

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY MARCH 14, 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, Jarema and Parrott; Chief Administrative Officer Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, Director of Finance Jamie Davie and Municipal Clerk Jodi Baker.

Regrets: Councillors Dietrich & Stillwell

Guests: Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner/Press, Nikki Myker – NACTV

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2017 46

Cockburn/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Carried

2. In-Camera

Resolution No: 2017 47

Cockburn/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 strategic planning & personnel matters.

Carried

3. Out of Camera

Resolution No: 2017 48

Gerrard/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now recess the “In Camera” session at 6:55 p.m. and resume the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2017 49

Cockburn/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 21, 2017 as circulated, posted and attached.

Carried

5. New Business

5.1 Whitemud Watershed Conservation District (WWCD) Carberry Expansion

- The Town of Carberry has made request to join the Whitemud Watershed Conservation District.
- Whitemud Watershed requires a resolution from all current members to allow this expansion.

5.2 Youth Engagement Leader Program

- The Town of Neepawa has been approached to be the Sponsoring Partner for the Youth Engagement Leader for the MB Youth Job Center program.
- The EDO would provide supervision and facilitate the hiring.
- A resolution will be forthcoming.

6. Council Committee Assignment Reports

Councillor Parrott - Neepawa & Area Planning District

- NAPD continues to work on their review and an open house is tentative for late March or early April.

Deputy Mayor Gerrard – Regional Recreation Steering Committee

- The committee met recently and are moving forward positively. They will continue to define their purpose and objectives.

7. Council Committee Reports

7.1 Finance & Administration Committee – Councillor Jarema

7.1.1 Draft - Reserve Fund By-Law

- The proposed Reserve By-Law will consolidate 19 reserve funds into 10 that more appropriately reflect municipal operations. One by-law will now exist with the various schedules providing details on each reserve fund. It will be brought forth for first reading at the next regular meeting of Council.

7.1.2 Draft - Land Sales Policy

- Administration has drafted a Land Sales Policy that will premise a fair and equitable process for the sale of lands deemed surplus in the Town of Neepawa.

7.2 Strategic Initiatives Committee – Mayor de Groot

- Reported on the budget progress for 2017.

8. Managers Report

8.1 Manager of Operations Denis Saquet

- Advised that the Oberon Well was severely damaged due to a hydro surge during the blizzard.
- Contractors and Insurance Adjustors have been out to review the matter with temporary repairs expected to be completed within the next week. More formal replacement of affected equipment is expected to take six weeks.

8.2 Economic Development Officer Marilyn Crewe

- A RFP for the CN Land Redevelopment was issued on February 22 and the deadline for response is March 24.
- An information session will be held regarding MB Agriculture "Community Kitchens" program on March 23. Members from any hall, church or public space are welcome to attend.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Manitoba Good Roads Association AGM & Banquet - Received as information.

9.2 February RCMP Monthly Report - Received as information and filed.

10. Mayors Report

- As a member of the Justice Advisory Committee for the province he noted that a template is being created that will provide an improved reporting mechanism for how the RCMP reports to municipalities. Council will be provided with the opportunity to provide input into the draft template.

11. Resolutions

11.1 Whitemud Watershed Conservation District (WWCD) Carberry Expansion

Resolution No: 2017 50

Cockburn/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa agree to accept the expansion proposal to allow the Town of Carberry to become a member of the Whitemud Watershed Conservation District.

Carried

11.2 Approval of Grants for 2017

Resolution No: 2017 51

Cockburn/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve the following Grants for inclusion in the 2017 Financial Plan:

Beautiful Plains Archives	\$1,500.00
Beautiful Plains Doctor Recruitment	\$2,500.00
Beautiful Plains Horticultural Society	\$1,000.00
Citizens on Patrol	\$1,500.00
Home Assistance Neepawa & District	\$1,995.95
Neepawa in Bloom	\$1,000.00
NACTV	\$4,500.00
Neepawa Baseball/Softball Association	\$4,000.00
Arts Forward	\$6,500.00
Yellowhead Centre	\$85,000.00
TOTAL	\$109,495.95

Carried

12. Accounts and Financial Statements

12.1 Approving 2015 Audited Financial Statements

Resolution No: 2017 52

Cockburn/Jarema

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the December 31, 2015 Audited Financial Statement as presented by Chambers, Fraser and Co.

Carried

12.2 Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Resolution No: 2017 53

Jarema/Cockburn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the December 2016 Financial Statement.

Carried

12.3 February 2017 Cheque Register (all)

Resolution No: 2017 54

Jarema/Cockburn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve the accounts as reviewed for February 2017 totalling \$607,163.36 and representing cheques #201700190 to #201700389, excluding #201700329 and #201700379

Carried

12.4 February 2017 Cheque Register (HH)

Councillor Gerrard declared a conflict and vacated the room, returning at the close of discussion and debate.

Resolution No: 2017 55

Jarema/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve the accounts as reviewed for

February 2017 totalling \$587.02, and representing cheques #201700329 and #201700379
Carried

13. Other Business

- Deputy Mayor Gerrard congratulated the Neepawa Natives for making the playoffs.
- Councillor Cockburn advised that he recently facilitated an EMO table top exercise for the RM of Rosedale.

Regular meeting complete @ 7:40 – Council decision to re-convene the in-camera session to complete unfinished items from the in-camera session at 5:00 p.m.

14. In-Camera

Resolution No. 2017 56

Jarema/de Groot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Town of Neepawa do now re-convene the in-camera session at 7:41 p.m.

Carried

15. Out of Camera

Resolution No: 2017 57

Parrott/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn the in-camera session @ 8:40 p.m.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2017 58

Cockburn/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 8:41 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer