

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY MAY 3, 2022 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 and Pudlo, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, ACAO Jodi Baker

Guest: Jeremy Vogt – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner & Press

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2022-93

Pudlo/ Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2022-94

Kostenchuk/Hedley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the financial plan public hearing held April 19, 2022 and the minutes of the special meeting held April 28, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Council Reports

3.1 Cabinet Tour May 3, 2022 – Luncheon at Touchwood Park Association

- Mayor McCutcheon extended his appreciation to the members of the provincial cabinet who took the time to attend Neepawa for an informal visit and lunch. Although the visit was short, Council and staff were able to engage in various conversations relevant to Neepawa's current and future growth.
- Members in attendance included Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Jeff Wharton, Minister of Environment, Climate and Parks; Reg Helwer, Minister of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services; Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning; Jon Reyes, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration; Scott Johnston, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care; Andrew Smith, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage; and Eileen Clarke, Minister of Municipal Relations and MLA of Agassiz.
- Councillor Parrott took a moment to highlight some of the speaking points presented by Touchwood Park board member Gwen McCaskill previous to touring the new Touchwood Park building. Mrs. McCaskill referenced the difficulties that the organization faces to recruit/retain qualified individuals as related to the wage disparity in comparison to similar roles and jobs in the fields of education and health.
- The importance of understanding the amount of care provided to these individuals as they progress through the school system becomes very relevant when they enter the Touchwood Park organization. At this point in time, all supports basically cease and it is impossible to even remotely provide the level of care that individuals and their families have been accustomed to.

3.2 Public Works & Infrastructure – Councillor Parrott

- Plans are in the works to connect the new reservoir to the water system over the May long weekend.
- The connection has been scheduled for May 20th and will result in a boil water advisory until the mandatory water testing has been completed and the testing results prove that the water remains safe.
- The Town anticipates that the boil water advisory will be in place for roughly 4 days.
- Residents are asked to boil any water that will be consumed and minimize the overall use of water use to ensure that the available supply in the tower and existing reservoirs can meet the needs of the community.
- All large water users and critical services have been notified to allow them sufficient time to plan ahead.

3.3 Recreation & Economic Development – Councillor Pudlo

- Swimming lesson registrations start on May 11th, while campground registrations started on May 1st.

4. Department Reports

4.1 CAO Report

- All summer/seasonal staff began their employment on May 2nd, starting with an orientation session.
- Organizations approved for grants in the 2022 budget were issued their approval letters on April 29th.
- Sgt Mark Morehouse is nearing his retirement and following the utilization of his vacation credits, his last official day is scheduled for August 2nd. We are pleased that Sgt Morehouse has expressed interest in working with the Town on a part time basis in the area of by-law enforcement, and we look forward to discussing the needs of the Town and the parameters for this role.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Western Manitoba Regional Library – 2021 Audited Financial Statement received and filed.

6. Finance

6.1 Accounts – April 2022

Resolution No: 2022-95

Gerrard/Hedley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for April 2022 totaling \$1,256,943.44, as reviewed and representing cheques #202200532 to #202200686, but excluding #202200554 and #202200611.

CARRIED

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

6.4 Accounts – April 2022 (HH & Co-op)

Resolution No: 2022-96

Nadeau/Pudlo

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve cheque #202200554 and #202200611 for April 2022 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$764.65.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Neepawa & District Disabled Persons Association – 2021 Deficit

Resolution No: 2022-97

Kostenchuk/Gerrard

WHEREAS at the close of 2021, the operations of the handivan service reflected a deficit of \$23,512.57; AND WHEREAS the Neepawa & District Disabled Persons Association is requesting the assistance of the partnering municipalities of Neepawa, Glenella-Lansdowne, North Cypress-Langford and Rosedale to assist in recovering the deficit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa agree to contribute \$8,107.54 to assist with the deficit recovery.

CARRIED

7.2 Subdivision 4437-22-8382 (11520130 Canada Corporation)

Resolution No: 2022-98

Hedley/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve Subdivision Application 4437-22-8382 of 11520130 Canada Corporation affecting Lot 3, Plan 65638 in SW 33-14-15W., to allow for the construction of a duplex housing unit, divided in the middle to create two individual lots/units, measuring 4,070 and 4157 sq. ft. respectively.

CARRIED

7.3 JA Manitoba (Junior Achievement) – Request for Funding

Resolution No: 2022-99

Parrott/Pudlo

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve funding to JA Manitoba to assist with program delivery in the Town of Neepawa in amount of \$500.

CARRIED

8. By-Laws

8.1 By-Law 3214-22 Levy of Taxes for 2022 – 2nd Reading

Resolution No: 2022-100

Nadeau/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3214-22, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to levy taxes for the year 2022; to provide for a tax due date; and to provide for late payment penalties, be now read for a second time.

CARRIED

8.2 By-Law 3214-22 Levy of Taxes for 2022 – 3rd Reading

Resolution No: 2022-101

Gerrard/Hedley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3214-22, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to levy taxes for the year 2022; to provide for a tax due date; and to provide for late payment penalties, be now read for a third time and passed.

For: All

Against/Abstained: Nil

CARRIED

9. Other Business

- Councillor Nadeau spoke on the value of the Citizens on Patrol Program, bringing forth signage to be strategically placed at the various entrances to the community.


10. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2022-102


Pudlo/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED



for Mayor – Blake McCutcheon



CAO – Colleen Sychyshyn