

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 & Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, ACO Jodi Baker,

Guests: Rrain Prior – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner/Press, Blair Ferguson

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2023-165

Pottinger/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2023-166

Sisley/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and two public hearings held July 18, 2023 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentation/Delegation

- 7:05 p.m. – Blair Ferguson – Spoke to Council about the need for a boarding kennel in Neepawa and provided a letter, as well as signatures of those who would support such an initiative.
- Reviewed the benefits, where it could be located, and who could come on board as business sponsors.
- It was recommended that Mr. Ferguson, or any other interested individual, speak with EDO Crewe to further discuss how such a private business venture could proceed.

4. Council Reports

4.1 Home Assistance Neepawa and District (HAND) – Councillor Kostenchuk

- Fundraising BBQ was a huge success, raising \$1981.00. A further \$1434.00 was raised by the 50/50 draw.

4.2 Various – Deputy Mayor Parrott

- North Cypress-Langford Zoning By-Law – CAO and Planning Staff reviewed the proposed By-Law and made presentation at the Public Hearing on August 14, 2023, providing comments/concerns in relation to areas surrounding Neepawa.
- Attended the Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up, and participated as a Cook Off Judge – was a great event.

4.3 Various – Councillor Sisley

- Glow Swim was a huge success, over 170 kids in attendance.
- Recreation BBQ was a good event, provided info on the Master Plan and recreation in Town.
- Children's Business Fair – kids sold a total of \$3727.25 in products!
- What's the Big Idea, date is set for October 12, 2023; and a babysitting course for October 3, 2023.
- Coop Fuel Good Days coming up, 10 cents/litre going to Handivan this year.

4.4 Yellowhead Centre – Councillor Nadeau

- Ice making is underway; summer Day Camp was a success.
- Lindsay Dayholos has moved on to pursue another career - new Director of Operations is Yvonne Sisley.
- Board has decided that they will not lease out the canteen this year, but will run it internally.

4.2 County Courthouse – Councillor Gerrard

- Met recently to discuss emergency repairs to the air conditioning units as only one was working. Also discussing some long term repairs to the heating system.
- Reviewing the 2024 Budget and cost sharing for the Courthouse.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Manager of Operations Report – Denis Saquet

- Exterior framing has been completed at the Training Centre with interior framing and shingling to proceed by the end of this week or early next week.
- Park Lake – deep soil mixing has been completed. Clay compaction and concrete work to begin this or early next week. Reminder to stay OFF the lake bed and away from the construction site.
- Sidewalk, road repairs & patching continues.
- Request was made to loosen sand at Beach Volleyball Court, becoming too compacted.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Manitoba Justice – Urban Policing Grant

- Increased funding to support Municipalities impacted by increased policing costs.
- Revised per capita calculation to align with 2021 Census data and an overall 28% increase.
- Neepawa will receive \$828,120 for 2023/24, reflecting an increase of \$299,937 over previous years.

7. Finance

7.1 June 2023 Financial Statement

Resolution No: 2023-167

Gerrard/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statement for the month ended June 30, 2023.

CARRIED

7.2 Jule 2023 Accounts

Resolution No: 2023-168

Pottinger/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for July 2023 totalling \$1,071,257.35, as reviewed and representing cheques #202301330 to #202301604, but excluding #202301501 & #202301528.

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.

7.3 July 2023 Accounts (HH & Co-op)

Resolution No: 2023-169

Sisley/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202301501 & #202301528 for July 2023 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$9,838.88.

CARRIED

7.4 Add Outstanding Utility Accounts to Taxes

Resolution No: 2023-170

Pottinger/Sisley

WHEREAS Section 252 (2) of *The Municipal Act* authorizes a municipality to collect debts in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under the Act;

AND WHEREAS there are outstanding utility charges that remain unpaid and uncollectible;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all those utility accounts that remain outstanding as of August 15, 2023 from the attached list be hereby added to the respective property tax roll.

Roll Number	Utility Account Number	Amount
10500	7000004	\$552.98
47100	54800003	\$552.98
735	300727001	\$140.42
141718	300558003	\$270.12
171732	300522009	\$411.88
167800	19202019	\$25.24
64000	300716000	\$2,433.14
122000	37400003	\$593.71
1450	300665002	\$53.54
1450	300666000	\$222.64
19600	18502007	\$317.71
128700	24500007	\$270.73
131800	41402002	\$275.84

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Sale of Property – Lot 7, Plan 66188 in SE 34-14-15W

Resolution No: 2023-171

Kostenchuk/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the sale of Lot 7, Plan 66188 in SE 34-14-15W (Roll#8956) to This 'n That Mfg. Ltd., c/o Coreen Moman for an amount of \$30,000 plus any applicable taxes and costs, subject to the terms of a development agreement.

CARRIED

8.2 Manitoba Environment & Climate, Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch

Resolution No: 2023-172

Parrott/Pottinger

WHEREAS in September 2011, Neepawa submitted an application for a Water Rights Licence to explore for a water supply located in NW 22-13-14W to divert groundwater for municipal distribution purposes, and requested an additional 250 acre-feet for the Town of Neepawa in the Lower Whitemud East sub-basin of the Assiniboine Delta Aquifer;

AND WHEREAS Neepawa was notified in July 2023 by the Drainage and Water Rights Licencing Branch of Manitoba Environment and Climate that there is sufficient water allocation available to proceed with this application, and has requested that the Town of Neepawa confirm their interest in proceeding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa hereby acknowledges the notification regarding an increased water allocation, and formally confirms their intent to proceed.

CARRIED

10. By-Laws

10.1 By-Law 3220-23 Amend Zoning Lot 1 Block 2, Plan 6965 – “ML” to “RMH” (Sieklicki) – 3rd Reading

- With the proponent for this amendment recently withdrawing their interest in pursuing a development on this parcel, Administration recommended that Council consider defeating the by-law and leave this parcel as it is currently zoned (ML - Industrial Light).

Resolution No: 2023-173

Parrott/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3220-23, being a by-law of the Town of Neepawa to amend Zoning By-Law 3184-18, be now read for a third time and passed.

For: Nil

Against: ALL

Abstain: Nil

DEFEATED

11. Other Business

- Congratulations to Hid N Hollow on their grand opening. With assistance through the Town’s Storefront Improvement program, the building has been re-painted and adorned with artistic murals.

12. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2023-174


Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:41 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn