

**TOWN OF NEEPAWA  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 280 HAMILTON ST.  
NEEPAWA,**

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Durston, Deputy Mayor Bill Stilwell, Councillors Wayne Hollier, Ron Forsman, Monty Simon, Wendy Menzies, Jim Cockburn, and CAO Bardsley

GUESTS: Debbie Stemkoski (NACTV), Elizabeth Tregger (Neepawa Press), Kate Jackman-Atkinson (Neepawa Banner)

ABSENT:

28070 FORSMAN - MENZIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve agenda for September 15, 2009.

CARRIED

28071 COCKBURN - HOLLIER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the minutes of Regular meeting and Public Hearing held September 1, 2009, as circulated and posted.

CARRIED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

28072 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Chair Councillor W. Hollier

Councillor Hollier reported on the Economic Development position, CN land acquisition, tendering of East View Lodge. Examining economic advantages/disadvantages of Trade Show participation is to be discussed at the next Strategic Planning Session for Economic Development for the Town of Neepawa and the RM of Langford, September 30, 2009.

Councillor Hollier reported on the upcoming Public Meeting on the rezoning of property owned by the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op behind the current gas bar on PTH Highway #16.

28073 ESSENTIAL SERVICES – Chair Councillor M. Simon  
No Report

28074 UTILITIES – Chair Councillor W. Menzies

Councillor Menzies reported on the Communities in Bloom National Awards and acknowledgement by the judges was passed on through Wendy. The IWWTF was discussed and the newest progress reported. The flow attenuation tanks will be filled with water for leak testing. CAO Bardsley reported on the arrangements made to measure, transfer and possibly re-use the water.

28075 PUBLIC WORKS – Chair Councillor R. Forsman

Councillor Forsman reported on the latest project of the Archive Committee and presented the latest information regarding the mural project being researched. Councillor Forsman reported on Transforming Communities through the Tourism Conference held at the VCC yesterday, sponsored in part by MAFRI.

28076 FINANCE – Chair Councillor B. Stilwell

Councillor Stilwell reported on the Neepawa Library regarding operating hour discussions. The board and staff are looking for input on the current hours and the general public's feeling of accessibility.

28077 RECREATION, LEISURE SERVICES AND CULTURE – Chair Councillor J. Cockburn

Councillor Cockburn reported on the meeting involving the Torch Run today. A meeting at VCC was announced for October, 2009. Multi-Use facility meeting to be scheduled for the Advisory Committee in October once a keynote speaker is confirmed. HAND – there will be flu shot clinics Oct. 21, Nov. 5, and 12 at the Yellowhead Arena and in October at the Legion Hall. Please check the local papers for confirmed dates. There will be no flu clinics at the Kinsmen Courts or Yellowhead Manor this year. Councillor Cockburn traveled to Dauphin with Genie Barnaby to attend a workshop regarding Multi- Purpose Senior Centre's. Constable Bob Chabot will be working with HAND on a new program covering many topics of interest and information for seniors and to promote safety.

28078 CAO REPORT – reported on the finalization of seasonal staff positions. The reports from the pool and day camp will be forthcoming. Administration staff have been busy receiving payments of property taxes. CAO is continuing negotiating legal agreements for the Industrial Waste Water Treatment Facility.

28079 MAYORS REPORT – see attached

28080 Mayor Durston stayed the Regular meeting of Council to open the Public Hearing. Upon Adjournment of the Public Hearing the regular meeting of council resumed.

28081 FORSMAN - MENZIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa give By-Law 3077, being a By-Law to rename a part of a street generally described as being part of Westcreek Crescent in the Town of Neepawa to Davies Drive, be now read a second time.

CARRIED

28082 HOLLIER – FORSMAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa give By-Law No. 3077, being a By-Law to rename a part of a street generally described as being part of Westcreek Crescent in the Town of Neepawa to Davies Drive, be now read a third time and passed.

FOR: Mayor Durston, Councillors Cockburn, Stilwell, Hollier, Forsman, Menzies, and Simon

AGAINST: 0

CARRIED

28083 SIMON - FORSMAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa authorize and accepts the quote from John's Electric, in the amount of \$4200.00 plus taxes, for the installation of the Emergency Operations Centre generator wiring, located at 275 Hamilton Street.

CARRIED

28084 SIMON - FORSMAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa authorize and accepts the quote from MTS, in the amount of \$577.50, for the installation of six phone lines at the Emergency Operations Centre, located at 275 Hamilton Street.

CARRIED

28085 COCKBURN - FORSMAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Neepawa authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation Nest Structure Agreement, as attached.

CARRIED

28086 MENZIES – FORSMAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa authorize Water Services Board to sign a contract with W.L. Gibbons & Associates Inc. for consulting services for constructing water production and monitoring wells for the Town of Neepawa groundwater supply system.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Neepawa agrees to cost share 50/50 with Water Services Board the additional \$82,000.00 required for this project

CARRIED

#### 28087 SIMON – FORSMAN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa deal with the following communications as indicated:

1. The Heavy News Weekly dated August 27, September 3, 2009; received as information.
2. Roxy Theatre meeting minutes June 11, July 21, 2009; received as information and filed.
3. H1N1 Bulletin dated Sept 2, 2009; received as information and filed.
4. Manitoba Hydro news dated Aug 31, 2009; received as information.
5. Community Transportation Toolkit dated Sept 4, 2009; received as information and filed.
6. Canadian waste & recycling expo pamphlet; received as information and filed.
7. Frontline Security magazine, summer 2009; received as information.
8. On-Site Heavy Construction News July/August 2009; received as information.
9. Kubota fall sale flyer; received as information.
10. Interlocking concrete paving magazine August 2009; received as information.
11. Municipal World magazine September 2009; received as information and filed.
12. MacMor Industries Ltd. Magazine; received as information.
13. Enhanced 9-1-1 Service Fee 2010 letter dated Aug 27, 2009; received as information and filed.
14. Whirlwind workshops-Policies and Procedures, Emotional Intelligence; received as information and filed.
15. Manitoba Building Officials Assoc.- Annual Fall Seminar and Trade Show info.; received as information and filed.
16. Municipal Policing Agreement; received as information and filed.
17. Seasonal Flu information; received as information and filed.
18. NADCO Financial Statement; received as information and filed.
19. Age Friendly Manitoba; received as information.
20. Municipal Procurement pamphlet; received as information and filed.
21. The Supreme Master Ching Hai International Association letter and magazines; received as information and filed.

CARRIED

#### 28088 OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cockburn inquired if we could include the copy of tonight's meeting as taped by Access 12 to the Municipal Board with our application.

Councillor Cockburn asked If we have buoys around the aerator at Lake Irwin, it was suggested that we should have and inquire with our insurance agent (Risk Management) on this item.

28089 STILWELL - COCKBURN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 9:42 P.M.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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**TOWN OF NEEPAWA  
PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL  
September 15, 2009  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 280 HAMILTON ST.  
NEEPAWA, 8:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Durston, Deputy Mayor Stilwell, Councillors Cockburn, Forsman, Hollier, Menzies, Simon, CAO Bardsley, Asst CAO Martin, OMD Irving, WTP Superintendent Sakrani

GUESTS: Debbie Stemkoski (NAC-TV), Elizabeth Tregger (Neepawa Press), Kate Jackman-Atkinson (Neepawa Banner)

OTHER GUESTS: as attached

28090 MENZIES – FORSMAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now open this Public Hearing to hear representation to By-law No. 3078 and Local Improvement Plan No. 01/09 to provide for a new raw water supply pipeline.

CARRIED

28091 Mayor Durston explained the process of the Public Hearing. If any member of the audience had an objection, the objection needed to be registered before the end of the Public Hearing.

28092 Councillor Menzies presented a history of the project which first began in 1984.

28093 CAO reviewed the By-law particulars.

28094 CAO presented one written objection to By-law 3078 from Lloyd Hall, Roll #9500 & 9600, objecting to the taxation of these properties, as these properties are not serviced by the public water system. Mr Hall has to maintain his own water supply system because of the location of his property and for this reason he feels he should not have to pay for a service he can not use. His main piece of property, which is where his residence is situated, is located on the north side of the CPR railway from Hurrell Road, which makes hooking up the public water system unfeasible. The second parcel of property is on the south side of the railway and is very narrow and can only accommodate a lane which he uses for access to his home.

28095 Merv Martin attended and presented the following questions.

1. The water treatment plant is now operating at what percentage of capacity and can the plant treat more water for future needs?
2. The existing plant was upgraded in what year and what is the estimated life span remaining?
3. Are there any projected costs for maintaining the existing plant in the near future and what have been the maintenance costs in the last two years?
4. Will Lake Irwin need to be dredged in the near future?
5. Drawing water from the aquifer and using the existing treatment plant would that allow for more water to be treated than what is treated now?
6. If drawing water from the aquifer and a new water treatment plant, what percentage more water would be provided than the existing plant drawing from Lake Irwin?
7. Cost of chemicals to treat the existing water and cleaning the sludge pond is how much per year on average, could there be a saving for chemical treatment with the use of

a new plant and water from the aquifer?

8. It was stated that costs for the loan is approximately \$144.00 for a \$100,000 house per year which would be \$72 for a \$50,000 house; as more development occurs for residential and commercial projects, could those costs drop?

9. Will there be sufficient water with what we have now to support a proposed 62 apartment block at Eastview Lodge, 47 suites at Asphen Lea, 10 condo units at Westcreek and the creation of 12 new lots at Hillcrest being 131 units that may be started in the next two years as well as other residential and commercial projects that may happen in the future?

10. How much money has been spent to date, to consultants, to do the assessment for the new water source from the aquifer?

Mr Martin also advised that he and his wife are homeowners and have rental homes in the Town of Neepawa. His opinion is that the Town of Neepawa needs a water source that will supply the future needs of a growing community. The first phase of tapping into the aquifer and the second phase of upgrading the water treatment plant should supply the water needed for the future, allowing our community to grow and to encourage economic development. A growing community will retain the value of our properties. A future with a limited water supply, limits residential, commercial and economic development.

Mr. Martin encouraged Council to vote in favor of the borrowing by-law worth 3.7 million for phase one for a new water source.

28096 Jane Goudie attended and presented the following questions.

1. What will be the life expectancy of the water line?
2. Could the borrowing by-law be extended to 30 years?

As a tax payer of the Town of Neepawa, Mrs Goudie objected to the borrowing of 3.7 million over a twenty year term and requested Council's consideration in extending the life of the loan to 30 years.

28097 Reeve Ed Levandoski, from the R.M. of Rosedale, attended and advised that the R.M. of Rosedale supports the proposed change of water supply from the aquifer. When this change comes about it will help the R.M. of Rosedale in that additional hookups would be possible. What will benefit Rosedale in terms of development will also benefit Neepawa since it is our main service centre. More water will provide for more residential and business opportunities in Neepawa and Rosedale which in return would provide opportunities for our youth. That is the major target group for an area to grow and prosper. If this opportunity is lost then we all lose, since any new growth requiring water will not happen. the rough estimate of this cost on \$100,000 assessment if \$.40 per day. We urge your Council to weigh the consequences if this does not proceed. The R.M. of Rosedale hereby gives its support to this change of water supply. It will benefit Neepawa and the R.M.'s of Langford and Rosedale in terms of future growth and development.

28098 Brian Scott attended and presented the following questions.

1. How many litres are allotted per day?
2. With the current plant could the water be treated?
3. Why not build the plant first?
4. How much money has been set aside in the last 20 years for this project?
5. What is the population of Neepawa?

28099 Reeve Kathy Jasienczyk from the R.M. of Langford attended and congratulated those who are proactive on this project. Langford realizes this potential and supports this project. Water is an issue for the whole area. The water at Lake Irwin will not get any better and for our future and our children we need this better quality of water.

28100 Ron Goldade attended and suggested charging on a meter rate rather than on the

assessment rate and the by-law needs to project the proper interest rate.  
If the interest rate decreases then the taxpayer should also see this savings.

28101 Denis Vielfaure, representing Springhill Farm Inc, attended to support this project. A safe and reliable water source is very important for the future.

28102 Bruce Menzies attended to support this project. Water quality is very important and the average person would probably spend \$144.00 per year on bottled water. This would also eliminate all the plastic in our landfill. We need to proceed with this project as costs will only increase in the future. Mr Menzies questioned whether our allocation has ever changed. We need to proceed with this project or we may lose our water rights allocation. Quality and quantity are concerns for growth.

Staff attempted to answer each question to the best their knowledge.

28103 MENZIES – FORSMAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn this Public Hearing at 9:25 P.M.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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