

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at the Municipal Office

On Wednesday, April 2, 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 7:30 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. 131-04-2008

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

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby amends the Agenda for Wednesday, April 2, 2008 by adding the following:

Under Discussion:

- Municipal Infrastructure Initiative Investment
- Road Inspection

Under Correspondence:

- Association of Mining Municipalities of Ontario - invitation

Under Unfinished Business:

- Blake Hall Board - Roof Proposals

Under New Business:

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

CARRIED

Adopting the Minutes:

Regular Meeting - March 19, 2008

Res. No. 132-04-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Adopting the Minutes: con't

Special Meeting - March 26, 2008

Res. No. 133-04-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: James Jeffery

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AUDIENCE DEPUTATIONS:

John Barch - Director of Engineering - Tbay Tel

Mr. Barch fielded questions from both Council and the audience regarding broadband and cell phone service within the boundaries of Neebing. He stated that the intent was to have cell phone service right to the border with the first tower being installed in 2007, the next slated for 2008 and the 3rd and last one being constructed in 2009 (dependent on budget allocations and land acquisitions). While TBay Tel would like to see broadband service benefit the entire community, it just is not feasible at this point in time due to the terrain. TBay Tel were attempting to position the cell towers so that broadband canopies could give the best possible range available. The Mink Mountain microwave tower would be reviewed to see if it was feasible to attach a canopy for broadband service, however it would be dependent on budgeting. Mr. Barch advised that they were constantly tweaking the tower on Carlson Road, however they had to be careful as it could affect other towers both in the area and within the City. Different ideas and scenarios were looked at for broadband coverage and how it could assist in bringing more businesses into the area. It was noted that one could partner with other community stakeholders to finance towers and canopies.

Council thanked Mr. Barch for his interesting deputation.

RESOLUTIONS:

1st & 2nd reading of By-law Number 764-2008 being a by-law to close, stop up and sell a part of the original shore road allowance surrounding a portion of Pie Island and the entire Flatland Island, Township of Blake.

Res. No. 134-04-2008

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

That by-law Number 764-2008, being a By-law to close, stop up and sell a part of the original shore road allowance surrounding a portion of Pie Island and the entire Flatland Island Township of Blake be read for a first and second time this 2nd day of April, 2008.

CARRIED

Resolutions: con't

Change Meeting Date from May 7th to May 14th.

Res. No. 135-04-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby authorizes the rescheduling of the Wednesday, May 7th Regular Meeting to Wednesday, May 14th, 2008.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

Municipal Infrastructure Initiative Investment

Council was appraised that the \$1.6 million had already been received and was in our account.

Councillor Schmidt asked that the Operations Manager and staff be complimented for their work on this application. Councillor Shott added that it was good to see something of this calibre come together and see the results.

Council felt that it was good planning to have a project initiated at all times in the event that a grant opened up. It was noted that the time lines to proceed with grants were always short and most applications need to be project ready.

Road Inspection

This was set for Tuesday, April 8th and Wednesday April 9th. Council was to be sure to look at the replacement of the demolished Pine River Bridge during their inspection.

Pinewood Court - Audited Financial Statement/Final Closure-Distribution of Funds

The Acting Clerk noted that the statements were in the office for Council's perusal.

Res. No. 136-04-2008

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby directs the Treasurer to deposit the cheque from Pinewood Court in the amount of \$2,846.69 into the Medical Education Bursary Reserve for future use.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION: con't

EMO - Annual Executive Meeting

The meeting is to be held on April 17th at 4:30.

Resolution from other Municipalities

Township of Hilliard - Continue to allow the ownership of handguns

Res. No. 137-04-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Township of Hilliard in their request and petitions the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to continue to allow the ownership of handguns.

CARRIED

Town of Kingsville Kraft Hockeyville 2008

Res. No. 138-04-2008

Moved by: Beverly Mercer
Seconded by: Maureen Schmidt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of Kingsville and supports the Town of Kingsville's endeavours to become Kraft Hockeyville 2008 but also, in an effort to keep the title of Kraft Hockeyville 2008 within the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

Town of Tecumseh - Rural Infrastructure Program

Res. No. 139-04-2008

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

THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Town of Tecumseh and requests that the Ontario Government and Government of Canada enter into an agreement for the purpose of delivering Ontario's share of the \$64 million Municipal Rural Infrastructure program (MRIF) "top-up" funds announced in February 2007 and committing the Ontario Government to contribute matching funds of \$64 million as agreed to under the November 15, 2004, Ontario-Canada Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) Agreement.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION: con't

Resolutions from Other Municipalities: con't

Political Action Committee and The Retired Teachers of Ontario - highway upgrades across Ontario

Res. No. 140-04-2008

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

THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing hereby supports the Political Action Committee Thunder Bay District 2 and the Retired Teachers of Ontario and requests that the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario upgrade the highways from Nipigon to Thunder Bay and from Kenora to the Manitoba border making them safer, secure; user friendly and open to traffic.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed several pieces of correspondence and directed the Acting Clerk to investigate the FCM grants that may be available for greening community centres.

By-LAWS: 3rd Reading.

3rd reading of By-law Number 764-2008 being a by-law to close, stop up and sell a part of the original shore road allowance surrounding a portion of Pie Island and the entire Flatland Island, Township of Blake.

Res. No. 141-04-2008

Moved by: James Jeffery
Seconded by: Dawne Kilgour

THAT by-law Number 764-2008, being a by-law to close, stop up and sell a part of the original shore road allowance surrounding a portion of Pie Island and the entire Flatland Island, Township of Blake be read for a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of April 2008.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councillor Shott outlined the lease agreement for the property on Hwy 608 and determined that there were three clauses that need to be removed - tenants compensation - 1st right of refusal - subletting of the property. Council felt these were all detrimental to the Municipality and would like to see them removed, then forwarded to our solicitor for final comment before the property is advertised for lease.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Res. No. 142-04-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Roger Shott

THAT the time being 8:57 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel issues.

CARRIED

Res. No. 143-04-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the time being 9:07 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is adjourned to an In-Camera Meeting to discuss personnel issues.

CARRIED

The Treasurer's evaluation was discussed.

It was determined that a protocol would be established for advising Council of confidential information.

To adjourn the In-Camera portion of the Meeting

Res. No. 144-04-2008

Moved by: Maureen Schmidt
Seconded by: Beverly Mercer

THAT the time being 9:37, the In-Camera portion of the meeting is hereby adjourned and the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Res. No. 145-04-2008

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

THAT the time being 9:41 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council is hereby adjourned.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steven Harasen

Acting-Clerk
Delma Stajkowski, AMCT