

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, May 19, 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 7:33 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND AMEND THE AGENDA:

Res. No. 179-05-2010

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Agenda for Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council - May 12, 2010

Res. No. 180-05-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Heather Brown - MMAH - Compliance Audit Committee

Ms. Brown walked Council through the regulations surrounding the Compliance Audit Committee. She pointed out that a Council had always had the option to create a special committee; however, most deemed to default to Council to perform the task. The updated regulation "prescribes" that the Committee be separate and apart from Council. The Committee must be in place by October 1st, 2010, and shall have between 3 and 7 Members. A Committee member cannot be an employee of the Municipality, a member of Council, or any person(s) who is a candidate in the election for which the committee has been established. The appointed Committee members will serve for the entire four (4) year term of that Council. The Committee will receive and review all requests for an inquiry into the financial statements of any **election** candidate (successful or not), and will have the authority to determine whether further investigation is required for any questioned wrong-doing. The Municipality shall pay all costs to have the audit performed by a licensed auditor; however, if there is no conclusive evidence of any wrong-doing, costs may be recovered from the applicant. Council will provide the training, policies and procedures under which the Committee shall work.

Patrick Fenlon - Pack Pros Plus

Mr. Fenlon and Mr. Wayne Vanderwees were before Council to speak about tire collection at the local landfill sites. They advised that they are a licensed hauler with the Province of Ontario, under the Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) program, which entitles them to collect tires from registered collectors. They described an overview of the program, and provided Council with some ideas and benefits of becoming a collector. It was noted that the Municipality would receive \$0.88 per passenger tire, from OTS, for every tire collected, and Pack Pros Plus would be responsible for the pickup and disposal of those collected tires. All tires that have an environment fee attached to them are eligible for the rebate. The rebate is dependent on the size of the tire collected. Mr. Fenlon stated that they required approximately 75 tires be in the landfill site before they would schedule a pick-up. He noted there are also extenuating circumstances where a special permit, from OTS, would allow tires to be collected **ed** from private property, if there was an excessive number on one lot. Mr. Fenlon also described briefly some of their other ongoing operations, such as E-waste collection.

RESOLUTIONS:

Voucher Report for April, 2010 being Voucher 04/2010

Councillor Shott requested further information on the capital expenditure from JML under Fire Department and Councillor Schmidt requested information on the ice scrapers for the Blake Hall.

Res. No. 181-05-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening hereby approves the vouchers as presented:
VOUCHER NUMBER 4/10 - April, 2010

Liabilities

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| GST and Source Deductions | \$ 20,763.37 |
| Expense Accounts | |
| General Government | 43,954.77 |
| Protections to Persons & Property | 25,889.55 |
| Transportation Services | 53,413.56 |
| Environmental Services | 1,022.38 |
| Health Services | 35,191.00 |
| Social and Family Services | 39,795.00 |
| Recreation and cultural services | 1,111.40 |
| Planning and development | 0.00 |
| Capital Purchases - all departments | 4,078.00 |
| School Board Payments | 0.00 |

Total disbursements in month \$225,219.03

CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

Rosy Brizi - Grant Thornton - Audit Report

Ms. Brizi provided Council with the "draft" Consolidated Financial Statements and the Audit Communications papers. She fielded several questions during her presentation regarding the statements, in particular how the new statements would look vs. those previously prepared in the past. She advised that the Treasurer had provided good working papers and had done an excellent job with the capital assets.

Financial Statements ending April, 2010

Council perused the statements as provided by the Treasurer.

Capital Funding Status Report s at May 10, 2010

Council reviewed the capital funding status as provided.

NOHFC - Application for Youth Intern

Council examined the draft application as presented, and felt that it was sufficient; however, they would like to be assured that the intern would be working under the direct supervision of the Clerk, and not the Economic (Development) Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION: con't

Res. No. 182-05-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) has a youth intern program;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality is interested in hiring a youth intern to work in conjunction with the Economic (Development) Advisory Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby authorizes the application for funding, through NOHFC for a youth intern. Funding to be at 90% with overall expenditures to be \$29,120 (including wages and mandatory benefits) with the municipal share being no greater than \$7,094.00.

CARRIED

Bell - Seeking Support for Bell's proposal to provide broadband

Council reviewed the letter from Bell and directed the Clerk to respond to it; in the meantime, the Mayor would contact Mr. Blake to further discuss the contents.

Minutes of the Neebing Waste Management Committee Meeting - May 11, 2010

Res. No. 183-05-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Waste Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Neebing Recreation Committee - May 10, 2010

The Clerk was once again reminded to put "Draft" at the top of the minutes if the Committee, themselves, had not previously approved them. It was noted that a flexible faucet for the Hall had been ordered and should be in place shortly. Councillor Schmidt advised that the new toilets, in the basement of the Blake Hall, are leaking, and that the pipes under the kitchen sink are also leaking. Councillor Shott reiterated that the Committee would like to see the refuse at the Pearson site cleaned up.

Res. No. 184-05-2010

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Neebing Recreation Committee held on Monday, May 10, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

Ontario Hydro - Power Saving Blitz

After perusing the information provided, Council endorsed the following:

Res. No. 185-05-2010

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

WHEREAS the Ontario Power Authority and Hydro One Networks Inc. Has instituted a "Power Saving Blitz" to try and reduce hydro usage; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Office (Council Chambers), garage and Blake Hall have had their lighting assessed for retrofit; and

FURTHER WHEREAS the estimated savings per year will be sufficient to warrant replacing the lighting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing agrees to proceed with the retrofit for the three areas.

CARRIED

NOMA - ESA letter campaign

Council stated they would email the letter to the Premier.

MNR - Forestry Regulations

Council reviewed the information provided.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed several pieces of correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Health & Safety issues;

There were no Health & Safety issues at this time.

Compliance Audit Committee

Council, once again, reviewed the information, as provided by the City of Thunder Bay regarding the Compliance Audit Committee. The Clerk was directed to contact the City and acquire further details regarding how the Committee will be structured; if there is to be any remuneration for members; if contracting municipalities will have to pay a retainer fee or if there will be any additional costs associated with the Compliance Audit Committee. Once the information has been gathered, the Clerk is to bring a report back to Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: con't

Procedural By-law

The Clerk requested Council Members review the document and provide any feedback prior to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tabletop Exercise

A tabletop exercise, in conjunction with Emergency Measures Ontario, was set up for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21st at the Office.

Seasonal Employees

After a brief discussion, it was determined that once the hiring committee made their selection for the seasonal employees, their start date would be May 31st, with the hiring by-law being put on the table of the June 2nd Council Meeting.

New Fire Tanker

Councillor Mercer invited Council out to view the new tanker on Thursday evening.

NOMA - invitation to attend stakeholder sessions regarding Species at Risk in Thunder Bay on June 24th.

Council was advised of the session to be held on June 24th. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 186-05-2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 10:34 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT