

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, May 14, 2008

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

ABSENT: Mayor Steven Harasen

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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

Resolution to Amend the Agenda

Res. No. 177-05-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda for Wednesday, May 14, 2008 by adding the following:

Under Discussion:

- Forestry Coalition - Endangered Species (Act)

Under Correspondence:

- Committee of Adjustment - White

**CARRIED**

Adopting the Minutes:

Regular Meeting - April 16, 2008

Res. No. 178-05-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Adopting the Minutes: con't

Special Meeting - April 24, 2008

Councillors Jeffery and Schmidt abstained from voting as they were not in attendance.

Page 1, 5 lines from the bottom should be amended to read "budget" after "education"

Res. No. 179-05-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday Thurs., April 24, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

Special Meeting - April 28, 2008

Res. No. 180-05-2008

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

THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday Monday, April 28, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

Special Meeting - May 7, 2008

Councillor Jeffery abstained from voting as he was absent.

Res. No. 181-05-2008

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

THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Wednesday May 7, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

None at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of By-law Number 766-2008 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Neening and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 87 be read for a first and second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

Res. No. 182-05-2008

Moved by: Roger Shott  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

That by-law Number 766-2008 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 87 be read for a first and second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

**CARRIED**

DISCUSSION:

Accept Neebing Hall Board Minutes

Res. No. 183-05-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the minutes of the Hall Board Meeting held on Monday, April 15, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

The Acting Clerk was directed to update the current by-law and bring it back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of June.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities - join or not?

Council declined the offer to join.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities- Green Municipal Fund

It was determined that this was not viable for Neebing at this time.

Robert C. Edwards - attend site visit

This would be discussed in the In-Camera portion of the meeting.

NOMA - resolution at convention

Council received an apology from Mr. Taniwa regarding the confusion over the resolution introduced at NOMA and then pulled by our Council. The Acting Clerk was directed to look into this matter further.

Requests for Donations - Pope John Paul II Senior Elementary School and  
Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre

Council determined that they would not support either at this time.

Resolution from Other Municipalities

City of Port Colborne Resolution - Provincial Funding to Offset Municipal Costs Relating to Compliance with O. Reg. 429/07

Res. No. 184-05-2008

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the City of Port Colborne and calls upon the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to petition for and work with the Province of Ontario on the development and provision of a proper and fair provincial funding mechanism to assist municipalities and other provincially funded public sector organizations in complying with the provisions of O.Reg 429/07 so that the financial burden imposed by the Regulation is fairly shared by all the residents of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Tay Valley Township - Provincial Funding - Evaluation & Approval Process

Res. No. 185-05-2008

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports Tay Valley Township and requests that the Province make infrastructure funding available to All municipalities based upon formulae similar to those developed for the Move Ontario and the Municipal Roads and Bridges Fund so that municipal politicians and staff do not have to waste valuable time, effort and money in applying for the various programs' funds that would enable the construction of necessary projects.

**CARRIED**

Township of Tiny - 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Arrival of Samuel de Champlain

Res. No. 186-05-2008

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Tiny in relation to the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary - arrival of Samuel de Champlain.

**CARRIED**

Ontario's Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA)

To be adopted later in the evening.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed several pieces of correspondence.

By-LAWS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

3<sup>rd</sup> reading of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of By-law Number 766-2008 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 87 be read for a first and second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

Res. No. 157-04-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

That by-law Number 766-2008 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 87 be read for a third time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008

**CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Acting Clerk reported to Council that the NorWest Community Health Centre would like to thank them for their request to have the mobile van stop in Neebing, however due to funding and the lack thereof they are unable to provide any service at this time. Neebing is to contact them again in the fall in the hopes that their funding has been increased. The Acting Clerk was directed to contact Mr. Bill Mauro, MPP appraising him of NorWest Community Health Centres financial dilemma's.

Adjourn into an In-Camera Session to discuss personnel issues.

Res. No. 188-05-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the time being 8:34 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss the hiring of staff and other outstanding personnel issues.

**CARRIED**

Council reviewed the recommendations for the positions of By-law Enforcement Officer; Grass cutter; Landfill Site Attendants and Seasonal Truck Driver. They also reviewed several other outstanding personnel issues that the liaison committees were reviewing.

To adjourn the In-Camera portion of the Meeting

Res. No. 189-05-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the time being 9:43, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

**CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiring of Seasonal Staff

Res. No. 190-05-2008

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

THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby offers the positions of:

Seasonal Truck Driver to Charles Rimkus for the term June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at a rate of pay of \$20.83 per hour plus 4% vacation;

Seasonal Grass Cutter to Jodi Halunga for the term May 19<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at a rate of pay of \$11.43 per hour plus 4% vacation;

Landfill Site Attendants to Vince Ellis and Jodi Halunga for the term May 19<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at a rate of pay of \$11.4\3 per hour plus 4% vacation.

There are no benefits attached to these jobs, Council has the right to extend or shorten the time periods as required.

Employment dependent on satisfactory reference checks and valid driver's licenses. Hiring to be enforced by By-law.

**CARRIED**

Hiring of By-law Enforcement Officer

Res. No. 191-05-2008

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

THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby conditionally offers the position of By-law Enforcement Officer to the company of Tony Pacifico, pending further agreement with the Township of Conmee and Gillies;

AND THAT prior to acceptance of the position of Tony Pacifico, he submits a Terms of Reference and Price List for the services to be provided for Council approval. Proof of \$5 million liability insurance be submitted and sustained.

**CARRIED**

Ontario Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA)

Res. No. 192-05-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery  
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

Whereas the Ontario's Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA):

Has been in place since 1994 and requires "that Forest Management Plans (FMPs) identify threatened and endangered species as "featured species" and provide for their protection within the area covered by the plan,"

Is built on a model of continuous improvement and adaptive management, Forest management guides/guidelines must be reviewed at a minimum of every 5 years to ensure they incorporate and reflect new science, and

WHEREAS the implementation of CFSA has resulted in a proven, effective and efficient means of providing for species at risk, and

WHEREAS Ontario's forestry practices that are internationally recognized as world class;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Neebing

a) calls on the Government of Ontario to ensure that the "Endangered Species Act (ESA) will not replace the forest management planning process, but rather complements this process and provide opportunities to integrate species and habitat protection requirements" and

b) calls on the Government of Ontario to live up to the commitment made by the Minister of Natural Resources in May, 2007 when he stated "specific recognition of the Crown Forest sustainability Act (CFSA) and Forest Management Plans as equivalent processes which plan for species at risk (and) can be accomplished through Bill 184 (the Endangered Species Act). Specifically, Section 54 (now section 55) allows regulations to be made which can provide for forest management activities that address protection of species at risk and their habitat?"

**CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 193-05-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt  
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the time being 9:59 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

**CARRIED**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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DEPUTY MAYOR  
Dawne Kilgour

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Acting-Clerk  
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT