

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JULY 18, 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 & Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, A CAO Jodi Baker, NAPD Development Officer Scott Kowalick

Regrets: Councillor Pottinger

Guests: Jeremy Vogt – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner/Press

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution No: 2023-153**

**Gerrard/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution No: 2023-154**

**Parrott/Sisley**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and two public hearings held June 20, 2023 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. Public Hearings (separate minutes)**

- 7:05 p.m. – Variation Application V-06-2023 Dale & Sarah Loewen
- 7:15 p.m. – Conditional Use/Variation Application CU-V-01-2023 – 10007722 Manitoba Ltd

**4. Council Reports**

**4.1 Various – Councillor Nadeau**

- Westlake Employment Services – With an increase in clients, appointments are encouraged; working on new policies/procedures for organization.
- Westman Regional Library – Partner agreements are being reviewed; funding change coming from the province; a Notice Board is to be installed at the Neepawa Library; Adult Book Club starting.
- Rossburn Subdivision Trail Association – continue to work on the MOU's to be brought forward to Councils soon; Community Kiosk being installed in Sandy Lake - hoping to install in all communities.

**4.2 Various – Councillor Sisley**

- Handivan – 403 rides provided for June; the Canada Day BBQ raised \$1,125; and working on a Cancellation Policy for the bus, which will require 24 hours notice or a charge will apply.
- Canada Day – Extended congratulations to Heidi, Director of Recreation Services on a well organized and attended event; special thank you to all our volunteers, particularly the Filipino community.
- Community Recreation BBQ hosted by Council that was 'hailed out' on July 6<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm at Riverbend Park.

**4.3 Finance Committee – Councillor Gerrard**

- Met to review current and upcoming projects to enable proper planning and financing.

**5. Department Reports**

**5.1 Manager of Operations Report – Denis Saquet**

- Lagoon Project Phase 2 – work continues on MBBR Tank, Lab, concrete work and overhead doors.
- Park Lake – clay harvesting underway; proceeding with concrete and rebar positioning.
- Crocus Drive – Basketball Courts have been installed; barriers being placed for traffic control.

- Sidewalk repairs and installations underway in various locations.
- Reminder NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES permitted on Park Lake or Back Forty.
- Main Street/PTH 16 through Town – Survey information was obtained to determine property lines and assist with improving site lines and safety. Some trees/hedges have been removed/trimmed.
- Hillcrest Recreation – Tennis/Pickleball Court completed and painted, awaiting fencing and netting.
- Road Patching being done around town, please be patient or take alternate routes.
- Granite Bean Bag Toss Game has been installed adjacent to Pool at Riverbend, bean bags are available from Pool Staff during operating hours.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1 Beautiful Plains Community Foundation**

- Request financial support to increase the existing endowment funds and/or to grow a fund for equipment and furnishings at the new hospital. Council in agreement that they will focus their funding through the Town's existing health facility reserve fund.

### **6.2 Chambers Fraser**

- Completed the annual audited report as required for the Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax).
- Unspent balance as at December 31, 2022 - \$1,079,560.00

### **6.3 RCMP Quarterly Report – April 1-June 30, 2023**

- 35 Traffic Tickets written within Town limits, with 22 written warnings.
- Noted increase in reported fraud/scam calls – encouraging residents to visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online for more information, as these frauds are changing frequently.
- Members participated/controlled traffic for Filipino Heritage Parade on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- RCMP 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, local Members held an Amazing Adventure with Grades 5-7, very well attended.

## **7. Finance**

### **7.1 June 2023 Accounts**

**Resolution No: 2023-155**

**Parrott/Sisley**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for June 2023, totalling \$2,285,735.74, as reviewed and representing cheque #202300966 to #202301329, but excluding #202301201 & #202301246.

**CARRIED**

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 presided as Chair.

### **7.2 June 2023 Accounts**

**Resolution No: 2023-156**

**Kostenchuk/Sisley**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202301201 & #202301246 for June 2023 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$6,795.20.

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Supplemental Tax Deletion for 2023**

**Resolution No: 2023-157**

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 326 of the Municipal Act, we hereby approve a supplementary tax deletion to Roll 62200 in amount of \$792.10 as a result of a structure fire and subsequent demolition of the dwelling at 342 Walker Street in January 2023.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.4 Mobile Home Licensing Fees (By-Law No. 3032)**

**Resolution No: 2023-158**

**Gerrard/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve an increase of 9.47% to the Mobile Home Licensing Fees for 2024 under the authority of By-Law 3032.

**CARRIED**

#### **8. Unfinished Business**

##### **8.1 Marion Lebedynski (445 Tupper Ave) – Animal Control Issue**

- Letter received from Mrs. Lebedynski asking permission to keep 4 dogs, this being a reduction from the 7 that resided at this location in February 2023. In accordance with the Animal Control By-Law, this home owner had until July 1, 2023 to find homes for 5 of the dogs.
- The By-Law Officer to be instructed to pursue this matter with the goal of bringing this matter into compliance with only 2 dogs permitted. Continued violation of the by-law to result in the leverage of greater consequences as per the terms of the by-law.

#### **9. New Business**

##### **9.1 Variation Application V-006-2023 – Dale & Sarah Loewen (SE 4-15-15W)**

**Resolution No: 2023-159**

**Sisley/Parrott**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve Variation Application V-06-2023 of Megan Prince (Precision Land Solutions) on behalf of Dale & Sarah Loewen respecting SE 4-15-15W, to intensify the drainage of land to complement the Lot Grading and Drainage By-Law of the Town with the installation of tile drainage on a large tract of vacant land within the boundaries of the Town of Neepawa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this approval be subject to the terms of a development agreement.

**CARRIED**

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

##### **9.2 Conditional Use/Variation Application CU-V-01-2023 – 10007722 Manitoba Ltd. – Lots 54 & 55 Plan 65638 @ 60 Howden Ave**

**Resolution No: 2023-160**

**Sisley/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve Conditional Use / Variation Application CU-V-01-2023 of 10007722 Manitoba LTD. respecting Lots 54 & 55, Plan 65638 at 60 Howden Ave. to allow for the location of a hotel within the CH - Commercial Highway zone and to increase the maximum height of the intended structure from the required 35 feet to a proposed 58 feet two inches.

**CARRIED**

##### **9.2.1 Water & Sewer Infrastructure – NE Development**

**Resolution No: 2023-161**

**Parrott/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby request technical and financial assistance from the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) to complete the water and sewer servicing extensions for the NE Development project, for the purposes of servicing a new regional hospital;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT since the hospital will serve the province as a regional hub, consideration be given to increasing the funding ratio to lessen the burden that will be directly and specifically borne by property owners within the municipal jurisdiction of Neepawa.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Street Closure Request August 13, 2023 – Rolling Barrage**

**Resolution No: 2023-162**

**Kostenchuk/Gerrard**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the closure of that portion of Brown Avenue from Hamilton Street to Davidson Street on August 13, 2023 from 6:00pm-8:30pm to enable the hosting of The Rolling Barrage.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Street Closure Request August 10, 2023 – Children’s Business Fair**

**Resolution No: 2023-163**

**Parrott/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the closure of that portion of Bourke Street from Mountain Ave to east property line of ArtsForward/White’s Funeral Home on August 10, 2023 from 2:30pm to 6:30pm in order to host the Neepawa Economic Development Children’s Business Fair.

**CARRIED**

**11. Other Business - Nil**


**12. Adjournment**

**Resolution No: 2023-164**

**Kostenchuk/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:54 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Mayor – Brian Hedley



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CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn