

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY JULY 19, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB**

Present: Mayor McCutcheon, Councillors Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau, Parrott & Pudlo, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, ACAO Jodi Baker; NAPD Development Officers Jeff Braun & Scott Kowalick

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Hedley

Guests: Rrain Prior – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner & Press, John Pottinger

**1. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole**

**Resolution No: 2022-148**

**Parrott/Pudlo**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we proceed in-camera at 6:00 p.m. to discuss planning and development matters.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No: 2022-149**

**Kostenchuk/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn the in-camera session at 6:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**2. 7:00 p.m. - Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution No: 2022-150**

**Pudlo/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**3 Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution No: 2022-151**

**Nadeau/Gerrard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 21, 2022 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

**7:05 p.m. Public Hearing – Zoning By-Law Amendment 3216-22 – SW 34-147-15W (*see separate minutes*)**

**7:32 p.m. - Neepawa & Area Disabled Persons Association – John Pottinger**

- Spoke to Council about changes to Neepawa's Vehicle for Hire By-Law and how it will affect the current contractor. The Board is not opposed to the requirement to have a class 4 license and are ensuring that the RFP to hire a new contractor will include this requirement. The Board is concerned for the client base if and when the by-law passes and the new rules are enforced, which will prohibit the current contractor due to not having a class 4 license. Hoping for a grace period to ensure services are covered.

**Resolution No: 2022-152**

**Parrott/Gerrard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we take a 15-minute recess (time – 7:37 p.m.)

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No: 2022-153**

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we re-convene the regular meeting of council at 7:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

## **5. Council Reports**

### **5.1 Community Clinic - Councillor Parrott**

- The Community Clinic is needing committee members. Interested persons from Neepawa and the surrounding municipalities are encouraged to contact Chairperson, Arnie Suski.

### **5.2 Protection & Community Services - Councillor Gerrard**

- In an effort to combat a recent increase in thefts, the RCMP and the Town are partnering to launch the “#9PM Routine”. Reminders will be posted on social media at 9:00 p.m. every night for 30 days to advise people to remove their valuables from vehicles, lock vehicles, lock residences, garages and sheds, to turn on exterior lights and activate alarms and security systems.

## **6. Department Reports**

### **6.1 Manager of Operations – Denis Saquet**

- Construction has once again commenced on the bridge at Park Lake. The head walls have been completed and the girders are currently being positioned.
- A pre-bid site meeting was held for the restoration of Park Lake. Approximately 15 people attended representing 6-7 contractors. Closing date will be extended by one week due to the various detailed components of the bid package and the questions posed by the contractors.
- Interviews will be scheduled shortly for a public works position that will be specifically dedicated to the Cemetery during the summer months, returning to public works for the balance of the year. We have also posted a term position for a water plant operator to assist in covering staff absences in the short term.
- Residents are reminded that campers cannot be parked on any street unless a temporary permit has been granted by the Town. Campers must be kept on private property or stored at an alternate location.
- The tennis courts have been prepped for pavement and work will begin on re-purposing the north end of Crocus St. for court sports.
- Councillor Gerrard noted that a group of Filipino residents has expressed interest in starting a new sport in Neepawa which is also played on a court. The sport is called Sepak Takraw which is similar to volleyball but is played using your feet. Locations for this sport will be reviewed.

### **6.2 Director of Recreation Services – Nicole Cooper**

- Canada Day was extremely successful. Expenses totalled \$20,844.23 and revenue totalled \$8,900.00 for a net cost of \$11,944.23. Taking into account the \$7,000 still available from the MB 150 Grant, the overall cost of the event was \$3,944.23.
- The pool will be closed on August 14<sup>th</sup> to allow the Blue Dolphins to host a swim meet.
- The waterslide has arrived and is being stored at public works until it can be installed in the fall.
- New sound system speakers have been installed at the pool as a result of a \$300 grant from the Youth Advisory Committee.
- Funded by the Assiniboine North Parent Child Coalition, a storybook trail has been created/installed at The Flats. The library provided the books and the Men’s Shed provided the labour to build the stands.
- The committee for the dog park has picked a contractor and have begun construction at the compost location. Signage has been ordered and will be installed for opening within the next few weeks. Adjacent to the HyLife Back Forty, the park will be fittingly named the “Bark Forty”.
- The Manitoba 150 Cultural Mural has been completed and installed at The Flats.
- Hope to have the courts at Hillcrest paved by the end of August.
- Heidi Nugent has been hired for a 1-year term to cover Nicole’s maternity leave.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **7.1 RCMP Quarterly Report April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30, 2022**

- 156 traffic tickets were written in the Spruce Plains Detachment area along with 27 written warnings. Of those traffic tickets, 39 were specific to Neepawa.
- There has been an increase in persons being charged for failing to stop at stop signs and a noted increase of thefts, specifically related to fuel and vehicles in the area.
- There are currently two vacant positions in the detachment and Sgt. Mark Morehouse's replacement will be Sgt. Dave Taggart who is expected to arrive in September.
- Cst. Fehr is working on a project called "9PM Routine" as referenced in Councillor Gerrard's report.

## **8. Finance**

### **8.1 Accounts – June 2022**

**Resolution No: 2022-154**

**Gerrard/Pudlo**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for June 2022 totaling \$1,532,170.65, as reviewed and representing cheques #202200891 to #202201133, but excluding #202200908.

**CARRIED**

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

### **8.2 Accounts – June 2022 (HH)**

**Resolution No: 2022-155**

**Parrott/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve cheques #202200908 for June 2022 to Home Hardware totalling \$1,395.89.

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 June 2022 Financial Statement**

**Resolution No: 2022-156**

**Parrott/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statement for the month ended June 30, 2022.

**CARRIED**

## **9. New Business**

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

### **9.1 Mower Purchase – Enns Brothers**

**Resolution No: 2022-157**

**Kostenchuk/Pudlo**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the purchase of a JD Z735E Zero Turn Mower from Enns Brothers for \$10,677.00 plus tax.

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 Mower Purchase – MazerGroup**

**Resolution No: 2022-158**

**Kostenchuk/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the purchase of a TITAN W/Kohler 7000 Series mower from MazerGroup in amount of \$7,999.00 plus tax.

**CARRIED**

### 9.3 Purchase Wayfinding Post for Riverbend Cemetery

Resolution No: 2022-159

Kostenchuk/Pudlo

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the purchase of 50 polished black granite wayfinding posts for the Riverside Cemetery in amount of \$21,000 plus tax.

**CARRIED**

### 9.4 Active Transportation Study

Resolution No: 2022-160

Nadeau/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa enter into, and execute, a contract with the federal Department of Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities to receive funding for an Active Transportation Study. Such funding to cover 100% of the study to a maximum of \$50,000, with a completion date of March 29, 2024.

**CARRIED**

## 10. By-Laws

### 10.1 By-Law 3218-22 Vehicles for Hire – 3rd Reading

Resolution No: 2022-161

Pudlo/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3218-22, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to provide for licensing, controlling, regulating and safety of local vehicles for hire in the Town of Neepawa, be now read for a third time and passed.

For: All

Against/Abstain: Nil

**CARRIED**

## 10. Other Business

- Councillor Kostenchuk relayed a message she received from a resident that the Town owned property behind Westpark Place and the water tower needs the grass cut and wood chips cleaned up.

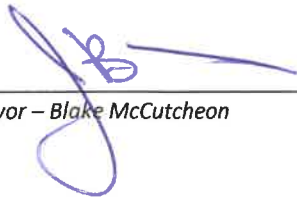
## 11. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2022-138

Pudlo/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 8:16 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor – Blake McCutcheon

  
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CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn