

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB**

Present: Mayor de Groot, Deputy Mayor Jarema, Councillors Cockburn, Dietrich, Gerrard, Parrott and Stilwell; Chief Administrative Officer Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet and Municipal Clerk Jodi Baker

Guests: Jackie Snyder – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux, Allan Gillies, Sylvie Tomoniko and Clara Boyle

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution No: 2016 14**

Cockburn/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

**Carried**

**2. In Camera**

**Resolution No: 2016 15**

Cockburn/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now sit as a “Committee of the Whole In Camera” to discuss strategic planning.

**Carried**

**3. Out of In Camera**

**Resolution No: 2016 16**

Cockburn/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn the “In Camera” session at 6:52 p.m. and resume the Regular Meeting of Council.

**Carried**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution No: 2016 17**

Cockburn/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 5, 2016 as circulated, posted and attached.

**Carried**

**5. Delegation – 7:30 p.m. - Regional Festival - Clara Boyle & Sylvie Tominiko**

- Presented to Council an idea for a summer festival that would incorporate various community organizations.
- Further discussions to include determining the level of commitment by the Town and then a roll out to the community to solicit input. Following same a template would be created to build upon.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 FCM 2016 Membership**

- Brief debate on the benefits to Neepawa.

**7. Council Committee Assignment Reports**

**7.1 Councillor Jarema**

- Updated Council on the progress of the Gasification project for Evergreen Environmental Technologies. A resolution is forthcoming later in the meeting.

## **8. Council Committee Reports**

### **8.1 Public Works & Infrastructure Committee**

- Met to discuss a new policy for parks use; sewer call outs and traffic by-law amendments.
- Research continues into changes to the solid waste and recycling program.

### **8.2 Community Development Committee – Councillor Parrott & Councillor Gerrard**

- Recently reviewed the various policies related to the Leisure Services department.
- EDO Crewe and Councillor Gerrard have been participating in the development of a provincial economic development strategy.
- EDO Crewe is in the preliminary stages of establishing a Yellowhead Investment Corridor and are pursuing the leverage of Federal funding to assist with investment opportunities.
- The establishment of a new taxi service in Neepawa serves to address an issue identified through the REAP process whereby a gap existed in having a livery service.

## **9. Managers Report**

### **9.1 CAO Colleen Synchyshyn**

- Deadline for contacting the Public Utilities Board (PUB) with comments related to the water and sewer rate application has passed. Two responses were received and will be reviewed by the PUB.
- Resource Centre has been vacated and we are nearing completion of the subdivision requirements.
- The process has begun to update the emergency planning processes for Neepawa. Community participation will be important to ensure an effective plan is in place.

### **9.2 Manager of Operations Denis Saquet**

- 2015 summary
  - Completed various drainage projects with attention to MIT requirements on PTH 16
  - Ellen Street completed
  - Old landfill has been levelled off and almost completed at a cost far below the original estimate.
  - Improvements to the lagoon cells including attention to meeting remediation requirements.
  - Hummerston well is nearing completion.

### **9.3 Water & Wastewater Supervisor Howard Buffi**

- Request for Council to consider discontinuing fluoride in the water treatment process.
- More information to be gathered (both pro and con).

### **9.4 Economic Development Officer Marilyn Crewe**

- The Town of Neepawa has a new promotional video showcasing the community.
- 20 commercial building permits were taken out in 2015 totalling \$1.6 million
- Participating in the development of a draft provincial economic development strategy.

### **9.5 Leisure Services Manager Amanda Novak**

- 2015 summary:
  - Successful in sourcing \$27,233.00 grants towards facilities, programs and summer students.
  - 529 swimming lesson taught at the Neepawa Pool, which is one of the largest providers of Red Cross lessons in rural Manitoba.
  - Addressing various pool maintenance issues to mitigate issues for 2016 start up.
  - Hosted various successful events, with most recent being a coordinated meeting for various community groups to move forward with a strategic approach to recreation for the community.

## **9.6 Fire Chief Scott Gibson**

- 2015 summary:
  - Fire Department responded to 89 calls - mostly routine calls with one significant fire call.
  - Maintenance and repair of equipment has been minimal up until December when truck #1 experienced a major failure resulting in substantial repairs and down time. Expect the repairs to be completed by mid-February.
  - Purchased an AED unit to carry in the fire truck.
  - Received training in a new protocol for immobilizing possible spinal injury patients.
  - Many hour spent in the planning and preparation for a new fire truck and fire hall for 2016.

## **9.7 Director of Finance Jamie Davie**

- Completing yearend reconciliations and various reporting as of December 31, 2015.
- In the midst of compiling information for the 2016 budget/financial plan.

## **10. Correspondence**

10.1 RCMP December 2015 Report – received as information.

10.2 NACTV - Annual Showcase February 11th – received as information

## **11. Mayors Report** - Nil

## **12. Resolutions**

### **12.1 Approving FCM 2016 Membership**

#### **Resolution No: 2016 18**

Gerrard/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the payment of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Invoice for 2016 membership, in the amount of \$657.13.

**Defeated**

### **12.2 Directing Fluoride Treatment Process to Public Works & Infrastructure Committee**

#### **Resolution No: 2016 19**

Parrot/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the process of treating the water for the Town of Neepawa with fluoride be directed to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to review and provide recommendation to Council prior to establishing the 2016 budget.

**Carried**

### **12.3 Support for Evergreen Environmental Technologies Gasification Project**

#### **Resolution No: 2016 20**

Cockburn/Jarema

WHEREAS Evergreen Environmental Technologies, in conjunction with Southwest Regional Development Corporation, has been actively pursuing partnerships to conduct a demonstration project to determine the feasibility of using gasification to reduce the amount of waste being landfilled at the waste disposal grounds, and consequently reduce the burdensome costs of running a landfill;

AND WHEREAS the research conducted to date supports this project as a sustainable practice which will have benefits far beyond the scope of the initial project;

AND WHEREAS lobby efforts are underway, with the assistance of the AMM, to advocate for the ability to establish the project at Evergreen Environmental Technologies and to solicit for funding assistance to enable construction and operation of the project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa recognizes the efforts of Evergreen Environmental Technologies and the Southwest Regional Development Corporation in pursuing the gasification project, and hereby validates our commitment and support to access any available provincial and federal funding that will be needed to meet the financial obligations of seeing this project through to fruition.

**Carried**

### **13. Other Business**

#### **13.1 Provincial Economic Development Strategy**

- Appreciation to EDO Crewe for her participation on the committee with the AMM to outline a provincial economic development strategy.

#### **13.2 Horticultural Society Convention**

- Brief mention by Councillor Cockburn to take advantage of an opportunity to hear Bill Stilwell present as a guest speaker at the Horticulture Society Convention to be held in Neepawa as related to his successful literary works.

### **14. Adjournment**

#### **Resolution No: 2016 21**

Cockburn/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 8:20 p.m.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer