

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 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, Nadeau, Parrott & Pudlo, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, ACO Jodi Baker

Regrets: Councillor Kostenchuk

Guests: Jeremy Vogt – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner & Press, Marilyn Crewe, Barb Bohn

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2022-213

Hedley/Pudlo

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2022-214

Nadeau/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 4, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

7:05 p.m. – Neepawa Tourism

- Eoin Devereaux and Barb Bohn presented the Town with a cheque in amount of \$3,990.00, to be used toward the recent and upcoming pool upgrades. These funds representing the gate proceeds from the Riverbend Makers Market.

4. Council Reports

4.1 Rossburn Subdivision Trails Association - Councillor Nadeau

- The washed-out section of the trail in the RM of Rosedale was given a temporary repair and although overall trail maintenance is still lacking, the trail is functional.

4.2 Western Regional Library Board – Councillor Nadeau

- Currently in negotiations with the RM of Whitehead to join the board as an auxiliary member.
- Contemplating a budget increase for 2023 in amount of 50 cents per capita.
- Appreciation for improving accessibility to the Neepawa Library by altering the curb access in the front.

4.3 Beautiful Plains Community Clinic – Councillor Parrott

- Winner of the early bird draw for the Farm and Leisure Lotto was Paul Wisnoski from Eden, MB. Tickets remain on sale with the final draw scheduled for November 6, 2022.

4. Department Reports

4.1 Manager of Operations – Denis Saquet

- Streets have been fully prepped by Maple Leaf Construction to enable the paving this week.
- Work continues with new sewer and water installs to aid development projects.
- Urban Systems attended Neepawa to start the process for our Active Transportation Study.
- In response to Mayor McCutcheon’s question about why a drainage project east of Brown Ave. on Main Street (PTH 16) did not get completed, Mr. Saquet advised council that the affected property owner did not support any work that would be completed on their property. As a result, equipment was withdrawn due to the inability to continue with the drainage works safely without compromising the highway

infrastructure. Without concurrence by the property owner, this project will need to be postponed until a solution can be identified that does not place the Town at risk....and one that will include the property owner and Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure.

4.2 Economic Development Officer – Marilyn Crewe (submitted)

- The 7th annual ‘What’s the Big Idea?’ was hosted at the Legion on October 13, 2022 with 4 entrepreneurs awarded \$8,650 in cash and prizes.
- Since 2015, forty-three businesses have been awarded \$66,450 to support the launch and expansion of businesses in the region.

5. Correspondence

5.1 RCMP Quarterly Report – July 1 – September 30, 2022

- There has been a noted increase of thefts and specifically theft of vehicles in the rural area. The public is reminded to lock their vehicles and ensure all valuables are secured.
- Sgt. Dave Taggart has taken over the role as the Operations NCO at the Neepawa Detachment.
- The new detachment is fully operational @ 110 Mill St. A grand opening is slated for November 4, 2022.

5.2 Emergency Measures Organization

- Subsequent to the 2022 Spring Flood, Neepawa has been approved under the 2022 Mitigation and Preparedness Program to receive \$48,123.53 to assist with improvements that reduce the impact of future flood events.

6. Finance

6.1 September 2022 Financial Statement

Resolution No: 2022-215

Gerrard/Parrott

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

CARRIED

6.2 Tax Sale for 2022 – Reserve Bid & Conditions

Resolution No: 2022-216

Gerrard/Hedley

WHEREAS pursuant to section 372 of *The Municipal Act*, a municipality may set any terms and conditions for the sale of a property to be sold for taxes, and may set a reserve bid in the amount of the tax arrears and costs in respect of the property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa place a reserve bid on all properties to be offered for sale on November 2, 2022, in the amount of all tax arrears and costs, subject to the conditions as outlined in the Notice of Public Auction dated September 16, 2022.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 AMM – Executive Committee Election

Resolution No: 2022-217

Nadeau/Hedley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa hereby nominate Councillor Murray Parrott for the position of Vice-President of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

CARRIED

Noted by CAO Synchshyn, that this appointment is contingent on the results of the upcoming Municipal Election.

7.2 Sale of Property

Resolution No: 2022-218

Kostenchuk/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the sale of Lot 9, Plan 66188 in the Industrial Park, SE 34-14-15W (Roll 8958) to Dimitri Schiller of Stone Cliff Builders Inc. for an amount of \$30,000 plus any applicable taxes and costs, subject to the terms of a development agreement

CARRIED

8. Other Business

- With Mayor McCutcheon and Councillor Pudlo choosing to not run in the 2022 Municipal Election, Deputy Mayor Hedley took the opportunity to extend appreciation for their service over the last 4 years.
- In turn, Councillor Pudlo and Mayor McCutcheon gave a quick summary of their time on Council, acknowledging how quickly the time passes when you are a growing community faced with challenges and opportunities.
- Mayor McCutcheon also spoke about the announcement of the new hospital site which he attended on Monday October 17, 2022. This announcement long overdue but certainly welcomed. Construction to begin within a few weeks on a 39-acre parcel on the eastern side of Neepawa within the SW 34-14-15.

9. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2022-219

Pudlo/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor – Blake McCutcheon



CAO – Colleen Sychyshyn