

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, February 17, 2010

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 7:49 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Res. No. 55-02-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda for Wednesday, February 17, 2010 by adding the following:

Under Discussion:

- : March 2, 2010 Workshop at the NorWester and February 25th mock-up run
- : Friends of Big Thunder - possible meeting date

Under Correspondence:

- : Minutes of the Economic (Development) Advisory Committee
- : LRCA - Notice of "Draft Proposed Assessment Report for the Lakehead Source Protection Area" (in Office)

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting of Council - January 27, 2010

Councillor Kilgour advised she would not be voting on the motion as she was absent for this meeting.

ADOPTING THE MINUTES: con't

Res. No. 56-02-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Special Meeting of Council - February 3, 2010

Councillors Kilgour and Jeffery indicated they would not be voting on the motion as they were both absent for this meeting.

Res. No. 57-02-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Regular Meeting of Council - February 3, 2010

A correction was to be made on page 6 of the minutes - it should read "False Alarms and Nuisance Dogs" not "Nuisance Doge"

Councillor Kilgour would not be voting on the motion as she was absent from this meeting.

Res. No. 58-02-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Special Meeting of Council - February 10, 2010

Councillor Kilgour would not be voting on the motion as she was absent from this meeting.

Res. No. 59-02-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

JML Engineering - Pine River Bridge

Mr. George McKay was before Council to provide a status report on the Pine River Bridge tender. He apprised Council on the dates that had been chosen to place the tender notice in the paper, the time and date for the closing and opening of the tender and the final award date. He assured Council that the project was proceeding on schedule and that all reports and assessments would be completed and approved prior to the start of any bridge construction.

RESOLUTIONS:

Voucher Report for the Month of January 2010, being Voucher Number 1/10

Res. No. 60-02-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby approves the vouchers as presented:
VOUCHER NUMBER 1/10 - January, 2010

Liabilities	
GST and Source Deductions	\$ 1,689.96
Expense Accounts	
General Government	93,356.60
Protections to Persons & Property	15,148.57
Transportation Services	40,481.75
Environmental Services	1,096.09
Health Services	3,300.00
Social and Family Services	45,085.00
Recreation and cultural services	1,596.46
Planning and development	0.00
Capital Purchases - all departments	71,849.70
School Board Payments	0.00

Total disbursements in month \$273,604.13

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS: con't

Resolution to submit application for Celebrate Canada Program

Res. No. 61-02-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby resolves and authorizes Mr. Paul Greenwood as Treasurer to submit a funding request to the Department of Canadian heritage for the Celebrate Canada Program;

AND FURTHER THAT Mr. Greenwood be authorized to sign said request on behalf of the Corporation.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS:

Ministry of Natural Resources - Endangered Species

Council reviewed correspondence received from the MNR regarding the meeting between their Ministry and the Forestry workers with respect to the Species At Risk Act.

Evaluation Forms - to review

Council perused the evaluation forms as submitted by the Treasurer for their consideration. These would be re-examined at a later date.

Policy on Vacation Scheduling - to review

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the policy suggestions, as submitted by the Clerk, regarding potential vacation scheduling. After much debate, it was determined that the Liaison Committee should meet to review policy and procedure and bring it back to the next Regular Meeting in two (2) weeks.

Neebing Recreation Committee - Minutes of February 8, 2010

Councillor Schmidt informed Council that Dr. Jane Fraser would like to donate a digital piano to the Blake Hall. Council gratefully accepted.

Councillor Shott commended everyone who assisted with the Family Skate Day at the Blake Hall. It was deemed to be an overwhelming success with approximately 100 people attending. He noted that everyone had a wonderful time. Donated prizes were distributed to lucky draw winners, and three (3) members of the Lakehead University Thunder Wolves Hockey team came out to skate alongside delighted community members.

CMHC Sustainability Workshop - March 3, 2010 - invitation to attend

Councillor Dale indicated her willingness to attend.

DISCUSSIONS: con't

Northwestern Ontario Immigration Portal Launch - invitation to attend - 2 Council Members

Councillors Dale, Schmidt and Kilgour indicated they would attend.

Lakehead Rural Planning Board - Renewal of Agreement; Fees & Budget

Council perused the fees and budget and concurred that a yearly renewal agreement was sufficient at this time.

CIF - Request for Expression of Interest

Council reviewed the documents as presented.

Northwest LHIN - Invitation to attend - Fort Frances

No one indicated they would attend

Food Action Network's Northern Food Connections Conference

Councillor Shott requested further information.

Resolutions from Other Resources:

Town of Richmond Hill - David Dunlap Observatory Site - Heritage

Res. No. 62-02-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby supports the Town of Richmond Hill, who supports the City of Toronto and the Region Conservation Authority, and requests the Federal Minister of Environment and the provincial Minister of Culture to designate the David Dunlap Observatory Site to be of national historic significance and a cultural heritage property of Provincial significance.

CARRIED

Town of West Lincoln - Illegally dumped and/or spilled material

Res. No. 63-02-2010

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby supports the Township of West Lincoln and requests that the Province immediately amend the legislation and require that the Ministry of Environment be responsible for the costs relating to clean-up of illegally dumped and/or spilled material.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS: con't

March 2, 2010 Workshop at the NorWester and February 25th mock-up run

In response to the Clerk, Council advised they did not wish to close the office on the 2nd of March. Councillors Dale, Mercer, Shott, Schmidt and Kilgour indicated they would attend the session on the 2nd and Councillors Kilgour, Shott and Mercer would also attend the February 25th session at the Office.

Friends of Big Thunder - possible meeting date

The group is to be invited to attend the March 3rd meeting to provide Council with an update of their activities, and to also advise Council of their future plans for the Big Thunder ski site.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed various pieces of correspondence and requested further information on the "deeming of appeals by the ARB"; and the Clerk was directed to mark all non-adopted minutes as "draft".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A Health & Safety issue discussed was the fact that the inside floors between the doors, Council Chambers and the Office counter can be slippery when wet. Suggested solution: Either use different wax or provide non-slip mats in that area.

Councillor Mercer advised that she had had a call from Mr. Tom Kleinback of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the E. Oliver Lake culverts. After a brief discussion, Council directed that Mr. Kleinback be contacted to accept his offer to appear, along with representatives of LRCA and MNR, at the upcoming Budget Meeting on the 3rd of March at 5:00 p.m. to further discuss this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Schmidt advised that she had attended the inaugural meeting of the Neebing 55+ Organization, and felt it was very well organized. As the support from the residents was positive; the group has scheduled some upcoming activities for seniors.

The Clerk is to do a comparative with regard to renting a van to go to Schreiber, as opposed to paying a per mileage charge on one's personal vehicle when Council attends the TBDML meeting in March.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

There were no concluding reports at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 64-02-2010

Moved by: Beverly Mercer

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT the time being 10:08 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT