

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, March 3, 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 7:30 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, March 3, 2010 by adding the following:

Under Discussion:

- : Amend By-law Number 841-2010 being a by-law to appoint Officials
- : Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Workshop - March 24, 2010

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting of Council - February 17, 2010

Res. No. 68-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTING THE MINUTES: con't

Regular Meeting of Council - February 17, 2010

Res. No. 69-03-2010

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

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

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Friends of Big Thunder

Mr. Darin Guzzell appeared before Council to update them on the activities of the Friends of Big Thunder. He stated that they had prepared, and submitted a proposal to the Provincial Government that would see Big Thunder re-opened and operating under a volunteer Board of Directors. It would be structured not to compete with the local area recreational ski facilities, but to serve as a training and event hosting site. Their proposal suggested that the Province initiate a \$10 million dollar debenture, with the plan that the site would subsequently operate using interest-generated funds. The site would garner further revenue by hosting various Nordic events. Perhaps at a later date ski-jumping might be re-introduced. Mr. Guzzell indicated that they would "start small and grow from there", beginning with getting approximately 10k of cross-country ski trails up and running, and then expanding after that. Their group would like to see the region's children have access to a quality training centre close to home - one at which other organizations might be interested in skiing and competing. Council concurred that it made sense to re-open the facility and wished the group well in their endeavours, but also made it abundantly clear that Neening does not have the financial resources available to assist them.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions at this time.

DISCUSSIONS:

Draw the winner for the Strategic Plan Focus Group survey

Mr. Butikofer drew Lucy Zussino's name. She would be contacted to pick up her basket of goodies.

Permission to Post

Permission was given to post both By-law Number 841-2010 and 842-2010.

The Clerk was directed to look at purchasing metal ballot boxes for the upcoming election.

2010 Draft Budget - Thunder Bay Court Services

Council reviewed the information as presented.

DISCUSSIONS: con't

2010 TBDSSAB Budget

The Clerk advised that the complete budget was in the Office for review.

Bill Mauro, MPP - Peregrine Falcon Regulations and Guidelines

Councillor Shott advised that the meeting with MNR and the Environmental Advisory Committee went very well and that they are looking for local public comments on this subject. Councillor Kilgour re-iterated that the guidelines were not complete as of yet, that they were still working on them, and that they would be more specific than previously expected.

Council was advised that a meeting with Minister Jeffery (MNR) had been set for Thursday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Office.

It was also noted that one of the gravel pits had to have some additional related paperwork completed on it due to the fact that it is a potential peregrine habitat area. All required reports have to be submitted by June, 2010 otherwise the pit will lose its licence until it is in compliance.

Letter from Jamie Jarvis - No Parking Signs

Council perused the letter submitted by Mr. Jarvis and determined they would deal with this at a special in-camera session as it could become a potential legal issue.

CBO - request to attend workshop - energy Efficiency Financing

Council debated this issue at great length and determined that it was not within the scope of the CBO's duties at this time.

Res. No. 70-03-2010

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby resolves and authorizes Ms. Cheryl Maki to attend the energy Efficiency Financing Seminar to be held on Thursday, March 11th, 2010 at a cost of \$340.00.

DEFEATED

DISCUSSIONS: con't

Resolutions from Other Resources:

County of Prince Edward - Ontario-wide coyote/wolf control program

Res. No. 71-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the County of Prince Edward and requests that the Minister of Natural Resources consider an Ontario-wide Coyote/Wolf control Program to assist communities experiencing the effects of increases in coyote/wolf populations and predation.

CARRIED

The Township of Mulmur - wind turbines

Res. No. 72-03-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Mulmur who supports the Municipality of West Grey and calls for a moratorium on the establishment of any new wind turbines in Ontario until the health, safety and well-being of the public has been thoroughly and scientifically evaluated and assured.

DEFEATED

The Township of Madawaska Valley - Respite and Home Care

Res. No. 73-03-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Madawaska Valley and strongly urges immediate action from The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Honourable Deb Matthews and Premier Dalton McGuinty in addressing the following concerns that continue to become more prevalent in the Township of Madawaska Valley and rural Ontario;

1. Provide adequate financial assistance to local healthcare facilities allowing the facilities to be able to service the needs of the community with Respite Care rather than having to send the family loved ones to a healthcare facility that is many kilometres away from their home resulting in burdensome travel expenses, AND

DISCUSSIONS: con't

The Township of Madawaska Valley - Respite and Home Care con't

Res. No. 73-03-2010 con't

2. Recognize the needs of the *ever-growing ageing population* and the financial and emotional burdens that will be placed on the family caregivers while ensuring quality care is given to their loved one at their home, AND
3. Provide financial assistance to the caregivers to obtain the services of a Personal Support Worker in their home, in turn keeping the family member in their primary home while assisting in relieving the burden to local healthcare facilities to provide adequate Respite Care, AND
4. Provide Personal Support Workers a minimum of 4 hours per client to ensure quality care is given.

CARRIED

Town of Gravenhurst - Office of the Ombudsman

Res. No. 74-03-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby supports the Town of Gravenhurst and petitions the Premier of Ontario to take the necessary steps in a timely manner to amend the Ombudsman Act to include hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman;

AND FURTHER THAT in the event the Premier responds negatively, a full and complete explanation as to why the Province will not amend the Act is requested.

CARRIED

The Association of Tax Collectors of Ontario - Tax Adjustments & Penalty

Res. No. 75-03-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby supports The Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario and requests that the Province of Ontario amend Section 331 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and Section 294 of the City of Toronto Act, 2001 for those municipal jurisdictions that have implemented a minimum level of 100% level of taxation;

DISCUSSIONS: con't

The Association of Tax Collectors of Ontario - Tax Adjustments & Penalty con't

Res. No. 75-03-2010 con't

AND THAT the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation no longer be required to provide information to those municipalities that no longer require the information and further that notices not be sent to the property owners by the Municipality.

DEFEATED

The Association of Tax Collectors of Ontario - amend Section 331 of the Municipal Act

Res. No. 76-03-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario and requests that the Province of Ontario amend Section 345 of the Municipal Act, 2001 so that a tax adjustment must be made by a Municipality 2ithin 120 days of receiving notification of the change in phase-in assessment related to a change in current value assessment from MPAC required pursuant to Section 19.1 of the Assessment Act.

CARRIED

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - Workshop - March 24, 2010

Councillors Shott; Dale; Mercer; Kilgour and Schmidt indicated they would like to attend this planning workshop.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed various pieces of correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Health & Safety issues were noted at this time.

The Clerk is to continue to follow up with Bell Canada regarding the issue of high speed internet in the Cloud Bay exchange and to once again contact TBaytel internet regarding the potential availability of internet at the Blake Hall.

A budget meeting was set for Wednesday, March 31st at 5:00 p.m. with a Planning Committee Meeting to follow at 7:30.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjourn to an in-camera session to discuss personnel issues and potential legal issues.

Res. No. 77-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

WHEREAS the time being 8:39 p.m., be it resolved that this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel issues and potential legal issues.

CARRIED

Adjourn from In-Camera Session and resume the Regular Meeting of Council

Res. No. 78-03-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:00 p.m., the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

The Operations Manager was instructed to take pictures anytime a letter has to be sent regarding snow or debris on the road, thereby providing evidence to be used, if required, at a later date.

A temporary sign is to be erected by the designated driveway on E. Oliver Lake Road and all the relevant signs are to be re-positioned once the frost is out of the ground. A letter is to be forwarded to Mr. Jarvis advising him of this decision.

Mr. Matson's vacation request was granted.

The Office is to develop a list of Real Estate agencies that can be provided to anyone who inquires about listing their property for sale.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

There were no concluding reports at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 79-03-2010

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the time being 10:02 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT