

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, March 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 7:35 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND AMEND THE AGENDA

Res. No. 84-03-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Agenda for Wednesday, March 17, 2010 by amending it with the following items:

Under Discussion:

: Accessible Customer Service Policy

**CARRIED**

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting of Council - March 3, 2010

Res. No. 85-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

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

**CARRIED**

ADOPTING THE MINUTES: con't

Regular Meeting of Council - March 3, 2010

Res. No. 86-03-2010

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

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

**CARRIED**

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Ms. Jan Thatcher representing Mr. Bill Griffis - Oliver Lake culverts

Ms. Thatcher read a letter, written by Mr. Bill Griffis, dated February 25, 2010. The letter was requesting that the two (2) culverts, at the east end of Oliver Lake, be replaced with a bridge.

Mayor Harasen thanked Ms. Thatcher for her presentation and advised her that further information could be obtained by contacting the Office during normal business hours.

Pat Forrest & Frank Pullia - update on NCIF grants

Ms. Forrest & Mr. Pullia provided a brief overview of their contract, funded through the Northern Community Investment Fund (NCIF), and overseen by the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry. They outlined what the project specifications were and how they had successfully met these guidelines in the tight timeframes allocated. They noted that the Town Hall meeting had been successful and many good ideas had surfaced from that experience. The "Invest-In-Ontario" website was the only piece of the project that remained to be completed and Mr. Pullia advised they would meet with the Office staff in the next week to complete this phase and finalize the project. Both Ms. Forrest and Mr. Pullia concurred that Neebing might consider hiring an intern to market the Municipality. An intern would be able to prepare marketing brochures; upgrade the website to make it more tourist friendly; assist established and new businesses with upgrading opportunities; and provide the Municipality with additional Economic Development strategies.

Council thanked Ms. Forrest and Mr. Pullia for their hard work and dedication to this project.

DEPUTATIONS: con't

ATKK Enterprises Ltd. - Tire Collection

Mr. Charles MacLaurin and Messer's Dale and Les Wing provided Council with a brief overview of their company's information regarding tire recycling at municipal landfill sites. There would be no charge to the Municipality from ATKK, as payment is received through Stewardship Ontario once the tires are delivered to a processor. The Municipality is paid the amount of \$0.88 per passenger tire, (and approximately \$3.00 per larger tire) from Stewardship Ontario, on a quarterly basis, through requisition forms submitted to Stewardship Ontario on a quarterly basis. There is little work on Neebing's part, either administratively or at the landfills. Outside of directing residents as to where to place the surplus tire(s), the attendants would not be required to perform any other services. In response to a question from Council, Mr. MacLaurin stated that there were currently 14 tire processors in Ontario with several in Quebec, at their disposal to which they might ship the tires. Mr. MacLaurin stated they would accept all tires, even those on rims, as they are capable of removing the rims off and sending them to the salvage yards.

The gentlemen from ATKK also noted that they are capable of accepting spring clean-up items such as fridges and freezers for a small fee.

RESOLUTIONS:

Voucher Report for the Month of February 2010, being Voucher Number 2/10

Res. No. 87-03-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby approves the vouchers as presented:  
VOUCHER NUMBER 2/10 - February, 2010

Liabilities	
GST and Source Deductions	\$ 30,219.93
Expense Accounts	
General Government	27,621.55
Protections to Persons & Property	27,495.08
Transportation Services	54,955.76
Environmental Services	1,788.04
Health Services	34,451.00
Social and Family Services	34,505.00
Recreation and cultural services	726.33
Planning and development	250.00
Capital Purchases - all departments	18,375.68
School Board Payments	0.00
<b><u>Total disbursements in month</u></b>	<b><u>\$230,388.37</u></b>

**CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS: con't

Resolution to extend the Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues Under the new Deal for Cities and Communities

Res. No. 88-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby resolves and authorizes the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and the Clerk or Deputy Clerk to sign the extension to the Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenue Under the New Deal for Cities and Communities with Minister Baird and AMO.

**CARRIED**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 841-2010 being a bylaw to appoint Officials for certain Boards and Committees.

Res. No 89-03-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 841-2010 being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees be read for a first and second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

**CARRIED**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 842-2010 being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for Municipal Elections and the entering into an agreement with DataFix to provide Vote by Mail services.

Res. No. 90-03-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 842-2010 being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for Municipal Elections and the entering into an agreement with DataFix to provide Vote by Mail services be read for a first and second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

**CARRIED**

DISCUSSION:

AMCTO - Recognition of Mr. Greenwood's Achievement - CMO designation

Council unanimously congratulated Mr. Greenwood on this prestigious achievement.

DISCUSSIONS: con't

R & T Tax Management - Tax Management Audit

Res. No. 91-03-2010

Moved by: James Jeffery

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Municipality of Neening herein contracts with R & T Tax Management Inc. To undertake an evaluation of tax payments for the purposes of identifying & recovering overpayments of GST and PST.

**CARRIED**

Compliance Audit Committee for election purposes

The Clerk was directed to have a spokesperson, from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, come to a future meeting of Council to discuss this issue.

Rural 60 Plus - invitation

Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Rural 60 Plus.

EMO Annual Executive Meeting - March 25, 2010

The Mayor indicated that he would attend.

LRCA - 2010 Levy Request

Res. No. 92-03-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt

Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neening, not having adopted their annual operating budget for 2010, hereby authorizes the payment of the levy request from the Lakehead Regional conservation Authority in the amount of \$53,799.90.

**DEFEATED**

NOMA Annual General Meeting - Marathon April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councillors Kilgour and Jeffery agreed to attend along with Councillors Schmidt and Dale. Council concurred that, due to a lack of quorum, the scheduled April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting would be postponed until April 28<sup>th</sup>.

AMO - august 15 - 18, 2010

Councillors Dale and Jeffery advised they would attend. Others, who wished to attend, should have their names to the Clerk by the middle of April.

DISCUSSION: con't

AMCTO - Zone 9 meeting in Dryden - May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Council agreed to move the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting back to May 12<sup>th</sup> so that both the Clerk and Treasurer could attend the AMCTO - Zone meeting in Dryden.

Municipality of Shuniah - withdrawal from EMO

Council perused a letter, submitted by Shuniah, stating they would be withdrawing from the EMO effective January 2011.

Ontario forest Industries Association - support resolution

Res. No. 93-03-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and urges the Government of Ontario to:

1. Permanently protect a minimum of 26 million cubic metres/year of available fibre for utilization of existing mills and new entrants, even if it is not being used (provided the Provincial Wood Supply Competitive Process is pursued), and that the government ensure that the existing operational land base is not further eroded; and
2. Conduct socio-economic impact assessments of all legislation, regulation and policies that could reduce the provincial fibre supply.

**CARRIED**

Neebing Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes - January 12/10

Res. No. 94-03-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Waste Management committee Meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Neebing Environmental Advisory Committee - Special Meeting Report

Council perused the report as circulated.

DISCUSSION: con't

2010 Draft Budget papers for next Budget Meeting

Council was advised to bring these to the next Budget Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

Resolutions from other sources

County of Huron - adjustments to the Agri-stability program

Res. No. 95-03-2010

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: James Jeffery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby supports the County of Huron who, in turn, supports the Ontario Agriculture Sustainability Coalition (OASC) lobbying for immediate adjustments to the Agri-Stability program.

**CARRIED**

County of Huron - mandatory septic system maintenance inspection program

Res. No. 96-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby supports the County of Huron, who has a mandatory septic system maintenance program, as a user pay program; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT an application be made to the Provincial Government for assistance for residential repair or replacement of rural septic systems.

**DEFEATED**

Township of Burpee and Mills - Native Lands Agreement

Res. No. 97-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

WHEREAS the Manitoulin Land Agreement 1990 is being re-negotiated with a deadline of March 31, 2010;

AND WHEREAS this agreement has the potential to seriously affect a municipality's ability to raise revenues by taxation and control development through Official Plans and Zoning because of exemption from taxation and municipal by-laws;

DISCUSSION: con't

Township of Burpee and Mills - Res. No. 97-03-2010

AND WHEREAS Permanent removal of these lands from the tax base could cause municipalities to become insolvent;

AND WHEREAS this agreement has the potential to create serious conflicts between native and non natives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Burpee and Mills in requesting the Provincial and Federal Government to include the following in the Renegotiated Land Agreement of 1990;

- Appropriate municipal representation be present at on-going negotiations
- Municipalities will be provided with a copy of this land agreement prior to its finalization
- Integrity of the municipal boundaries will be protected
- The tax base of the municipalities will be protected
- The Official Plan, zoning, and all other municipal by-laws will apply to all lands not set aside by the Federal Government as reserve lands
- The date of the original Order in Council signed in 1990 will remain in effect.

**CARRIED**

Accessible Customer Service Policy

Res. No. 98-03-2010

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Policy on "Accessible Customer Service" dated April 7, 2010.

**CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed various pieces of correspondence.

BY-LAWS

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 841-2010 being a by-law to appoint Official for certain Boards and Committees.

Res. No. 99-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 841-2010 being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees be read for a third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

**CARRIED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of By-law Number 842-2010 being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for Municipal Elections and the entering into an agreement with DataFix to provide Vote by Mail services.

The Clerk was directed to respond to the letter submitted by Dr. Marguerite Neelands with regards to elections and ballot boxes.

Res. No. 100-03-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 842-2010 being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for Municipal Elections and the entering into an agreement with DataFix to provide Vote by Mail services be read for a third time and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

**CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Health & Safety issues were discussed with respect to having a timer put on the outside light at the Municipal Complex.

Vacation Scheduling Policy

A slight amendment was requested - first paragraph - change to "recognizes that employees are entitled".

Res. No. 101-03-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Policy on "Vacation Scheduling" dated March 17, 2010.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: con't

PIL - City and Province

Council perused the amounts of the duplicate payments, on the same parcel of land, from the City of Thunder Bay and the Province of Ontario between 1999 and 2003. Council concurred with the figures and requested that the Province be asked to debit the amount from our account and take it off of this year's payments. The Province was also to be requested to supply a letter absolving us of any future liability in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

HeatPro - Capital Invoice

Res. No. 1012-03-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing, not having adopted their annual operating budget for 2010, hereby authorizes the payment of an invoice in the amount of \$10,437.00 (which includes all taxes), from HeatPro Group for the supply, and installation of furnaces at the Municipal Garage and Fire Station #5.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Dale stated that the LRCA, once again, has a tree seedling program and will be taking orders for pick-up in May. She stated that the LRCA will also be looking to purchase vacant land on which to plant trees on for future conservation areas.

Councillor Shott advised that the re-constructed section of the Pardee Road was very soft, and that it would eventually pack when it dries up.

Councillor Shott requested that the Municipality purchase metal or hard plastic ballot boxes and tables the following resolution:

Res. No. 103-03-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing directs the Clerk to purchase a minimum of five (5) metal or hard plastic ballot boxes for the 2010 election.

**CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS: con't

Adjourn to an in-camera session to discuss personnel issues.

Res. No. 104-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

WHEREAS the time being 10:32 p.m., be it resolved that this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel issues.

**CARRIED**

Council met with the Clerk to discuss the yearly compensation review.

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

Res. No. 105-03-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:48 p.m., the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

**CARRIED**

The Clerk was directed to reduce her overtime, and to try and take time off on the days preceding, and subsequent to, Council meetings.

CONCLUDING REPORTS

There were no concluding reports at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 106-03-2010

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the time being 10:49 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

**CARRIED**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR  
Steven Harasen

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Clerk  
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT