

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Thursday, April 10, 2008

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

ABSENT: Councillor Bev Dale

Mayor Harasen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There was no disclosure at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution declaring this a SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL to review the 2008 Budget.

Res. No. 145-04-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT this be declared a Special Meeting of Council to review the 2008 Budget.

**CARRIED**

Members of Council were presented with a "Draft" budget for their perusal.

The Operations Manager, Mr. Johansson, provided details for Council on the Transportation Services Budget, the Environmental Services Budget and the Capital Budgets.

He fielded several questions regarding fuel tenders, the status of training certificates and extra employees for short term jobs needs.

Budgeting for Environmental staff would have to reflect the additional 2 persons required for the summer months.

Items noted for Capital projects were the sand dome; a small bulldozer which would also be used in the landfill sites; another combination sander/dump box; an older ½ ton truck for use by the maintenance person; another plow truck to relieve the stress on the grader for snowplowing; upgrade work on Little Pigeon Bay Road and gravelling parts of Sturgeon Bay and Cloud Lake Roads. The gravel had been crushed in the previous years and was currently stockpiled in the Sturgeon Bay pit awaiting placement on the roads.

DISCUSSION'S Con't

Acting Fire Chief Mo Douglas; Deputy Fire Chiefs Ashbee and Lafontaine were on hand to provide Council with preliminary budget figures for the Fire Department. Their presentation featured this year's budget as well as projected figures for the next 5 years. Uniforms for the members were discussed with the Acting Fire Chief pointing out that our members give a great deal of their own time for training and extra activities for the Department. Providing shirts, pants and coveralls was only a small way to say thanks to the team. They would be more recognizable when out in the field or at various functions. Other items under their capital budget included working toward a new tanker; additional pagers and radios and 3-4 sets of new bunker gear. It was noted that not only would the Snuffer Units need to be replaced in the near future, but the communications standards are changing and may have to be upgraded or replaced to be on line with CACC. Capital for buildings would be in future budgets after total assessments were done on each hall.

The Acting Clerk reviewed the budgets for the General Government; L.R.C.A; E.M.O; Health Services; Recreation and Culture and Planning and Development. She advised that the capital budget for the Office included, central air conditioning; 3 ceiling fans to be put in the General office, Council Chambers and the Hall to better circulate the air; a new coloured photocopier; a new coloured printer and 2 new computers.

Councillor Schmidt requested that Mr. Milne inspect the Blake Hall to ensure that renovations are feasible.

The Treasurer went over the revenue, reserve and reserve funds.

The next budget meeting would be April 24<sup>th</sup> with another draft of the budget provided that would incorporate the requested changes. The Treasurer would provide further information on the gas tax monies and what it could be expensed to. Information on both the 2008 provincial budget allocation of \$198,126 should be available by this date as well as information on the 2 greening grants that have been announced from FCM and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Council debated the reserves and determined that the current levels need to be maintained. They realized that while some monies have to be spent from the reserves, sufficient amounts should be going back into them.

In reply to the Treasurer, Council stated that they would like to stay within a 2% increase for taxation purposes.

Concluding Reports:

In reply to the Acting Clerk's question, Council advised that the lease agreement for the Hwy 608 property could wait until next week when Mr. Wieckowski returned to his office.

The Acting Clerk informed Council that she would be ordering new landfill stickers shortly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 146-04-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt

Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the time being 10:26, this Special Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

**CARRIED**

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR  
Steven Harasen

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ACTING CLERK  
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT