

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB**

Present: Mayor Hedley, Deputy Mayor Parrott, Councillors Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau, Pottinger and Sisley, CAO Colleen Sychyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, ACAO Jodi Baker, Development Officer Scott Kowalick

Guests: Rrain Prior – NACTV; Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner/Press; Dan Zettler; Ron Nordstrom; Blair Chapman; Ken Waddell

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution No: 2023-1**

**Pottinger/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution No: 2023-2**

**Parrott/Sisley**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 20, 2022 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. Public Hearing (separate minutes – resolutions 3 & 4)**

- 7:05 p.m. – Variation Application V-05-2022 – Zettler (SW 34-14-15W)

**4. Presentations/Delegations**

7:10 p.m. – Blair Chapman – Margaret Laurence Home

- Spoke about the importance of the Margaret Lawrence Home to the community.
- Request for Council to consider increasing the annual grant funding to reflect a value of \$2,500.

Councillor Sisley vacated her council seat for the 7:15 presentation, choosing to sit in the gallery as a guest.

7:15 p.m. - Ron Nordstrom – ArtsForward

- Provided an overview of operation for 2021 and the 2023 budget projections.
- Various capital improvements in the queue include a kitchen renovation, roof replacement, new furnace and remediation of flood damages.
- Respectfully request consideration to increase the 2023 grant funding to a level of \$22,000 to assist with capital projects and special events.

7:45 p.m. – Ken Waddell & Rrain Prior – NACTV & Neepawa Titans

- Looking for support for their 2023 grant funding application in amount of \$8,000 to assist with the construction of a media booth at the Yellowhead Centre that has been estimated to cost \$12,000.
- Partnering with the Neepawa Titans, the construction of this booth will allow compliance with the MJHL contract with Hockey TV, whereby the camera is required to be at centre ice to broadcast.
- A new media booth will provide various opportunities for various events and programs.

**5. Council Reports**

**5.1 Yellowhead Centre – Councillor Nadeau**

- All Public Skating attendees under the age of 18, will now require a helmet.
- Preparing for the Viterra Men’s Provincial Curling Championships in February and discussing the potential to schedule the return of the circus.

## 5.2 Various – Councillor Sisley

- The Kick-off meeting was held for the MSDIP review for the Yellowhead. Lindsay Dayholos and token board members will work closely with Deloitte to provide information as required.
- Reminder about Flats Washroom - report vandalism, please be respectful to staff.
- Handivan Update – 304 trips; new Facebook page and email; ridership has increased; 10 pack voucher books are cost effective; offering casino trips to generate revenue (\$20 for those 55+).

## 5.3 General Government & Finance - Councillor Gerrard

- Grant applications have been received and currently being reviewed.
- With many large projects in the cue, including the Hospital, this year's Budget will be closely scrutinized to ensure the least amount of impact to residents.

## 5.4 Various – Deputy Mayor Parrott

- Hospital Open House was very well attended, great presentation by PMH/Shared Health, with many good questions and answers.
- Meeting held with Shared Health, Manitoba Hydro and the Town to discuss outstanding details for the Hospital Project.

## 6. Department Reports

### 6.1 Manager of Operations – Denis Saquet

- Reminder to all residents to avoid disposing of grease and oil down any drain. It causes a lot of issues with sewage backup and is difficult and time consuming for staff to clean and clear the sewage lines.
- Focusing on snow clearing and widening of streets at curb line.
- Planning continues in conjunction with our engineers to prepare for the servicing of the new hospital.
- Park Lake remediation is moving along ahead of schedule. Current work includes sheet piling both at Park Lake and the golf course bridge location.

## 7. Correspondence

### 7.1 RCMP Quarterly Report October 1 – December 31, 2021

- 66 traffic tickets were issued in the Detachment Area, 8 of which were specific to Neepawa. Of those, one was an Immediate Roadside Prohibition; one Impaired Driving charge; & one Handheld Cell Device charge.
- Currently there are two vacant positions in the detachment with one to be filled in May 2023.

## 8. Finance

### 8.1 Accounts – December 2022

**Resolution No:** 2023-5

**Pottinger/Gerrard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for December 2022 totaling \$1,586,891.60, as reviewed and representing cheques #202202250 to #202202446, but excluding #202202304.

**CARRIED**

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

### 8.2 Accounts – December 2022 (HH)

**Resolution No:** 2023-6

**Parrott/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve cheque #202202304 for December 2022 to Home Hardware totalling \$177.71.

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Tax Sale for 2023**

**Resolution No: 2023-7**

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby designate 2022 as the year which properties in arrears will be offered for sale by way of public auction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the tax sale be held November 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Neepawa at 275 Hamilton St., Neepawa, Manitoba with TAXservice appointed to manage the tax sale and conduct the proceedings on behalf of the Town.

**CARRIED**

### **9. New Business**

#### **9.1 Variation Application V-05-2022 – Zettler (SW 34-14-15W)**

**Resolution No: 2023-8**

**Parrott/Gerrard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve Variation Application V-05-2022 of Daniel Zettler respecting 475 Main St. East in SW 34-14-15W to vary the minimum site area from the required 20 acres to 14.98 acres in the AR-R Agricultural Restricted Residential Zone.

**CARRIED**

#### **9.2 Viterra Manitoba Men's Provincial Curling Championships 2023 – Request for Community Event Status**

**Resolution No: 2023-9**

**Sisley/Pottinger**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa declare the 2023 Viterra Manitoba Men's Provincial Curling Championships as a community event, entitling them to obtain a community events liquor permit for the period of February 7 – 12, 2023.

**CARRIED**

#### **9.3 Medical Clinic Lottery 2023**

**Resolution No: 2023-10**

**Kostenchuk/Parrott**

WHEREAS the Neepawa and District Medical Committee, as represented by the municipal jurisdictions Neepawa, Glenella-Lansdowne, North Cypress-Langford and Rosedale will be filing an application to obtain a charitable gaming license as part of their annual fundraising efforts in 2023, to sustain and improve health services for the community and surrounding areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT based on the Contribution Sharing Agreement, the Council for the Town of Neepawa agree to financially support the committee in their efforts to secure a license and raise money for the Neepawa and District Wellness Centre in 2023.

**CARRIED**

#### **9.4 Cemetery Database – GIS Mapping & Shape Files**

**Resolution No: 2023-11**

**Gerrard/Nadeau**

WHEREAS Resolution 2022-186 approved the purchase of cemetery database software and GIS mapping from CentralSquare, understanding that it has been necessary to solicit the services of Lees & Associates to complete the AutoCAD map 3D base drawing and link the map to the cemetery records;

AND WHEREAS prior to proceeding, Lees & Associates would like a formal commitment in amount of \$8,305.00 plus taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve entering into agreement with Lees & Associates for services provided to complete the mapping to augment the creation of the database by CentralSquare, with the required funding borne by the Cemetery Maintenance Reserve..

**CARRIED**

**10. By-Laws**

**10.1 By-Law 3220-23 – Cemetery Maintenance & Fees**

**Resolution No: 2023-12**

**Kostenchuk/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3221-23, being a by-law of the Town of Neepawa providing for the regulation, maintenance, care and operation of the Neepawa Riverside Cemetery, be now read for a first time.

**CARRIED**

**11. Adjournment**

**Resolution No: 2023-12**

**Kostenchuk/Parrott**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 8:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn