

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY MARCH 7, 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, Nadeau, Pottinger and Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, ACAO Jodi Baker

Regrets: Councillor Kostenchuk

1. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Pre-Meeting Committee of the Whole.

Resolution: 2023-32

Gerrard/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now sit as a “Committee of the Whole In-Camera” to discuss planning and development matters.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2023-33

Parrott/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn the in-camera session at 6:58 p.m.

CARRIED

Guests (Joining at 7:00 p.m.): Staff Sargent Colby Argue - RCMP; Rrain Prior – NACTV

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

Resolution No: 2023-34

Nadeau/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2023-35

Pottinger/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 21, 2023 as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Delegations

7:05 p.m. – Staff Sargent Colby Argue, Spruce Plains RCMP Detachment

- Provided updates – 39 calls for the month February, primarily traffic calls.
- Crime is up with respect to fraud, especially targeting seniors; RCMP are working on prevention education. People can refer to the Canadian Antifraud Centre website to get up-to-date information on known fraud schemes.
- Sextortion is increasing amongst youth, with statistics reflecting that 4 out of 5 youth may be affected in some manner. To combat this crime, the Internet Child Expotation Unit has been attending schools to educate the different age groups and make them aware that there is no shame in seeking help.
- In January, stolen vehicles were tracked to a local business. Resulted in 53 charges against 5 individuals. Advises public to be aware, criminals may have guns/knives. Call the police and do not intervene if a theft is taking place.
- RCMP will be launching the “9PM Routine” again in Spring to remind residents to lock up and put away valuables; has had a positive effect in terms of data, lowering crimes in certain areas of the province.
- The contract for body worn cameras was awarded to Motorola with deployment to begin in 2023. RCMP contract partners should estimate a cost of \$3,000 per member at the applicable contract rate (70% for

Neepawa), starting in 2024. These costs to include the camera (and any replacements), the cloud-based management system and support staff to operate the program.

- Provided update on vacancies in the Detachment; and the hiring of a Detachment Clerk.

5. Council Reports

5.1 Various – Councillor Nadeau

- Yellowhead Centre – circus coming; the Service Delivery Review is nearing completion; Lacrosse League starting; Ice will remain in until mid-April allowing for more public skating; Ice Bikes are ready to use with insurance in place, programming to begin.
- Rossburn Subdivision Trail Association – provided Council with a copy of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the Association has been working on. The MOU is intended to outline the responsibilities of the municipalities and will be formally presented to Council at a future meeting.
- Participated in a TransCanada Trail Case Study Review, focusing on the economic impact for Neepawa.

5.2 Various – Councillor Sisley

- Neepawa Area Veterinary Services District – The clinic will be employing a first-year vet student this year.
- Recreation – Ice Bike programming partnership with ArtsForward/Yellowhead for Spring Break sessions, and approaching KKS for senior sessions.

5.3 General Government & Finance – Councillor Gerrard

- Continue to work on the 2023 budget, noting some recent increases in funding from the province.

5.4 Various – Councillor Parrott

- Town met with Minister Eileen Clarke recently to discuss various projects and initiatives.
- Continue to work with Assiniboine Community College and Prairie Mountain Health to be able to secure an LPN Training Program in Neepawa.
- The Beautiful Plains Community Clinic will have the roof repaired in the next month.

6. Department Reports

6.1 Manager of Operations – Denis Saquet

- We have received approval from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure to relocate the Crosswalk on Mountain Ave at Hospital Street to the north side of Hospital Street. The Town will target completing the curb cuts and sidewalk alignments in the summer, at which time, MTI will re-locate the crosswalk.
- Working through some warranty issues (pumps) at the new water reservoir.
- The concrete walls relative to the lagoon project have been completed.
- Golf Course - A new bridge to replace the one lost in the 2020 flood is expected to arrive on March 17. The goal is to complete all 2020 flood remediation for this site by mid-April.

7. Correspondence

7.1 2023 Municipal Operating Fund

- \$47 million increase to the operating funding basket to municipalities for 2023. This funding is unconditional and represents the first increase since 2016. Neepawa's increase is estimated to be roughly \$255,000.00, which is aligned, on a per capita calculation, with the 2021 census data.

8. Finance

8.1 December 2022 Year-End Financial Statement

Resolution No: 2023-36

Pottinger/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the unaudited Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

8.2 Accounts – February 2023

Resolution No: 2023-37

Gerrard/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for February 2023, totalling \$2,322,951.23, as reviewed and representing cheques #202300254 to #202300414, but excluding #202300275 & #202300393.

CARRIED

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

8.3 Accounts – February 2023 (HH & Co-op)

Resolution No: 2023-38

Sisley/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheques #202300275 and #202300393 for February 2023 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$7,247.70.

9. Unfinished Business - Nil

10. New Business

10.1 Appoint Weed Inspector

Resolution No: 2023-39

Parrott/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby appoint Scott Boxall as the Town of Neepawa weed inspector for 2023.

CARRIED

10.2 Training Centre – Practical Nursing Program

- On February 27, 2023, Advanced Education and Training Minister Sarah Guillemard and Health Minister Audrey Gordon announced \$2.1 million to Assiniboine Community College (ACC) to offer a one-time, 25 student cohort for its practical nursing diploma program in Neepawa
- Administration to continue engagement with ACC and Prairie Mountain Health to set forth the necessary timeframes that would facilitate a course start date for January 2024 (unofficial).
- With the old RCMP building at 239 Mill being recently vacated, it was identified as having potential to serve as the designated training centre...and with the permission of Council, Administration will spend the next number of weeks moving forward with plans and specifications that would result in the renovation of the building in a manner that will comply with the requirements of the College of Nurses.
- Neepawa will continue to own and renovate the building at 239 Mill St. , with ACC entering into a lease agreement to conduct the training from this location.
- To solicit interest in the program, ACC, PMH, Settlement Services, & Westlake Employment Services and Skills will be conducting an information session on March 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neepawa Legion.

10.3 Offer to Purchase Lot 56 Plan 65638

Resolution No: 2023-40

Gerrard/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the offer of Rohit Patel for the purchase of Lot 56, Plan 65638 (Roll 1340) in SW 33-14-15W in amount of \$15,564.00 subject to:

- the successful conclusion of the purchase of the commercial property (Roll 155900) located at 497 PTH No. 5 North; and
- the consolidation of this parcel with Roll 155900.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT administration be given the authority to finalize any other terms of the purchase and sale agreement.

CARRIED

10.4 Amending Policy – OP-015 Construction and Demolition Waste

Resolution No: 2023-41

Nadeau/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to accommodate a few increases charged by Evergreen Environmental Technologies, we approve an amendment to the Construction and Demolition Waste Policy OP-015 to increase the tipping fee from \$80.00 per tonne for loads achieving as base weight of 100 kg per load and greater to \$96.25 per tonne.

CARRIED

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 3223-23 Tax Certificate Fee

- Based on a review of other jurisdictions, administration proposes increasing the fee from \$20/certificate to \$40/certificate.

Resolution No: 2023-42

Parrott/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3223-23, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to prescribe a fee for tax certificates, be now read for a first time.

CARRIED


11. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2023-43

Parrott/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:59 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley

CAO – Colleen Sychyshyn