

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB**

Present: Mayor de Groot, Deputy Mayor Gerrard, Councillors Cockburn, Dietrich, Jarema, Parrott and Stilwell; Chief Administrative Officer Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, Director of Finance Jamie Davie and Economic Development Officer Marilyn Crewe

Guests: Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner/Press, Ken & Christine Waddell – NACTV, Weldon Newton & Ray Redfern

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution No:** 2017 31

Cockburn/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**2. In-Camera**

**Resolution No:** 2017 32

Jarema/Cockburn

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, Legal and Personnel matters.

**CARRIED**

**3. Out of In Camera**

**Resolution No:** 2017 33

Dietrich/Cockburn

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn the “In Camera” session at 7:01 p.m. and resume the Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution No:** 2017 34

Cockburn/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 7, 2017 as circulated, posted and attached.

**CARRIED**

**5. Presentations/Delegations**

**5.1 7:05 p.m. Westman Leadership Group - Soybean Processing Plant Attraction - Weldon Newton & Ray Redfern**

- PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding the attraction of a Soybean Processing Plant to Westman.
- Request for Council support in moving forward with this initiative.

**6. Old Business**

**6.1 Resource Centre Tenders**

- Three tenders were received with a recommendation to be debated by resolution later in the meeting.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1. Beautiful Plains Museum - Request for Municipal Heritage Site Designation**

- Beautiful Plains Museum has requested Municipal Heritage Designation to assist them in preserving and protecting the museum structure as well as provide the ability to more easily secure heritage funding.
- A resolution will be forthcoming.

### **7.2. 2016 General Operating Surplus (Pre-Yearend & Unaudited)**

- As part of finalizing the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2016, Financial Administration recommends the transfer of the projected surplus into the Municipal Facilities Reserve. Council to debate a resolution later in the meeting.

## **8. Council Committee Assignment Reports**

### **Mayor de Groot - Canada 150 - Designate Heritage Week**

- Recommendation that July 14 to July 23, 2017 be known as "Neepawa and Area Heritage Week" to encourage Canada 150 Celebrations to occur during that time period. A resolution will be forthcoming.

### **Councillor Jarema - Evergreen Environmental Technologies**

- The gasification project has been renamed to the Southwest Manitoba Waste System Project. It is anticipated to be operational by fall.

### **Councillor Parrott – NADCO**

- The house recently purchased at 280 Isobel was demolished to allow for increased parking at the clinic.

## **9. Council Committee Reports**

### **9.1 Community Development Committee - Deputy Mayor Gerrard**

- The next Regional Recreation Steering Committee meeting will be held February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

### **9.2 Finance and Administration Committee – Councillor Jarema**

- Noted that a new Reserve By-law and Land Sale Policy will be coming forward for councils review.

## **10. Correspondence**

- **Letter - Anne Nielson - Speed Limit** - Received as information. Administration to follow up with the RCMP and Highways to reiterate the concern and ensure enforcement is applied.
- **MPI Rates for Fire Fighting Payments** - Received as information and filed.

## **11. Mayors Report**

- Discussed the possibility of Council becoming engaged in development.
- Noted that various tax calculators will be available on the Town website in response to the survey results requesting more communication.

## **12. Resolutions**

### **12.1 Outstanding Utilities to Taxes**

**Resolution No:** 2017 35

Cockburn/Jarema

WHEREAS Section 252 (2) of the Municipal Act authorizes a municipality to collect debts in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under the Act;

AND WHEREAS there are outstanding Utilities and Accounts Receivable charges which remain uncollectible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve outstanding utilities and accounts receivable charges to be added to taxes as outlined in schedule "A".

**CARRIED**

### **12.2 Resolution of Support - Attraction of a Soybean Processing Facility to Westman**

**Resolution No:** 2017 36

Cockburn/Gerrard

WHEREAS significant growth in soybean acreage across Manitoba is positioning the Province as an attractive location for a soybean processing facility; and

WHEREAS such a facility would provide significant benefits to Manitoba's soybean producers including but not limited to the generation of a secure local feedstock supply for the existing and expanding livestock sector, but generate possibilities and opportunities for the benefit of the agricultural industry as a whole; and

WHEREAS the Westman Opportunities Leadership Group has been formed with the mandate of attracting a private-sector soybean processing facility to Manitoba, supportive of various employment opportunities and economic growth throughout Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa endorse and support the efforts of the Westman Opportunities Leadership Group to attract private sector investment to establish a soybean processing facility in Manitoba.

**CARRIED**

### **12.3 Resource Centre - Approve Tender**

**Resolution No:** 2017 37

Parrott/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa hereby accept the submission of Budz N' Bloom Daycare for the purchase of Lot 2, Plan 60285 located at 290 Davidson Street at a value of \$50,000, contingent on the demolition of the building and a free and clear lot.

**CARRIED**

### **12.4 Transfer 2016 Surplus to Reserves**

**Resolution No:** 2017 38

Cockburn/Jarema

WHEREAS the General Operating Financial Statements for the Town of Neepawa for the year ended December 31, 2016 reflect an unaudited surplus of approximately \$650,000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the transfer of the 2016 general operating surplus to the Municipal Facilities Reserve, net of any yearend audit adjustments that may be required.

**CARRIED**

## **12.5 Western Diversification Program Application - Resolution of Support (Lagoon Expansion)**

**Resolution No:**2017 39

Cockburn/Gerrard

WHEREAS the Town of Neepawa is pursuing options that will premise the design of the impending lagoon expansion;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Neepawa is currently participating in a Moving Film Bio-Reactor pilot project that will premise the lagoon expansion project;

AND WHEREAS the parameters of the project align with the Clean Technology component of the Western Diversification Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa hereby support an application to the Western Diversification Program for funding assistance in support of a lagoon design premised on supporting and advancing clean technology.

**CARRIED**

## **12.6 Canada 150 - Designate Heritage Week 2017**

**Resolution No:**2017 40

Dietrich/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa hereby designate the time period from July 14, 2017 through July 23, 2017 as "Neepawa and Area Heritage Week", thus providing a period of focus for activities to celebrate Canada's 150th Year of confederation.

**CARRIED**

## **13 By-Laws**

### **13.1 By-Law No. 3145 Water & Sewer Rates - 2nd Reading**

**Resolution No:**2017 41

Parrott/Cockburn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3145, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to establish water and sewer rates for the Town of Neepawa's utility, be now read for a second time.

**CARRIED**

### **13.2 By-Law No. 3145 Water & Sewer Rates - 3rd Reading**

**Resolution No:**2017 42

Stilwell/Cockburn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3145, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to establish water and sewer rates for the Town of Neepawa's utility, be now read for a third time and passed.

For: all

Against: nil

Abstain: nil

**CARRIED**

**14 Other Business**

**14.1 Streets/Snow**

- Councillor Parrott acknowledged his appreciation for the recent efforts to clean the streets and remove the snow and ice buildup.
- Further noted by Mayor de Groot that due to the time of year, potholes are causing some concern. Residents are reminded to be careful and exercise patience as staff attend to patching and repair.

**15 Adjournment**

**Resolution No:2017 43**

Cockburn/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 8:23 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**16 Reconvene In-Camera**

**Resolution No: 2017 44**

Cockburn/Dietrich

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now reconvene as Committee of the Whole In-Camera @ 8:30 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution No: 2017 45**

Cockburn/de Groot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn the in-camera session @ 9:19 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer