

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, March 9, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Ziggy Polkowski
Councillor Dawne Kilgour
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Bev Dale
Councillor Curtis Coulson
Councillor Bill Lankinen
Councillor Mike McCooeye
Clerk Delma Stajkowski

Mayor Polkowski called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND AMEND THE AGENDA:

Res. No. 107-03-2011

Moved by: Roger Shott

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Agenda for Wednesday, March 9, 2011, and amends it as follows:

Under Reports:

: Public Works Foreman's Report

Under Correspondence:

: Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge – Proposed New Official Plan

: Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- Congratulations

Under Unfinished Business:

: The Road to Zero

Under In-Camera:

: To adjourn to an in-camera meeting for potential legal issues under Section 239 (2) (e) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c25 as amended.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No conflict was declared at this time.

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting of Council – February 16, 2011

Page 2, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence should be “set out as following” not “and”.

Res. No. 108-03-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Regular Meeting of Council – February 16, 2011

Res. No. 109-03-2011

Moved by: M. McCooye
Seconded by: Curtis Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

The Mayor advised that they would deviate from the Agenda and proceed with Audience Deputations.

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Patrick Fenlon – Pack Pros Plus

Mr. Fenlon thanked Council for allowing him to speak to them again about tire recycling of tires at the municipal landfill sites. He outlined the process for collecting the tires and the various incentives to which the municipality would be able to tap into for those collections. He advised that as a “Registered Collector” the municipality would receive \$0.88 per tire that was picked up. Mr. Fenlon stated that it was no longer necessary to have a building designated for tires; however they would have to be in an area set aside for that use and should have clean gravel placed so that the tires did not become all mud caked and dirty. They do have the equipment to clean the tires if they are dirty and the capability of removing the rims if needed. Mr. Fenlon also advised that they would set up a schedule for the picking up of the tires and if necessary could be called in between.

In response to Councillor Dale, Mr. Fenlon stated that they do pick up electronic and electronic waste as they have an agreement with Ontario Electronic Stewardship. They electronics must be in an undamaged state and in a clean area as well. He stated that the municipality should contact the OES to inquire whether or not they would be able to provide a bin for the electronics.

Council thanked Mr. Fenlon for his presentation and requested that he send a draft agreement for their perusal.

TABLE BY-LAWS:

1st and 2nd Reading of By-Law Number 885-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Landfill Site attendant for the Municipality of Neebing

Res. No. 110-03-2011

Moved by: Curtis Coulson
Seconded by: M. McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 885-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Landfill Site Attendant for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a first and second time this 9th day of March, 2011.

CARRIED

1st and 2nd Reading of By-Law Number 886-2011 being a by-law to hire an Economic Development Coordinator for the Municipality of Neebing

Res. No. 111-03-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 886-2011 being a by-law to hire an Economic Development Coordinator be read for a first and second time this 9th day of March, 2011.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

Planning Report – Zoning Amendment – Schep

The Clerk advised that Mr. Walter Schep had submitted a zoning amendment application so he could re-zone a portion of his agricultural land to commercial to allow for the construction and operation of a retail store for cheese products, a cheese aging room and an educational area.

Res. No. 112-03-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk be directed to proceed to process the Zoning Amendment Application as submitted by Walter Schep.

CARRIED

REPORTS: con't

Public Works Foreman's Report

Discussions ensued regarding the use of a private snow blower to clear the municipal rinks. The Clerk was directed to advise the PW Foreman to purchase a snow blower and put it into the inventory.

Res. No. 113-03-2011

Moved by: Bill Lankinen
Seconded by: M. McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby accepts the report as submitted by the Public Works Foreman for February, 2011.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS:

City of Thunder Bay – Repowering of the Thunder Bay Generating Station

Res. No. 114-03-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye
Seconded by: Curtis Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the City of Thunder Bay and urges the Province of Ontario to direct the Ontario Power Authority to negotiate an Energy Supply Agreement for the repowered Thunder Bay Generating Station with OPG.

CARRIED

City of Windsor – exempt electricity/heat from HST

Res. No. 115-03-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the City of Windsor and requests that our provincial and Federal partners exempt electricity and heating from Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

CARRIED

Township of Woolwich – Aggregate Resources Act

Res. No. 116-03-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Woolwich and requests that the Ministry of Natural Resources review the Aggregate Act.

DEFEATED

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RESOLUTIONS: con't

The Clerk was directed to send the defeated resolution to the Township of Woolwich indicating that Council was not in agreement with their request.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed several pieces of correspondence.

Mr. Ian Smith (MTO) is to be contacted by way of a written letter expressing Council's concern over the shoulders not being paved along Hwy 61. The Clerk is to make note that as a matter of safety these shoulders should be improved for safe cycling and walking.

Councillor Kilgour advised that she had spoken directly with Mr. Smith (MTO) and a pilot project may be available for LED light standards to be placed at the corner of Sturgeon Bay Road and Hwy 61.

The three Council Members who attended ROMA/OGRA felt that the sessions were very interesting and informative. The meetings with the Ministers proved to be valuable time spent with many positive ideas coming out of them. Councillor Shott explained that no municipality was happy with the 1/3 split as this left the smaller and poorer municipalities out when applying for grants.

Councillor Shott advised Council that a company known as "Global Medics" collected surplus equipment (i.e. from Fire Departments) and sent it to areas like Haiti and Jamaica who could not afford the equipment, but could make use of the old or expired.

The LRCA was discussed at great length – retrofit versus new build for the building upgrades. Council advised that they would like to find out how the other municipalities voted on new vs. retrofit. Also reviewed was the method for opting out of the LRCA and the programs which it provides.

BY-LAWS:

3rd Reading of By-law Number 885-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Landfill Site Attendant for the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 117-03-2011

Moved by: Bill Lankinen
Seconded by: M. McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 885-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Landfill Site Attendant for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a third time and finally passed this 9th day of March, 2011.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS: con't

3rd Reading of By-law Number 886-2011 being a By-law to hire an Economic Development Coordinator for the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 118-03-2011

Moved by: Curtis Coulson
Seconded by: M. McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 886-2011 being a by-law to hire an Economic Development Coordinator for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a third time and finally passed this 9th day of March, 2011.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Health & Safety issues;

The Clerk advised that the storage room off Council Chambers had begun leaking again and that it required the vents to be sealed outside so that water did not have place to come in.

Councillor Shott presented the Clerk with information on farm use sharps and how to dispose of them properly. The Clerk will draft an article for the newsletter advising the area farmers of how to properly get rid of their animal vet supplies.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk is to contact Superior North EMS and request that they do a presentation for Council on their services.

Mayor Polkowski and Councillors Lankinen; Shott; Kilgour; Dale and Coulson indicated they would attend the NOMA conference at the end of April along with the Clerk.

The Clerk requested that Council move their May 4th meeting back one week to allow her to attend the AMCTO General Meeting in Terrace Bay that week.

Res. No. 119-03-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby agrees to change the date of the May 4th Regular Meeting to May 11th, to allow the Clerk the opportunity to attend the AMCTO general meeting in Terrace Bay on the 3rd and 4th of May, 2011

CARRIED

The Clerk advised that she would be destroying the elections ballots at her first opportunity.

NEW BUSINESS: con't

Councillor Dale advised that she had been elected to sit on the Strategic Planning Committee for Superior North EMS. She noted that there was a non-emergency ambulance service stationed out of the regional hospital and paid for out of that budget to transport patients back and forth to appointments. She stated that SNEMS was trying to cut down on non-medical responses. Councillor Lankinen noted that the MNR was taking down the various buildings at Middle Falls Provincial Park and requested that it be looked into for day use or for hiking trails.

Different ideas were bandied about for the Intern to work on over the next year including working on issues easiest for her to achieve; look at welcome signs and the establishment of 4 more along area highways; creating a map of Neebing showing the various places to visit. Ms. Ramchandani could also lobby the Federal Government to put high speed internet at the border; look into putting a map on a billboard at the office and creating a park like setting for people to stop at to find out what is in the area.

Councillor Kilgour advised that Ms. Ramchandani was working on a brochure for the municipality and would be putting something together for viewing shortly.

The Clerk was directed to contact the Fire Chief and request that he provide a report for February.

Councillor McCooye gave a brief overview of the recent Waste Management Committee Meeting. They were recommending that the landfill staff be given an extra fifteen minutes per shift to close the site and ensure that all vehicles were out. In the past, they were instructed to close the gates five minutes before closing so that no one could come into the site at the last minute. The landfill stickers would remain the same colour for this year and high school students would be able to obtain their community hours by volunteering to man the gate on landfill site days. They would check to see that the vehicle had the proper sticker and then ask a couple of questions on landfill usage.

Council reviewed the mileage allocations that they were currently receiving and felt that with the gas prices so high and so many more meetings being attended, that they should be submitting their mileage claims on a more regular basis. The by-law covers all mileage for meetings in town or out but not regular scheduled council meetings. Along with the mileage concerns, Council discussed their Honourariums and after a lengthy discussion, the consensus ending up being no increase at this time.

IN-CAMERA

Adjourn to In-Camera

Res. No. 120-03-2011

Moved by: Curtis Coulson
Seconded by: M. McCooye

WHEREAS the time being 10:21 p.m., be it resolved that this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss a potential litigation under 239 (2) (e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. c25.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: con't

Res. No. 121-03-2011

Moved by: Curtis Coulson
Seconded by: M. McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 (Regular) be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Council reviewed and discussed the East Oliver Lake Road by the lake itself.

Res. No. 122-03-2011

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

THAT the time being 10:30 p.m., and the business on the agenda is not yet complete;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 9 of the By-law Number 859-2010, Council approves the extension of the 10:30 p.m. curfew.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the response letter from the ratepayer.

Adjourn the In-Camera Session and return to the Regular Meeting of Council

Res. No. 123-03-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye
Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:50 p.m., the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

The Clerk is to forward the letter from the ratepayer to the Solicitor for further comment.

Resolution to proceed prior to budget finalization

Res. No. 124-03-2011

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing is reviewing their budgetary needs for 2011;

AND WHEREAS they have not completed that review to adopt the 2011 budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Foreman be authorized to proceed with preparing quotations for a 50 ton fifth-wheel trailer and complete with the truck to pull it for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.⁰⁰.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 125-03-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:53 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR

Delma Stajkowski, AMCT
CLERK