

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB

Present: Mayor Blake McCutcheon, Deputy Mayor Brian Hedley, Councillors Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau & Pudlo, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, Director of Finance Jamie Davie, A CAO Jodi Baker, EDO Marilyn Crewe

Regrets: Councillor Parrott

Guests: Jeremy Vogt – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux, Neepawa Banner/Press, Ken Waddell, Adrian de Groot, Rudy & Isobel Jarema, Alex Jarema, Lisa Pottinger, Karen McDonald

1. Call to Order

Resolution No: 2019-78

Kostenchuk/Pudlo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now open this Public Hearing to hear representation to Local Improvement Plan 1/18 under By-Law 3185-19 regarding a potential borrowing for the completion of Phase II Waste and Wastewater Environmental Asset Integration Project.

CARRIED

2. Local Improvement Plan 1/18 - By-Law 3185-19 Borrowing Phase II Lagoon Project

- By way of PowerPoint presentation, CAO Synchyshyn summarized the scope of the project; the borrowing that will be necessary to fund the project; as well as taxpayer impact under a local improvement plan.
- By-Law 3185-19 and the associated public hearing begins to prepare the Town for the borrowing of money. Provincial approval will also be required as part of the process.
- The Local Improvement is currently cited as \$5 million over 15 years at 5.25%. The Town is currently applying for grants to offset the cost of borrowing, which will in turn reduce the financial impact.
- Two objections were received in relation to By-Law 3185-19 & the associated Local Improvement Levy:
 - Written objection from Scott McDonald – indicated that he had to install his own sewage system and has to pay for sewage hauling to the lagoon. He expressed concern with paying for a utility that he is unable to use.
 - Verbal & written objection from Adrian de Groot – objects to the choice of financing the costs of the project as it places undue hardship on all current non-profit and not-for-profit organizations such as churches and facilities not owned by the Town, as well as property owners who are not part of the wastewater utility.
- Council will debate 1st reading of By-Law 3185-19 on May 7th and if approved, those objecting will be notified of their right to appeal to the Municipal Board.
- For clarity, it was noted that the project and associated by-law relates strictly to creation of a new lagoon and an area for water retention and compost. It does not relate to any internal or external method of sewage collection whether by way of sewage pipe or other method of hauling.

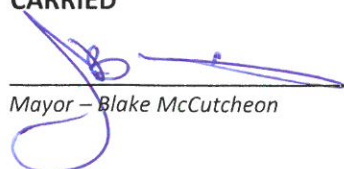
3. Adjourn

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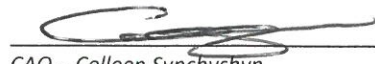
Kostenchuk/Hedley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn this Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor – Blake McCutcheon



CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn