

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AT 7:05 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: Jeremy Vogt – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner/Press

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

Resolution: 2023-175

Pottinger/Kostenchuk

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: 2023-176

Parrott/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn the in-camera session at 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Guests (Joining at 7:04 p.m.): Eoin Devereaux - Banner/Press; Jeremy Vogt – NACTV

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2023-177

Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2023-178

Sisley/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 15, 2023 as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Council Reports

4.1 Various – Deputy Mayor Parrott

- Attended the Invest Canada Partnership Tour meeting with CAO Synchyshyn and EDO Crewe where discussions took place with key federal, provincial and municipal representatives for the region, as well as representatives from Invest Canada and the Rural Manitoba Economic Development (RMED) office.
- Manitoba is considered a ‘green’ province, making it prime for development and investment. Municipalities are encouraged to spend time understanding their readiness for investment, and begin cataloguing and sharing this information with the respective government and supporting organizations who work collaboratively at attracting and promoting global and national investment in Manitoba.

4.2 Various – Councillor Sisley

- Pool – Closed for the season. Fall work involves improving the accessibility features with the installation of ‘zero entry’ and hand rails. Thanks to the lifeguards and water plant staff for all their hard work.
- Tennis/Pickleball Courts – No wheels of any kind are permitted on the courts, keep scooters and bikes off as they damage the specialized court surface.
- Handivan – A fundraising barbeque and 50/50 draw will be held in conjunction with the Coop Fuel Good Days on September 19th, when 10 cents for every litre of fuel sold will be donated to Handivan.

4.3 Westlake Employment Skills and Services – Councillor Nadeau

- Herzing College is offering a Health Care Aide course. Individuals may qualify for a scholarship of \$1,000.

4. Department Reports

4.1 Manager of Operations Report – Denis Saquet

- A tender has been issued for extending water services to the new hospital as well as extending a water line to service the new wastewater treatment building.
- Road patching/paving for 2023 is nearing completion with the focus now on sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.
- Uni-Jet will be in Town later this week to assist with cleaning problem sewer lines.
- Hydrant Flushing is underway, followed by the swabbing of the raw water lines by mid-September.
- The meter that services the rural distribution line into Rosedale has been replaced and updated.
- A small section of Mountain Ave will be closed on Thursday September 7th, to allow for the installation of utility services, in preparation for the construction of a new building for Harris Pharmacy.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Elections Manitoba

- Provincial election to be held on October 3, 2023, with advance voting from September 23 – 30, 2023.
- Employment opportunities available for community members.

6. Finance

6.1 August 2023 Accounts

Resolution No: 2023-179

Parrott/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for August 2023 totalling \$1,773,616.94 as reviewed and representing cheques #202301605 to #202301848, but excluding #202301708 & #202301824.

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.

6.2 August 2023 Accounts (HH & Co-op)

Resolution No: 2023-180

Sisley/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202301708 & #202301824 for August 2023 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$7,135.30.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Medical Clinic Lottery

Resolution No: 2023-181

Sisley/Pottinger

WHEREAS Resolution No. 2023-10 approved the holding of the annual lottery by the Neepawa and District Medical Committee in 2023 to support the Neepawa and District Wellness Centre;

AND WHEREAS due to unforeseen circumstances, the Beautiful Plains Medical Clinic Committee wish to postpone the lottery until 2024;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa approve the postponement of the lottery until March/April 2024 and extend our financial support in order to secure the required lottery license.

CARRIED

8. By-Laws

8.1 By-Law 3217-22 Water & Sewer Rates (October 1, 2023 – Sept 20, 2026) – 3rd Reading

- Public Utilities Board (PUB) Order No. 102/23, approved the water and wastewater rates for the Town of Neepawa's Water and Wastewater Utility.
- As part of the PUB's approval process, the Town's application (originally submitted in June 2022), was publicly advertised in October 2022. As a result of the PUB not receiving any response to the public advertisement, they chose to complete their review using the criteria of a paper review process.
- On August 25, 2023, the PUB approved the application as presented, indicating that the rates will be in effect for October 1, 2023, 2024 and 2025 and that notice shall be given to each utility customer.
- The Board further advised that the next application be filed by June 30, 2026, and if applicable, the Simplified Rate Application Process could be used to file the next application.

Resolution No: 2023-182

Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3217-22, being a by-law of the Town of Neepawa to establish water and sewer rates for the Town of Neepawa's utility for the three-year period starting October 1, 2023 until September 30, 2026, be now read for a third time and passed.

For: ALL

Against/Abstained: Nil

CARRIED

9. Other Business – Councillor Nadeau

- Presented a donation for the new hospital, on behalf of the United Commercial Travellers (UCT).
- Shared condolences on the passing of Citizens on Patrol Coordinator Clint McKechnie – he was a valued member of the committee and our community.


12. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2023-183

Kostenchuk/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley
Deputy



CAO – Colleen Sychyshyn