

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, October 1, 2008

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

Mayor Harasen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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

AMENDING THE AGENDA

Res. No. 348-10-2008

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

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda for Wednesday, October 1, 2008 by adding the following:

Under Discussion:

- JEPP Funding Agreement - updated telecommunications infrastructure

Under Correspondence:

- Letter from Dr. Ed Shields
- Lakehead Region Conservation Authority - Minutes of August 2008
- Caribou Recovery Workshop - Summary to Date
- Neebing Committee of Adjustment - decision B03-08 Hay/Kaplanis

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting - September 16, 2008

Res. No. 349-10-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday, September 16, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES: con't

Regular Meeting - September 17, 2008

Res. No. 350-10-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Special Meeting - September 17, 2008

Res. No. 351-10-2008

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

O.P.P.

S/Sgt. K. Mantey outlined the procedure for responses within the Municipality. He stated that different occurrences called for different response times. A life threatening occurrence called for a quicker response time than a burglary that had already taken place. Each call was judged on its own merit and the response would be handled accordingly depending on availability of an Officer.

He commented on the use of ATV's within the Municipality and noted that they cannot be ridden on Municipal roadways as Neebing had not adopted a by-law to provide for them.

S/Sgt. Mantey advised Council that the OPP were concentrating on highway traffic safety, aggressive drivers and impaired drivers. They were trying to be more visible within the Municipality. He noted that they would attend to nuisance calls and had to treat each one as if something may happen.

S/Sgt. Mantey noted that there had been several thefts in the surrounding townships, and that it was a good practice to lock your vehicle at all times and not to leave any valuables in sight, take them with you. He noted that for the homeowners, alarms are a good deterrent, that you should have them checked and maintained on a regular basis. He also noted that residents should be advised that if the OPP respond to a 911 call at your home, but the call had not been initiated from that number, they should inform the office so that those types of miscalls can be tracked.

RESOLUTIONS:

Township of Gillies and Municipality of Neebing joint resolution to MTO regarding the condition of Hwy 608.

Res. No. 352-10-2008

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

WHEREAS the condition of Provincial Highway 608 which traverses both the Municipality of Neebing and the Township of Gillies has been rapidly deteriorating over the past few years; and

WHEREAS the section of this highway between Highways 597 and 595 is in significantly poor condition, with narrow lane widths and virtually no shoulders., The roadway surface consists of a patchwork of repair areas and patching materials and exhibits all of the features of a roadway that is far past due rehabilitation. The ride quality is horrendously poor and pavement markings are, for the most part, worn off from traffic and snow plow operations, or obliterated by patching materials.

WHEREAS this highway is a critical access point to forest resources, the eastbound lane exhibits significant rutting and settlement resulting from heavy traffic loading.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation's maintenance response appears to be limited to posting signs at problem areas and effecting minimalist patching efforts.

WHEREAS these poor road conditions do not allow for proper winter maintenance operations, snow and slush are not fully removed by plow equipment, creating dangerous driving situations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Neebing partner with the Township of Gillies to petition the Ministry of Transportation to fully reconstruct this roadway that is a critical transportation link to the both of our Municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation allocate sufficient resources to properly maintain their investment in Provincial Highway 608, to the maintenance standards that the traffic volumes mandate. The safety of our Municipal residents and the general public who utilize this critical transportation link is of the utmost importance and must be protected through the proper reconstruction and maintenance of this roadway by the ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

JEPP Funding Agreement - updated telecommunications infrastructure

Councillor Kilgour updated Council on the recent meeting she had attended at Oliver/Paiponge for the upgrading of telecommunications equipment. She
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advised that both the Gillies & Hazelwood towers would be updated and that our share of the anticipated costs would be approximately \$3,000 - \$3,500. A grant for JEPP funding would be applied for as a group with O/P spearheading the initiative. No firm application or commitments would be made until all the costs associated with the project were in and Council's had a chance to review them. However, the application for the grant must be in by the middle of November.

Permission to Post

The Clerk was given permission to post

- By-law Number 788-2008 - Amend By-law 776-2008
- By-law Number 789-2008 - appoint official for Committees

OMB - Notice of Hearing - December 15, 2008

Council reviewed the OMB - Notice of Hearing to take place in our office starting December 15th. The Clerk was directed to set up a meeting with Bob Edwards and Greg Hynde (through teleconference) to review the issues and to obtain a firm understanding of the outstanding issues.

MOE -posted draft septage treatment guides on the EBR.

Council reviewed the material provided.

MNR - Tourism Competitiveness Study

Council perused the study.

DSSAB report

Council reviewed the report as provided by Gwen Garbett.

Council Remuneration and Mileage

Discussions ensued at some length over the number of meetings, the cost of attending them and the amount of remuneration and mileage. It was determined that Council's honourarium would remain as is.

Resolutions from Other Municipalities

Municipality of Tweed - Reduce taxes on petroleum products

Res. No. 353-10-2008

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

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Municipality of Tweed and petitions the Provincial and Federal governments to become involved and reduce taxes on petroleum products including the Provincial road taxes and the Federal Excise Tax.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS:

Town of Fort Erie - legislatively enact the protective status of the Rural Hospital designation

Res. No. 354-10-2008

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

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of Fort Erie and petitions the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of health to legislatively enact the protective status of the Rural Hospital designation as previously defined in 1998 under The Rural and Northern Health Care Framework by the Conservative Government and apply the designation to the Douglas Memorial Hospital in the Town of Fort Erie and all other qualifying hospitals in Ontario.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk was directed to laminate the information on geese and post it on the bulletin boards.

Council reviewed the letter from Dr. Shields regarding the Pine River Bridge.

BY-LAWS:

None at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councillor Shott advised that anyone who wished to respond to the updates on the Mining Act must reply by October 15th.

Councillor Mercer read a letter submitted by Mr. Jamie Jarvis regarding the culverts that connect Oliver Lake to Pictured Lake. It was noted that Council had received a copy of this letter and petition in June as correspondence but had not be verbally read out at that time.

The Clerk replied that she was working with Canada Post in order that the current transition from Rural Route Numbers to Civic Addressing goes smoother than the first batch. She noted that she had spoke to several people and hopefully answered their questions. The changeover is expected to take place on the 20th of October.

In reply to an inquiry, the Clerk stated that there is still some water cards left at the office. She was directed to advise people in the next newsletter that we are selling them.

Councillor Schmidt noted that another letter was received regarding the condition of Cloud Lake Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

In response to the Clerk's inquiry, Council indicated that they would like a one day Road Inspection that would encompass looking at some of the flood damage.

Councillor Shott noted that Walker Road North needed to be graded and repaired following the June 6th flood.

An inquiry to the Operations Manager is to be made regarding the height of the new culverts on Walmsley Road and Klages Road. Do they need railings on them?

Councillor Schmidt advised that work needs to be done on Kotala Road due to a beaver problem.

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

Res. No. 355-10-2008

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

THAT the time being 10:10 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

CARRIED

The Council stated that they would have to await new dates for the grievance hearings

Adjourn the In-camera session and return to the Regular Meeting

Res. No. 356-10-2008

Moved by: B. A. Dale
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the time being 10:49 p.m., the In-camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

The Clerk was instructed to set up a meeting with the Treasurer for 6:00 p.m. on the 15th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 357-10-2008

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the time being 10:52 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT