

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, January 7, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Steven Harasen  
Councillor Roger Shott  
Councillor James Jeffery  
Councillor Maureen Schmidt  
Councillor Beverly Mercer  
Clerk Delma Stajkowski

ABSENT: Councillor Dawne Kilgour  
Councillor Bev Dale

Mayor Harasen called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillor Shott declared a conflict on cleaning salaries.

RESOLUTIONS:

Declaring this a Special Meeting of Council to review the 2009 Budget

Res. No. 1-01-2009

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT this be declared a Special Meeting of Council to review the 2009 Budget.

**CARRIED**

DISCUSSIONS:

2009 Budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the 2009 budget. It was noted that the amount for tax write-offs had been increased due to the reassessment in 2008 for the 2009 tax year.

The General Government budget was reviewed, and outside of additional part-time staff being questioned as to need, it was fairly clear cut. Part-time staff would be reviewed at a later date.

Councillor Shott left the room while salaries were being discussed.

It was noted that hand sanitizers would be ordered for inclusion in give-away bags at conventions and association meetings.

In reply to Fire Chief Mo Douglas, it was noted that a by-law should be prepared for fire calls on the highway and side roads outlining who would be charged and the scale for reimbursement. The Fire Chief recommended that residents not be charged and that all non-residents would be.

The Fire Chief noted that he would be restructuring the Department and reducing the number of Deputies from 3 to 1 and instituting District Chiefs instead. He stated that the pay scale would be reworked as well.

The Fire Chief advised that they would like to send 2 people to be trained to do driver training/instruction and 1 person to be trained for heavy hydraulics certification.

After a brief discussion, it was noted that with the upgrading of the towers and equipment for communication, this line item should be increased by \$3,000.

He also indicated that due to a problem with the material for the Nomex wild fire jumpsuits they were not ordered or received in 2008. He was asking permission to spend some of his 2009 capital budget now so he could proceed with ordering the jumpsuits. Council concurred with this and asked that a resolution be drafted for the Regular Meeting of Council following.

The Chief Building Official's budget was substantially higher due to extra training costs; manuals and miscellaneous items that were required for him to do his job properly. This amount would be offset with the upgraded fee schedule that would be presented to Council at a future meeting.

It was noted that the Recreation budget for salaries should be increased to \$5,000.

The Treasurer spoke to Council on behalf of the Operations Manager (who was unable to attend this session) regarding the purchasing of tires for the graders. After some discussion it was determined that they required further information and this item would be held over until the next Regular Meeting of Council.

The Operations Manager had also requested that he be allowed to purchase an 8' snow plow blade complete with attachments for the  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton crew cab truck from his 2009 Capital budget. Following a brief discussion, it was approved and a resolution would be entertained at the Regular Meeting to be held directly after this Special Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 2-01-2009

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the time being 7:27 p.m., this Special Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

**CARRIED**

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR  
Steven Harasen

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Clerk  
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT