indicated that he was currently working on a letter, to be submitted to the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, regarding the residual monies from the MIII grant (Sturgeon Bay Rehabilitation).

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Dale reminded everyone of the LRCA Open House at the Blake Hall on June 9<sup>th</sup> for the "Living By Lake Superior Shoreline" at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn to an In-Camera Session to discuss legal issues.

Res. No. 211-05-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the time being 9:41 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss legal issues.

**CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding the invoice from Mr. Edwards with respect to the OMB hearing.

To adjourn the In-Camera Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

Res. No. 212-05-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the time being 9:59 p.m. the In-Camera portion is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council resumed.

**CARRIED**

The Clerk was directed to forward a letter, to both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Hare, indicating that the Ministry should be directing any correspondence to the Office, rather than sending it through Mr. Edwards.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 213-05-2009

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

THAT the time being 10:01 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

**CARRIED**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR  
Steven Harasen

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Clerk  
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT