

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Monday, May 3, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Dawne Kilgour
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Bev Dale
Councillor Maureen Schmidt
Councillor Beverly Mercer
Clerk Delma Stajkowski

ABSENT: Mayor Steven Harasen
Councillor James Jeffery

Deputy Mayor Kilgour called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no disclosures at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

Declaring this a Special Meeting of Council to discuss the species at risk resolution

Res. No. 164-04-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this be declared a Special Meeting of Council to discuss the resolution pertaining to the Species At Risk Act.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS:

Species at risk resolution.

Discussion ensued regarding the resolution, as prepared by the Environmental Advisory Committee, dealing with the regulations specifically for peregrine falcons through the Species At Risk Act.

Call for Recorded Vote

Since there has been a request for a recorded vote on the issue on the table, being Species at Risk, and as such the vote will be recorded by the Clerk in accordance with our Procedural by-law in the following order;

Township	NAME	YEA	NAY
	Blake (Shott)	X	
	Crooks (Dale)	X	
	Pardee (Jeffery)	Absent	
	Pearson (Schmidt)	X	
	Scoble (Mercer)	X	
	At Large (Kilgour)	X	
	Mayor (Harasen)	Absent	

The Yea's carry the vote, the resolution is carried

Res. No. 165-04-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

WHEREAS the MNR has recognized that the Municipality of Neebing has one of the highest density populations of peregrine falcons in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Neebing's Official Plan already meets conservation requirements for peregrine falcons;

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AND WHEREAS there has been no evidence of damage or harm to this species, which is not designated as "threatened" by COSEWIC, and scientific studies and local knowledge show that the species is thriving at greater than historic levels;

AND WHEREAS this one kilometre restriction will impact Neebing's landowners and developers negatively in a socio-economic way, and limiting activities will impose an unfair burden on Neebing and its private property owners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT before COSSARO considers *designating a species at risk*, any affected Municipality and/or Treaty Organization shall be informed, and invited to submit information to be considered prior to such designation; so that local knowledge (both aboriginal and non-aboriginal) shall be taken into account before decisions are made;

FURTHER to this, a socio-economic impact study must be done concurrently with the development of the Recovery Strategy prior to any regulations being identified;

AND FURTHER, that ESA Regulations should not impose land use restrictions that exceed what already exists in any Municipal Official Plan, unless a valid conservation purpose can be demonstrated from scientific data;

AND FURTHER, that the disparity in area protection measures and nest site longevity between urban and rural locales is unacceptable to Neebing;

AND FURTHER, that Neebing's input to Peregrine Falcon Regulation is that the conservation measure shall not exceed 120 metres for the nest site core area, and the provincial non-harassment of wildlife regulation, as per the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, for the remainder;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Neebing respectfully recommends to the Minister and the Ministry of Natural Resources that our Official Plan shall be the basis for the Peregrine Falcon Regulations;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all Municipalities in Ontario; to the Honourable Linda Jeffery, Minister of Natural Resources, and to Bill Mauro, MPP Thunder Bay/Atikokan.

CARRIED

The Clerk was directed to forward the resolution to AMO for broadcast on their website to all municipalities in Ontario.

CONCLUDING REPORTS:

There were no concluding reports at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 166-04-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:30 a.m., this Special Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

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DEPUTY MAYOR
Dawne Kilgour

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT