

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, February 4, 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 7:27 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No disclosure of conflict of interest was declared at this time.

AMENDING THE AGENDA

Res. No. 38-02-2009

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, February 4, 2009 by adding the following:

Under Resolutions:

- : To extend the appointment of Charlie Rimkus at the landfill site until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Under Discussion:

- : Thunder Bay District Municipal League - March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- : OGRA/ROMA - Deputations with Ministers
- : Support Resolutions from other Municipalities
  - Township of Madawaska Valley - Homecare Access Programs
  - Township of Madawaska Valley - Assessment

Under Correspondence:

- : Thunder Bay Mutual Aid Association - Minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>
- : AMO - Municipal Support of Earth Hour and Energy Conservation Week Needed
  - Municipal Action on Bottled Water
  - AMO Expresses Concern, Provides Recommendations to Minister on Proposed AODA Information and Communications Standards
- : Thunder Bay District Municipal League - Changes to By-law
  - Call for Nominations
- : OPP - 100<sup>th</sup> year celebrations

**CARRIED**

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting - January 21, 2009

Res. No. 39-02-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Regular Meeting - January 21, 2009

Res. No. 40-02-2009

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Dr. Jane Fraser

Dr. Fraser presented the Mayor with a gift copy of the Dorion History Book. She appeared before Council to advise that she would be applying for funding to compile another history book for Neebing. In response to Dr. Fraser's request that Council support an Ad hock Committee for the proposed project, she was told that they would like to remain at arm's length from any involvement with the new book. It was suggested that she talk with interested people in the Municipality, to find out what it is they would like to see developed, and then to then apply for a grant.

RESOLUTIONS:

To extend the appointment of Charlie Rimkus at the landfill site until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Councillor Shott opposed this resolution.

Res. No. 41-02-2009

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

THAT pursuant to By-law Number 767-2008 adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Council hereby extends the appointment of Charlie Rimkus, as the landfill site attendant until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS: con't

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law number 799-2009 being a by-law to rescind By-law Number 245.

Res. No. 42-02-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT By-law Number 799-2009 being a by-law to rescind By-law Number 245-1894 be read for a first and second time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law number 800-2009 being a by-law to amend By-law Number 776-2008.

Res. No. 43-02-2009

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

THAT By-law Number 800-2009 being a by-law to amend By-law Number 776-2008 be read for a first and second time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law number 801-2009 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy; to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent

Res. No. 44-02-2009

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

THAT By-law Number 801-2009 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy; to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent be read for a first and second time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law number 802-2009 being a by-law to appoint Officers for the Municipality of Neebing Emergency Services Department.

Res. No. 45-02-2009

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

THAT By-law Number 802-2009 being a by-law to appoint Officers for the Municipality of Neebing Emergency Services Department be read for a first and second time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS: con't

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law number 803-2009 being a by-law to adopt the upgrading of the annual salary for the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chiefs and the District Fire Chiefs of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 46-02-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT By-law Number 803-2009 being a by-law to adopt the upgrading of the annual salary for the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chiefs and the District Fire Chiefs of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing be read for a first and second time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**DEFEATED**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law number 804-2009 being a by-law to restructure the annual salary for the Deputy Fire Chief.

Res. No. 47-02-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT By-law Number 804-2009 being a by-law to restructure the annual salary for the Deputy Fire Chief be read for a first and second time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

DISCUSSIONS:

Thunder Bay District Municipal League - March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Councillors Kilgour, Schmidt, Dale and Shott indicated they would attend. Councillor Mercer would advise the Clerk at a later date.

Meeting with Ministers at OGRA/ROMA

Council directed the Clerk to try and set up an appointment with the Minister of Transportation to discuss the condition of Hwy 608 and to query him on future plans for Hwy 61. An interview with Minister Smitherman was to be sought regarding Infrastructure funding.

Electronic & Computer Recycling

Council reviewed correspondence from J & R Electronics on their proposal to recycle computer parts. Council stated they would like to meet with the gentlemen to further discuss their plans and methods.

DISCUSSIONS: con't

Building Fee Structure

Council met with the Chief Building Official, and considered the proposed revised costing figures for Building Applications, as well as the justifications for the additional charges. After reviewing all information, the Clerk was directed to prepare a by-law for posting.

Agreement with

CACC

The Clerk was directed to prepare a by-law to accept the agreement. The Fire Chief would be asked to do a cost analysis for the agreement for presentation to Council.

Accessibility Plan for 2009

Res. No. 48-02-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Accessibility Plan for 2009 as presented.

**CARRIED**

Rural 60 Plus - request for funding

Council concluded that criteria should be established to determine what types of requests they would/or would not support in the future.

Res. No. 49-02-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Rural 60 Plus and donates \$100.<sup>00</sup> to their building fund.

**CARRIED**

AMO - Who will be attending in August.

Councillors Kilgour, Schmidt, Jeffery and Shott indicated they would attend.

Resolutions from other Townships:

Township of Madawaska Valley - Homecare Access Programs

Res. No. 50-02-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Madawaska Valley and requests that the Province of Ontario change the legislation of assessment to add a freeze at the year 2008 rate for the next four years, a more realistic value for property owners based on the current market and a more realistic value for a tax rate to be based on also, back to a one-year annual assessment better to react to a current real estate market.

**CARRIED**

Township of Madawaska Valley - Assessment

Res. No. 51-02-2009

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Madawaska Valley and lobbies the Province of Ontario on behalf of all rural municipalities to ensure an increase in Homecare Access Programs including increased funding, support and assistance.

**CARRIED**

Township of Tay Valley Township - Recycled Materials

Res. No. 52-09-2009

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports Tay Valley Township and asks that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be asked to seek confirmation from the Province of Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario and Stewardship Ontario that they tenets and covenants of Ontario's Waste Diversion Act 2002, particularly the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs, will not be jeopardized by the current state of affairs in the recycling industry.

**CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Various pieces of correspondence were acknowledged and discussed briefly.

Councillor Dale stated that she would like to attend the Saturday Series, but is unable to do so here in Thunder Bay, she is willing to travel to Sault Ste. Marie at her expense to take the seminar.

BY-LAWS:

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law number 799-2009 being a by-law to rescind By-law Number 245.

Res. No. 53-02-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT By-law Number 799-2009 being a by-law to rescind By-law Number 245-1894 be read for a third time and finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law number 800-2009 being a by-law to amend By-law Number 776-2008.

Res. No. 54-02-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT By-law Number 800-2009 being a by-law to amend By-law Number 776-2008 be read for a third time and finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law number 801-2009 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy; to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent

Res. No. 55-02-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT By-law Number 801-2009 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy; to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent be read for a third time and finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law number 802-2009 being a by-law to appoint Officers for the Municipality of Neebing Emergency Services Department.

Res. No. 56-02-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT By-law Number 802-2009 being a by-law to appoint Officers for the Municipality of Neebing Emergency Services Department be read for a third time and finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

BY-LAWS: con't

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law number 804-2009 being a by-law to restructure the annual salary for the Deputy Fire Chief.

Res. No. 57-02-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT By-law Number 804-2009 being a by-law to restructure the annual salary for the Deputy Fire Chief be read for a third time and finally passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Clerk advised that there was a "Best Start" Hub at the Nor' Wester School.

Council advised that the road allowance on Bunt Lane remain as is.

In reply to questions, the Clerk advised that the Landfill Sticker by-law had been forwarded to Tony Pacifico for his comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Res. No. 58-02-2009

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

THAT the time being 9:03 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

**CARRIED**

Council stated they would still be interested in the property in question.

The Treasurers' request was approved.

Council reviewed all names put forward for the various committees and boards. The Clerk was directed to bring a by-law to the next meeting.

Council reviewed the past practices regarding employee vacation pay.

Adjourn In-camera session and return to the Regular Meeting

Res. No. 61-02-2009

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

THAT the time being 10:20 p.m., the In-camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

**CARRIED**

Res. No. 62-02-2009

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby directs staff to proceed with the offer to purchase for the property as specified. Closing date as soon as possible starting at \$74,000 up to \$79,000. Condition of sale to include proof of potable water and sufficient supply.

And further that the money is to be taken from Reserves and to be paid back over the future years.

**CARRIED**

Res. No. 63-02-2009

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby directs that vacation pay be paid as per the union contract, and any residual overtime be paid at 4%.

**CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 64-02-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the time being 10:25 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