

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, February 20, 2008

PRESENT: Mayor Steven Harasen
Councillor Dawne Kilgour
Councillor Roger Shott
Councillor Bev Dale
Councillor James Jeffery
Councillor Maureen Schmidt
Councillor Beverly Mercer
Acting Clerk Delma Stajkowski

Mayor Harasen called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillors Mercer and Shott declared a conflict for By-law Number 761-2008.

Adopting the Minutes of February 6, 2008

Res. No. 72-2-2008

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

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Adopting the Minutes of January 30, 2008

Res. No. 73-2-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Adopting the Minutes of January 30, 2008

Res. No. 74-2-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Adopting the Minutes of February 13, 2008

Res. No. 75-2-2008

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

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

There were no deputations at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1st & 2nd Reading of By-law Number 759-2008 being a by-law to set fees and charges imposed for various municipal services

Res. No. 76-02-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT By-law Number 759-2008, being a by-law to set fees and charges imposed for various municipal services be read for a first and second time this 20th day of February, 2008.

CARRIED

1st and 2nd Reading of By-law Number 761-2008 being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees.

Councillors Mercer and Shott declared conflict on this.

Res. No. 77-2-2008

Moved by: D. Kilgour
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT By-law 761-2008, Being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees be read for a first and second time this 20th day of February, 2008.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

Treasurer's Report:

Council perused the financial report as submitted by the Treasurer. Items discussed were Tax Registration, including the process used during its implementation, and the Neebing website design, with a request for development quotations having already been dispersed by the Treasurer.

Neebing Emergency Services Report to Council

Members of Council reviewed the report as submitted by the Fire Chief.

Res. No. 78-2-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott

Seconded by: B. A. Dale

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby accepts the Neebing Emergency Services Report as submitted.

CARRIED

Neebing Waste Management Committee Meeting

Council reviewed the report as submitted by the Neebing Waste Management Committee.

Res. No. 79-2-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery

Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the Neebing Waste Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Rental of land on Hwy 608

It was determined that a Committee consisting of Councillors Schmidt, Kilgour and Shott, along with the Operation Manger, be struck to look into the rental of the Municipal property on Hwy 608. Items to be considered are: use of the property, lease agreement and terms of the lease, and liability coverage.

By-law Enforcement Officer - update

The Acting Clerk updated Council on the status of advertising for the By-law Enforcement Officer. After a short debate, it was determined that Neebing, Gillies and Conmee should advertise and hire together, and O'Connor and Dorion could proceed on their own.

AMO - who is attending August Conference

The Acting Clerk stated that she would need to know by the next Meeting who would be attending the AMO conference in Ottawa in August, so rooms could be reserved.

Thunder Bay District Municipal League Meeting

Those wishing to attend the TBDML in Longlac (March 7th and 8th) are to advise the Acting Clerk by Tuesday of next week.

Copies of the Meeting package for the Longlac conference were presented to Council for their review.

DISCUSSION: con't

Resolution from the City of Waterloo - Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Res. No. 80-2-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the City of Waterloo in their bid for a Waterloo Region CBC radio station and calls upon the Federal Government and Heritage Minister to include sustainable funding to ensure this service can be provided for the Region of Waterloo and other regional radio stations.

CARRIED

Resolution from Township of Machar - Funding of Rural Schools

Res. No. 81-2-2008

Moved by: Dawne Kilgour
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Machar and petitions the Provincial Government to properly fund English Public Schools in Northern Ontario as a special interest, to the extent needed to keep them open and operational in safe repair.

CARRIED

It was noted that Councillor Dale opposed this resolution.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed several pieces of correspondence.

By-LAWS: 3rd Reading.

By-law Number 759-2008, being a by-law to set fees and charges imposed for various municipal services.

Res. No. 82-2-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT By-law 759-2008, being a by-law to set fees and charges imposed for various municipal services be read for a third time and finally passed this 20th day of February 2008.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS 3rd READING: con't

By-law Number 761-2008, being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees.

Councillors Mercer and Shott declared a conflict on this matter and left the room.

Res. No. 83-2-2008

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

THAT By-law 761-2008, being a by-law to appoint officials for certain Boards and Committees be read for a third time and finally passed this 20th day of February, 2008.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Volunteers and Liability

The use of volunteers to clean up the bush area at the Landfill sites was discussed at length. It was determined that with the proper training and supervision of the volunteers, liability to the Municipality should be greatly reduced. WSIB would need to be contacted prior to the date of the cleanup, so that they are aware of how many volunteers would be utilized. The Operation Manager will conduct a training session prior to the cleanup day. It was also noted that an age restriction and mandated criteria would need to be imposed on the persons who wished to participate in the cleanup project.

TBay Tel

Council directed that a letter be sent to TBay Tel, requesting that they attend at a Council meeting with a deputation which might serve to answer some of the more detailed questions on broadband service in our area.

LRPB - Manahan Report

Councillor Jeffery commented that Manahan Consulting was doing an update for the unincorporated areas in the Lakehead Rural Planning Board jurisdiction for a new Official Plan. This report will be available for the next meeting of Council.

Meeting with Minister at ROMA/OGRA

It was noted that our application to meet with the Minister in charge of the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative was denied due to an overwhelming number of requests from other municipalities/cities. The Acting Clerk was directed to bring this issue to the attention of Mr. Mauro, with a request for his assistance in procuring an audience.

Strategic Planning Meeting

The upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting was discussed in detail as to what Council would like to accomplish. Ideas suggested were: to set the framework and mandate for the 2 new committees, (Environment and Economic Advisory); to complete "the readiness" test as prepared by Mrs. Peltonen, and to follow through and expand on previous meetings. The Acting Clerk stated that she would like to have some more thoughts by Monday afternoon.

Blake Hall Quotations

The Committee (Councillor Kilgour to sit in for Councillor Schmidt who was at ROMA/OGRA) would meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to open the quotations for the repairs to the roof on the Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conferences in Thunder Bay

It was noted that there were several upcoming conferences slated for the Thunder Bay Area - Ontario Professional Foresters Association - April 23, 24 and 25; Green North Eco Conference - March 18 and 19; Labour Management Conference; International Joint Committee - June.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 84-2-2008

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

THAT the time being 9:30 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Acting-Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT