

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, November 2, 2011

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

ABSENT: Councillor Roger Shott

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND AMEND THE AGENDA:

Res. No. 390-11-2011

Moved by:

Seconded by:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby adopts the Agenda for Wednesday, November 2, 2011, and amends it by adding:

Under Audience Deputations:

: Camrin Parnell – CSP – postpone until December

Under Resolutions:

: Accept donation of property in Crooks

: To reduce the assessment on 58-01-040-007-22700 for conservation land purposes (refund \$473.54).

Under Unfinished Business:

: Red Cross – update

Under New Business:

: Environmental Advisory Committee – recommendation to meet with Minister Gravelle.

THAT the Agenda be amended to allow for Audience Deputations prior to the Adopting of the Minutes.

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DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no disclosures at this time.

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

Jane Oldale – Eco-Superior – fluorescent tube collection

Ms. Oldale thanked Council for allowing her to do a presentation on the collection of fluorescent tubes at the landfill sites. She provided Council with a power point that outlined what Eco-Superior did as well as how the fluorescent tube collection began and how it is running today. She provided information on the amount of mercury in a 4' tube and in a small curly tube. In reply to a question, she stated that if a tube is broken, the minute' (3-10mg) of mercury is released into the air and stays until it rains, where it will then be absorbed into the environment; the powder in the tubes she advised was phosphorous. She stated they only collected 4' tubes and shorter and that they have contracted with MGM to be the depot. MGM then crushes the tubes and sends them to southern Ontario for further recycling. She noted that they had recycled over 4000 tubes to date in 2011. In reply to Mayor Polkowski, Ms. Oldale stated that employees required very little training and that she would be pleased to set it up for the Public Works Foreman and the landfill staff.

Res. No. 391-11-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby agrees to support Eco-Superior in the collection of fluorescent tubes at the landfill sites. Eco-superior to provide bins and training for the collection of said tubes.

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Mayor Polkowski deviated from the Agenda by allowing a delegation to speak on the proposed Noise By-law. The proposed by-law was discussed at some length with comments from Council; the residents of Pine Bay and the sled dog owners themselves. The residents of Pine Bay noted it was not only the noise that the dogs make (chains rattling and the barking) but the safety issue; they are concerned for the children playing in the area and also with the environmental concerns that are being raised with keeping 6 or more dogs on one lot. They advised that they do not believe that sled dogs should be kept in a recreational area and that Council must look at limiting the number of adult dogs one property owner can keep. The residents stated they needed a long-term by-law that would prevent this from happening in the future, one that would see the dogs removed from the lot. The residents felt that the grandfathering clause should not be considered in this case as the dogs had only been there a matter of a couple of weeks and this was not an established use of the property. Following the discussion, Council set the date of November 9th at 7:00 p.m. to sit down with 6 members from each side to mediate the parties and try and come to acceptable wording for the proposed by-law. Mrs. Lentz advised that they were only keeping the dogs on site from September to May after which time they would be boarded out.

Road Issues:

Mr. Chaschuk was before Council to bring them up to date with the progress that public works has been making on the roads. He stated that the boundary agreement provided by the Township of Gillies was fine and that it could be signed as is. Discussion ensued around grinding the demo waste at the landfill sites and the costs to provide that service by Chascuk Enterprises. Once Mr. Chaschuk reviews the total cost for this service he is to bring it back to Council for further consideration. Mr. Chaschuk noted that the crew would be working on Lake Lenore Road in the next week and then proceed to ditching and rock lining the Cloud Lake Road hill before winter sets in. He advised that the crew were putting up sand and winter salt.

The Clerk was directed to have Mr. Wieckowski send a letter to the ratepayer at the end of Wamsley Road to advise him that if he does not remove the beaver dam, the Municipality will have no choice but to put a machine in and remove the dam themselves.

The Clerk advised that the tender for the truck was now on the website and would be in the paper on Saturday November 5th and 12th; the tender closes December 1 and is opened publically December 6th.

RESOLUTIONS:

To reduce the assessment on 58-01-040-007-227000

Res. No. 392-11-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye

Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

WHEREAS Minutes of Settlement were issued through the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for the property known as Concession 10 Part Lot 6 Crooks Township;

AND WHEREAS a reduction in the assessment for Conservation Lands were approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby authorizes the refund of \$473.54 to the owners of Roll Number 58-01-040-007-22700-0000.

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Councillors Kilgour and Shott opposed the resolution.

ADOPTING THE MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council – October 19, 2011

Res. No. 393-11-2011

Moved by: M. McCooeye
Seconded by: Bill Lankinen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Res. No. 394-11-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of Pelham who supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and calls on the Provincial Government to pursue much needed changes to the Negligence Act.

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Accept donation of property in Crooks

Res. No. 395-11-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby 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 other than the normal transfer costs.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed several pieces of correspondence.

The Clerk was directed to book 6 rooms for the NOMA conference in Kenora – May, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

Environmental Advisory Committee – recommendation to meet with Minister Gravelle

Res. No. 396-11-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing supports the Environmental Advisory Committee and directs the Clerk to set up a meeting with Minister Gravelle at this earliest convenience.

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BY-LAWS:

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

Council once again reviewed the documents and wished to include, in both positions “to serve the public in a truthful, courteous and professional manner”. Councillor Kilgour noted that a paragraph had been dropped from the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position and requested it be re-inserted (to advise Council on the subsidiary and grants programs...). Under the Clerk-Treasurer’s position description – change manager to “administrator” and under the reporting relationships – change manager to “Clerk-Treasurer”.

Res. No. 397-11-2011

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 of the Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Neebing be read for a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of November, 2011.

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

Res. No. 398-11-2011

Moved by: Bill Lankinen
Seconded by: M. McCooey

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 2nd day of November, 2011.

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BY-LAWS:

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

Res. No. 399-11-2011

Moved by: Curtis Coulson
Seconded by: M. McCooeye

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 2nd day of November, 2011.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Health & Safety issues;

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

Meetings were set up with Mayor Keith Hobbs on Thursday November 17th at 11:00 a.m. and with Ian Bannon of the Fort William First Nations on Wednesday, November 16th at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Polkowski and Councillors Lankinen and Kilgour would meet with Mayor Hobbs and Mayor Polkowski along with Councillors Kilgour and Dale would meet with Mr. Bannon.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 400-11-2011

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

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

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Ziggy Polkowski
MAYOR

Delma Stajkowski, AMCT
CLERK