

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY JULY 14, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB

Present: Mayor McCutcheon, Deputy Mayor Hedley, Councillors Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau, Parrott & Pudlo, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, ACAO Jodi Baker, EDO Marilyn Crewe

Guests: Jeremy Vogt & Charsi Magwood - NACTV

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2020-125

Pudlo/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2020-126

Nadeau/Hedley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held June 23, 2020 and the minutes of the Special Meetings of July 1, 2020 and July 7, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Council Reports

3.1 Public Works & Infrastructure Committee - Councillor Parrott

- Access will be provided to the isolated resident, the Bird Sanctuary and Rotary Park by way of a temporary culvert system to be placed adjacent to the collapsed Park Lake bridge. This done while under a state of emergency and providing the ability to research insurance and disaster funding for permanent solution.
- A drainage consultant has been asked to attend the community to assist with an overall plan to mitigate any further concerns into the future.
- Appreciation extended to the community for the tremendous support during the recent flooding disaster.

3.2 Recreation & Economic Development Committee – Councillor Pudlo

- Three new applications to the Storefront Improvement Program have been received and reviewed by the committee (Stride CU, ReMax & Whites Funeral Home). Resolutions to follow later in the meeting.
- As one of the individuals on Walker Ave that was directly impacted by the flooding...extended personal thanks to the community for the overwhelming support received.

4. Other Council Reports (Boards & Committees, etc.)

4.1 Spruce Plains Justice Committee – Councillor Nadeau

- The Committee recently honoured one of their committee members who has served for 36 years. It is also noted that the Spruce Plains Justice Committee is likely the first committee established in Manitoba and has functioned for the longest period of time serving the area.
- Extended appreciation to the community who showed tremendous support to assist when needed.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Manager of Operations Denis Saquet

- Asphalt patching has been completed; however, the intense amounts of rainfall activity has now caused new holes to appear. Public Works will monitor and repair as able.
- The flooding has impacted the ability to progress on planned work projects. As we make some headway with the cleanup, we hope to get some of the targeted projects back in the queue.
- Thank you to volunteers, the community & other communities for offering assistance during the flood.

5.2 Economic Development Officer Marilyn Crewe

- “What’s the Big Idea” event is scheduled for October 15th at the Neepawa Legion.
- “Owner’s Wanted” workshop in partnership with Futurpreneur – August 13th at the Town Office
- Working on a marketing plan with Kinsmen for the new Kinsmen Courts II building.

6. Correspondence

6.1 RCMP Reports – June Stats & April to June Quarterly Summary

- 318 traffic tickets have been written in the Neepawa area in the past quarter with 56 of those issued as a warning. One ticket was issued under the Liquor Control Act and two were related to cell phones.
 - From the statistics above, specific to Neepawa - 77 traffic tickets, 31 of which were warnings.
- Members assisted during the flood activity on a 24-hour rotation to ensure public safety.
- The detachment remains locked due to COVID-19, however changes are gradually being made to provide more administrative services to the public.

6.2 Letter Re: Flooding Concerns – David & Karen Burton

- Requesting consideration for the repair of Davidson Street to fix the curb and the back lane to alleviate the problems related to severe weather and rains.
- Council in agreement to have the impacted streets reviewed by the drainage consultant who is tentatively scheduled to attend Neepawa on Thursday. As information is gathered, Council will look forward to some recommendations and solutions, understanding that once we receive a report, affected homeowners may need to participate with private property alterations to achieve positive drainage.
- Appreciation extended to Mr. Burton for assisting with the lift station during the flood activity.

7. Finance

7.1 Accounts – June 2020

Resolution No: 2020-127

Pudlo/Hedley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve the accounts for June 2020 totaling \$675,801.69, as reviewed and representing cheques #202001037 to #202001259, but excluding #202001110.

CARRIED

Councillor Gerrard declared a conflict for the following resolution; vacated the room; returning at the close of discussion and debate.

7.2 Accounts – June 2020 (HH)

Resolution No: 2020-128

Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve cheque #202001110 for June 2020 to Home Hardware totalling \$1,398.15.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Storefront Improvement Incentive Program 2020 – RE/MAX

Resolution No: 2020-129

Hedley/Pudlo

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve an application to the Storefront Improvement Program submitted by RE/MAX Prairie Mountain for the replacement of signage, paint and repair of building front and replacement of the Window Talk sign with a display area. Incentive provided at 50% up to an approved amount of \$925.00.

CARRIED

8.2 Storefront Improvement Incentive Program - 2020 Intake - Stride CU

Resolution No: 2020-130

Kostenchuk/Pudlo

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve an application to the Storefront Improvement Program submitted by Stride Credit Union for complete exterior renovations and renewal. Incentive provided at 50% up to an approved amount of \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

8.3 Storefront Improvement Incentive Program - 2020 Intake - White's Funeral Home

Resolution No: 2020-131

Hedley/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve an application to the Storefront Improvement Incentive Program submitted by White's Funeral Home for new windows, front door and carpet. Incentive provided at 50% up to an approved amount of \$5,000.00

CARRIED

8.4 Hydro Seeder Purchase

- Two quotes received – both from the USA– recommendation to approve low bid.
- Consumables can be easily acquired locally.

Resolution No: 2020-132

Parrott/Hedley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the purchase of a hydro seeder from Voigt Smith Innovations (VSI) in the amount of \$7,492.00 usd.

CARRIED

8.5 2020 Flood – Event *(Summery only – not inclusive)*

- Significant rainfall starting on June 28th
- Evacuation of campground June 29th in the afternoon and protective measures underway for immediate risk locations on Walker Ave & Mill St.
- Waters stabilizing throughout June 30th
- Significant weather and rainfall late June 30th and through the night into July 1st requiring protective actions and measures. Water receding anywhere from 6" to 18" by approx. 5:30 a.m.
- Park Lake Berm breaches at approximately 7:00 a.m. – no longer able to contain the waters coming from the upper watershed where significant rain has also fallen over the course of a few days. Begins to flood the areas of risk. Protective measures underway at the time deemed futile. Evacuation measures ensue.
- Park Lake bridge collapses – time unknown – still intact around between 3:30 and 4:30 a.m.
- Neepawa declares State of Local Emergency as of July 1st.
- Berm construction begins to protect properties and lift stations.
- Mitigation and recovery actions span several days with Neepawa forwarding a resolution requesting Disaster Financial Assistance on July 7th.
- Assistance provided to affected residents where able.
- Council and Administration to continue with lobby efforts, cleanup and recovery.

9. By-Laws

9.1 By-Law 3203-20 Sunday & Holiday Shopping – 2nd Reading

Resolution No: 2020-133

Nadeau/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3203-20, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to expand retail shopping on certain public holidays, including Sundays, be now read for a second time.

CARRIED

9.2 By-Law 3203-20 – Sunday & Holiday Shopping – 3rd Reading

Resolution No: 2020-134

Pudlo/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3203-20, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to expand retail shopping on certain public holidays, including Sundays, be now read for a third time and passed.

For: All; Against/Abstained: Nil

CARRIED

10. Other Business

- Appreciation extended to Mayor McCutcheon for his supportive leadership.
- Further thankyou and acknowledgement of the community, the volunteers and staff.

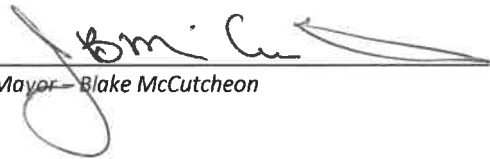
Adjournment

Resolution No: 2020-135

Pudlo/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor – Blake McCutcheon



CAO – Colleen Synchishyn