

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB

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

Absent: Councillors Cockburn and Gerrard

Guests: Jackie Snider - NACTV, Eoin Devereaux - Neepawa Banner/Press

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2016 31

Dietrich/Stilwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the Regular Meeting agenda for February 16, 2016.

Carried

2. In Camera

Resolution No: 2016 32

Parrott/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now sit as a "Committee of the Whole In Camera" to discuss the following: Strategic Planning, Legal, Personnel.

Carried

3. Out of In Camera

Resolution No: 2016 33

Dietrich/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn the "In Camera" session at 7:03 p.m. and resume the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2016 34

Dietrich/Stilwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 2, 2016 as circulated, posted and attached.

Carried

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1 7:05 p.m. - Neepawa Natives - Ken Waddell (Team Update)

- Established in 1989, the Neepawa Natives have a considerable impact on the community. Measured against the other communities who host a similar team, Neepawa Natives operates on the smallest budget of roughly \$300,000.
- The economic impact of having the team in Neepawa is substantial and they are the 2nd largest revenue generator for the Yellowhead Centre.
- Currently have an elected board of 14 members who are dedicated to achieving the success of the team and ensuring that they can meet their financial objectives.
- Requesting grant assistance from the Town of Neepawa in amount of \$20,000 to help offset ice rentals.

6. Old Business

6.1 MIT - Highway Traffic Board Hearing re: speed reduction PTH 16 East

- Following a lengthy review, the Town of Neepawa's application was denied.

6.2 Notice of Motion - Resolution 2016 6 January 5, 2016 - Dutch Elm Disease Management Agreement

- Mayor de Groot vacated the chair to Deputy Mayor Dietrich and presented a memo for council's information.
- Continued concerns were expressed regarding the downloading from the Province of Manitoba and imposing these costs at the municipal level. This measured against the obligation to comply with the legislation.
- Resolution forthcoming later in the meeting to reconsider the previous decision.
- At the close of discussion, Mayor de Groot resumed the chair.

7. New Business

7.1 Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association - 2016 Membership

- Discussion on the benefits of the membership.

8. Managers Report - Nil

8.1 Leisure Services Manager Amanda Novak

- Highlighted the Recreation Feasibility Study results and discussion with Council.
- Winter Wonderland Festival was successful with specific notation related to the raising of \$2,365 for the new fire hall through the mustache growing contest.
- Multi-group spring registration evening will be held at the Yellowhead on March 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- On-line registration for 2016 swimming programs will begin Thursday March 17 @ 7 a.m.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Western Manitoba Regional Library Board 2016 Levy – levy increase by 75 cents to \$10.00 per capita for 2016.

9.2 RCMP January 2016 Report - Received as information.

9.3 Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association - 2016 Membership – Membership to be debated later in the meeting.

10. Resolutions

10.1 Reconsider Resolution 2016-6 Community Forest Grant Agreement

Resolution No: 2016 35

Jarema/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa reconsider resolution 2016-6, defeated January 5, 2016, being a resolution to sign the Community Forest Grant Agreement for the control and management of Dutch Elm Disease.

Carried

10.2 Community Forest Grant Agreement

Resolution No: 2016 36

Jarema/Dietrich

WHEREAS the Town of Neepawa is in receipt of the Community Forest Grant Agreement #5192-2016/17 from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship for the control and management of trees subject to Dutch Elm Disease for period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Neepawa.

Amendment

Dietrich/Stilwell

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a policy be developed to control the Forest Threat response zone and responsibilities for same.

Amendment - Carried

Resolution as Amended - Carried

10.3 Authorize Attendance at the MGRA 2016 Awards Banquet

Resolution No: 2016 37

Jarema/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa authorize the attendance of a member of Council to the 2016 Manitoba Good Roads Association Annual Awards Banquet, April 12, 2016 in Brandon, to receive the Town of Neepawa's award on behalf of Council.

Carried

10.4 Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association - 2016 Membership

Resolution No: 2016 38

Dietrich/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa agree to renew their membership with the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association for 2016 in amount of \$571.57.

Carried

10.5 Approval to Host Fireworks Display on July 1

Resolution No: 2016 39

Parrott/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa hereby approve and host a fireworks display at Riverbend Park in Neepawa, Manitoba on July 1, 2016 (Canada Day) with July 23, 2016 identified as a tentative rain date.

Carried

11. Other Business

11.1 Pre-Budget Meeting for 2016

- Councillor Bill Stilwell as Chair of the Finance Committee extended an invitation to the public to attend a pre-budget discussion on February 29, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office. Any and all input is welcome.

12. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2016 40

Stilwell/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 8:14 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer