

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, December 3, 2008

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

ABSENT: Councillor James Jeffery

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.

AMENDING THE AGENDA

There were no amendments at this time.

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting - November 19, 2008

Res. No. 444-12-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Special Statutory Public Meeting - November 19, 2008

Res. No. 448-12-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES: con't

Regular Meeting - November 19, 2008

Res. No. 446-12-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

There were no deputations at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions at this time.

DISCUSSIONS:

Holiday Office hours:

Council agreed that the Municipal Office could close for the Christmas holidays from noon on December 24th through to January 5th, 2009 at 8:00 a.m..

2009 Budget

Council reviewed the 2009 proposed operating budgets for the Public Works and Environmental Services Departments. After some discussion and review, Council indicated that they would like to see an increase of no more than 2% in all department operating budgets.

A capital investment plan and 5 year budgeting synopsis were discussed. Council agreed that it was not only something that should be created but it should be supported by all.

It was noted that the Fire Department indicated that they would be willing to route some of their Public Education budgeted funds toward a bi-monthly newsletter to provide residents with continued fire safety messages.

The next budget meetings were set for: January 7th at 4:30 p.m. and January 21st at 4:30 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting for Sturgeon Bay Road?

This matter is to be brought forward in April of next year.

Blake Hall Upgrades

It was noted that the renovations would be finished this week and then take approximately one additional week to place everything back in the cupboards and give the hall a thorough cleaning. The Hall would then be re-opened to the public on December 15th.

DISCUSSION: con't

Thunder Bay Ventures

Council directed the Clerk to accept the invitation from TB Ventures to attend a meeting. It was noted that the Economic Advisory Committee be informed of that date.

Resolutions from other Municipalities - City of Cambridge

Res. No. 447-12-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the City of Cambridge and calls on the Honourable Dwight Duncan, and the Honourable Dalton McGuinty to do what they can to help soften the blow for Ontario residents and property owners of all classes including, a deferral for the 4 year phase in for property tax increases by 1 year from the present phase in of 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 to 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Various pieces of correspondence were acknowledged and discussed briefly.

BY-LAWS:

There were no by-laws at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councillor Mercer stated that a presentation on residential sprinkler systems could be set up for the end of January. She would keep the Clerk informed of the dates available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Dale stated that she would like to see the name of the Economic Advisory Committee changed to "Economic Development Advisory Committee". The Clerk was directed to put this item on the next Agenda under Discussions.

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

Res. No. 448-12-2008

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

THAT the time being 9:17 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: con't

Council reviewed a piece of property that may be coming on the market. They reviewed the pros and cons and the possibility of acquiring same.

Council was given an update on the OMB.

Adjourn In-camera session and return to the Regular Meeting

Res. No. 453-12-2008

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

THAT the time being 10:17 p.m., the In-camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

The Clerk was given direction to proceed with the investigation of the property.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 454-12-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the time being 10:18 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT