

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, October 19, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Ziggy Polkowski
Councillor Dawne Kilgour
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Bev Dale
Councillor Curtis Coulson
Councillor Bill Lankinen
Councillor Mike McCooeye
Clerk Delma Stajkowski

Mayor Polkowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND AMEND THE AGENDA:

Council Kilgour noted she would declare a conflict when discussing the Canadian Red Cross.

Res. No. 366-10-2011

Moved by: B. A. Dale
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Agenda for Wednesday, October 19, 2011, and amends it by adding:

Under Audience Deputations :

: Economic (Development) Advisory Committee – Dive Park

Under Resolutions:

: Accept draft minutes – Neebing Recreation Committee – October 17/11

Under Unfinished Business:

: Neebing Recreation Committee – Blinds
: 2012 6 Ton Truck – Request for Proposal
: LRCA – Response to previous letter (for review only)

Under New Business:

: Donation of property – Crooks Township
: Eco-Superior – fluorescent light bulbs
: Mink Mountain – Proposed plan of subdivision

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no disclosures at this time.

Mayor Polkowski advised that the agenda would be deviated from to allow Mr. David Shepherd from Thunder Country Diving to present a short presentation on the creation of a "Dive Park" in Neebing.

Mr. Shepherd thanked Council for taking the time to hear the proposal regarding setting up a dive park in Neebing. He provided a brief 10 minute slide presentation that outlined their current activities and a background on what Thunder Country Diving is currently working on. He stated that they wished to set up an area on Lake Superior where they could lead tours to either old ship wrecks or boats that they sink to dive to. They provide the training and support for anyone wishing to visit these sites and they maintain the sites to ensure the safety of all the divers. He noted that there is currently no dive areas in the Lake Superior area and by promoting and utilizing the lake, tourism would also be supported and promoted. He noted that this type of tourism would not only bring the local residents but would also attract national and international divers as well. This in turn would bring additional tourism dollars to the area as they not only dive but use local restaurants and sight-seeing venues as well. His presentation outlined what they would require from Neebing to proceed; which would be a secured gated area that they would be able to do training at (preferably in one of our park areas on Lake Superior) and the ability to do site preparation. Thunder Country Diving would provide the required insurance and liability for all divers and equipment. Mr. Shepherd provided Council with further information on their company which was to do ice rescue training, harbour/bay clean-up and provide diver training in various settings. He advised that they are currently using the west end of Oliver Lake to do some of their diving.

Council were supportive of the initiative but advised that they would have to work with other groups currently looking at using Lake Superior for kayaking routes. They advised that the Economic (Development) Advisory Committee could look into this further and bring back a report and recommendation.

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council – September 21, 2011

Res. No. 367-10-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye
Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Special Meeting of Council – October 12, 2011

Res. No. 368-10-2011

Moved by: B. A. Dale

Seconded by: R. Shott

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amend the minutes by adding:
at paragraph 4 – Page 2 – October 12, 2011 –
insert “by the Public Works Foreman” at the end of the first sentence; and
add at the end of the paragraph “The presumption of the Committee was that the Clerk and
Public Works Foreman had the authority to set up to collect the tubes, encouraging residents not
to toss them in with their household garbage”.

CARRIED

Res. No. 369-10-2011

Moved by: Roger Shott

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

TABLE BY-LAWS:

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 908-2011 being a by-law to adopt the job descriptions for the Manager/Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Neebing.

Res. No. 370-10-2011

Moved by: C. Coulson

Seconded by: M. McCooney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 908-2011 being a by-law to adopt the job descriptions for the Manager/Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Neebing be read for a first and second time this 19th day of October, 2011.

CARRIED

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 909-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Manager/Clerk-Treasurer

Res. No. 371-10-2011

Moved by: Roger Shott

Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 909-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Manager/Clerk-Treasurer be read for a first and second time this 19th day of October, 2011.

CARRIED

TABLE BY-LAWS: con't

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 910-10-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for the Municipality of Neebing

Res. No. 372-10-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye
Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 910-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a first and second time this 19th day of October, 2011.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

None at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

Voucher Report for September, 2011

Res. No. 373-10-2011

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: B. A. Dale

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby approves the vouchers, as presented: VOUCHER NUMBER 9/11 – September, 2011

Liabilities	
HST and source deductions	\$ 28,341.34
Expense Accounts	
General Government	76,212.35
Protection to persons and property	19,059.16
Transportation Services	65,261.00
Environmental Services	6,326.15
Health Services	3,621.84
Social and Family Services	33,448.00
Cemetery	156.00
Recreation and cultural services	1,191.67
Planning and development	0.00
Capital Purchases – all departments	11,355.22
School Board Payments	105,549.55
<u>Total disbursements in month</u>	<u>\$350,522.28</u>

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS: con't

Accept resignation from Jerry Ventrudo from the Neebing Economic (Development) Advisory Committee

Res. No. 374-10-2011

Moved by: Bill Lankinen
Seconded by: M. McCooney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation from Jerry Ventrudo from the Economic (Development) Advisory Committee effective immediately.

CARRIED

Approval of expenditures for EDC Intern to attend the Economic Development Program in Winnipeg, November 13th to 18th, 2011

Mrs. Butikofer indicated that the budget had been set prior to fully knowing what activities would happen. The E (D) AC did not anticipate the professional quality of the services that the Intern had been providing and should Neebing be fortunate to receive 2nd year funding, then consideration should be given for additional training.

After a brief discussion, Council advised they would like to discuss this further in camera.

Res. No. 375-10-2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing agrees to pay for travel, lodging, meals and wages for the Economic Development Intern – Ms. Ramchandani to attend the Year 1 EDAC Professions Development EC.D Certification training in Winnipeg – November 13th to 18th, 2011 at a cost of approximately \$2,300.

TABLED

To support a Rural Development Committee and appoint a representative

Mayor Polkowski outlined the events leading up to the following resolution. He stated that Conmee had hosted a meeting for Mayors & Reeves to review economic development and to perhaps have one voice for everyone. All Council felt it was a good idea and partnerships with the surrounding communities were good for relations. Council agreed that Mayor Polkowski should continue to meet with the Mayors & Reeves and should therefore sit on the committee.

RESOLUTIONS: con't

Res. No. 376-10-2011

Moved by: Bill Lankinen
Seconded by: M. McCooeye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing supports the creation of a Rural Development Committee to serve the economic development needs of the municipalities of Conmee, Gillies, O'Connor, Oliver Paipoonge and Neebing; and

THAT the following person be appointed to sit on the Rural Economic Development Committee: Z. Polkowski.

CARRIED

Adopt the Health & Safety Policies for 2011 – 2012

Res. No. 377-10-2011

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: B. A. Dale

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing adopted By-law Number 783-2008 being a by-law to adopt a Health & Safety Policy on September 2, 2008;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to re-affirm their commitment to Health & Safety;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Health & Safety Policy as set out in By-law Number 783-2008.

CARRIED

Accept draft minutes – Neebing Recreation Committee – October 17/11

Res. No. 378-10-2011

Moved by: C. Coulson
Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby accepts the draft minutes of the Neebing Recreation Committee dated October 17, 2011.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Presentation of plaque to John Petrunka – Cloud Bay Cemetery

Council presented a plaque to Mr. Petrunka for all his hard work and dedication to creating and erecting the new sign at the Cloud Bay Cemetery. The Clerk was directed to have the Public Works Crew remove the old sign.

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS: con't

Presentation of plaque to John Petrunka – Cloud Bay Cemetery

Mr. Petrunka noted that without the help and dedication of Mr. David McMaster, doing the sign would not have been possible. He requested that a thank you go out to Mr. McMaster as well.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed several pieces of correspondence.

It was noted that the LRCA had recently done a boat tour of Oliver Lake and would provide the Municipality with pictures of the shoreline.

The Clerk was directed to review LAS with regards to their article on the purchase of fuel and lubricants to see whether this may be a benefit to Neebing.

Council Shott indicated he would like to further discuss the 2010 LRCA financial report in camera regarding the adverse opinion from the auditors.

The Clerk was directed to have the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer sit on some meetings to familiarize her with the process.

BY-LAWS:

3rd Reading of By-law Number 908-2011 – adopt job descriptions

Council discussed the by-law and determined they would like to see an amendment under responsibilities-a statement be added to reflect that the employees must be bondable and under duties that the employee has an obligation to inform the employer if they could not be bonded. Council also directed that the word “Manager” be dropped and position be “Clerk-Treasurer” only.

Res. No. 379-10-2011

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 908-2011 being a by-law to adopt the job descriptions for the Manager/Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Neebing be read for a third time and finally passed this 19th day of October, 2011.

TABLED

BY-LAWS: con't

3rd Reading of By-law Number 909-2011 – appoint a Manager/Clerk-Treasurer

Res. No. 380-10-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye
Seconded by: C. Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 909-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Manager/Clerk-Treasurer be read for a third time and finally passed this 19th day of October, 2011.

TABLED

3rd Reading of By-law Number 910-2011 – appoint a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Res. No. 381-10-2011

Moved by: B. A. Dale
Seconded by: Roger Shott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 910-2011 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for the Municipality of Neebing be read for a third time and finally passed this 19th day of October, 2011.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Health & Safety issues;

No new H & S issues were declared at this time.

Red Cross – Disaster Management Program

Councillor Kilgour declared a conflict and left Council Chambers.

Following a review of the information provided, the Clerk advised that Mr. Ken Whittifield would provide additional information at an informal meeting scheduled for October 31st at 10:00 a.m. She invited Council to attend that meeting as would the Fire Chief.

Res. No 382-10-2011

Moved by: C. Coulson
Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby agrees to enter into a Disaster Management program with the Canadian Red Cross.

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Councillor Kilgour was asked to return to her seat.

Proposed Examples of Dog By-laws

Council examined four different by-laws relating to the number of dogs that can be kept in all zones; the number of dogs that can be kept in Recreational Zones and noise by-laws pertaining to barking dogs. After perusing all four, Council requested that the noise by-law be forwarded to Mr. Wieckowski for his comments on the definition of noise and on the amount that could be levied for a fine.

Landfill Issues – Tipping Fees

A discussion ensued regarding the amount of demolition waste that was being brought into the landfill sites and the cost of demolition permits in the Municipality. Council felt that they have to differentiate between household demo and commercial demo which could include insurance contract waste from residential units. Bag limits and bag tags were also briefly discussed with Council agreeing that the amount of waste was increasing yearly and that some form of resident's accountability would have to be reviewed. The Clerk advised that she had recently done a survey of surrounding municipalities to inquire what they charge and how they determine costs. It was determined that further discussion would ensue on November 7th.

Neebing Recreation Committee – Blinds

Res. No. 382-10-2011

Moved by: B. A. Dale
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Neebing Recreation Committee and authorizes the purchase of blinds for the Blake Community Hall at a cost of \$1,031.13 inclusive of all taxes.

CARRIED

2012 6 Ton Truck – Request for Proposal

Council perused the changes made to the Request for Proposal and agreed to circulate the document; post it on the website and ensure that the companies that had requested the information be provided with the proposal.

Councillor Kilgour requested that the Fire chief meet with the City Fire Chief to review protocol for Big Thunder as to who responds when and when mutual aid may be activated.

Council requested that separate meetings be set up with Mayor Keith Hobbs and the Fort William First Nations to review items of mutual interest.

The Clerk was requested to invite AON Reed Stenhouse to the November 7th building by-law review meeting.

LRCA – Response to previous letter (for review only)

Council was requested to review the document so that it could be discussed at the next meeting of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

NFRA – Request to recognize volunteers

Council reviewed a request from NFRA to honour volunteers with a special presentation. After a short debate, Council felt that the Volunteer Appreciation Party was where all volunteers should be recognized. They stated that NFRA could, if they wished, recognize them in their own fashion.

Economic (Development) Advisory Committee – Recognize Sandra Peltonen’s participation

Council reviewed and agreed to the request from the E(D)AC to prepare and post a plaque honouring Mrs. Peltonen’s participation in the various municipal committees. The Clerk is to work with Mrs. Clara Butikofer on this project.

Christmas Holiday Schedule – January 2012 Meeting Dates

Council agreed to close the Office December 27th to the 31st reopening on the 2nd of January, 2012. The meetings for January would be pushed back by 1 week.

Extend curfew

Res. No. 384-10-2011

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: B. A. Dale

THAT the time being 10:29 and the business on the agenda is not yet complete;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with By-law Number 859 -2010
Council approves the extension of the 10:30 p.m. curfew.

CARRIED

Donation of Property – Crooks Township

Council was advised that Ms. Buesing a resident of Germany would like to donate her property in Crooks Township to the Municipality as they no longer had any interest in it. Council felt that as it borders the property off Sandhill Road, it would be beneficial to them. The Clerk was directed to contact Mr. Wieckowski and have him proceed with doing a lien check to ensure there were no encumbrances that the municipality should be aware of. Once this was accomplished, the Clerk was to advise the Buesing’s solicitor to proceed.

Res. No 385-10-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye
Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby agrees to accept the donation of the property known as Concession 1 North Part Lot 3 Crooks Township, Municipality of Neebing (190) acres. The property is being accepted at no charge to the Municipality and the current owner paying all transfer costs.

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ECO-Superior – fluorescent light bulbs

Council noted that the Public Works Foreman should be trained on the proper handling of the fluorescent tubes prior to him transporting them and that Ms. Jane Oldale be contacted to provide a presentation on collecting the tubes at the next meeting of Council.

Mink Mountain – Proposed Plan of Subdivision

Council was provided with a draft drawing of the proposed plan of subdivision at Mink Mountain. The Lakehead Rural Planning Board was requesting comments on the proposal from Neebing prior to doing any further circulations.

Res. No. 386-10-2011

Moved by: C. Coulson
Seconded by: M. McCooye

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports, in principle, the development of a plan of subdivision on PT of ML 21B and 33Z Blake Township, Municipality of Neebing as submitted by Manahan Consulting to the Lakehead Rural Planning Board.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA

Adjourn to In-Camera

Res. No. 387-10-2011

Moved by: M. McCooye
Seconded by: C. Coulson

WHEREAS the time being 10:50 p.m., be it resolved that this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned to an in-camera meeting to discuss labour relations under Section 239 (2) (d) and litigation or potential litigation under Section 239 (2) (e) of the Municipal Act 2001, c.25 as amended.

CARRIED

Discussion:

Council discussed the training for the Intern.

Council was apprised of a situation with an elderly resident whose living conditions are less than adequate.

Council was updated on a potential legal issue where an individual, who is purchasing a piece of property, has moved a mobile home onto the property without first obtaining either a building permit or a zoning amendment.

Adjourn the In-Camera Session and return to the Regular Meeting of Council

Res. No. 388-10-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye

Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 11:44 p.m. the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

Council agreed that they would contribute for the travel; hotel and expenses for the Intern to travel to Winnipeg for additional training; however Ms. Ramchandani would have to be responsible for the cost of the course.

A letter is to be written to Mr. Morin and advised that they are required to submit an affidavit stating that the mobile home would not be lived in and only used for storage and that they would be required to do a site specific zoning amendment to allow for a mobile home to be used for a residential unit.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 389-10-2011

Moved by: Roger Shott

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 11:45 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR

Delma Stajkowski, AMCT
CLERK