

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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 & Pottinger, CAO Colleen Synchshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, Assistant CAO Jodi Baker

Guests: Jeremy Vogt, NACTV; Leila Hildebrand, Liza Possia, Dorothy Tegg – Cats TNR & Rescue

1. 5:00 p.m. – Tour of new Neepawa Training Facility

Council & staff toured the newly renovated Training Facility in the old RCMP Detachment building.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2023-234

Parrott/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2023-235

Nadeau/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Annual Organizational Meeting held November 7, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1 Cats TNR – Leila Hildebrand, Liza Possia and Dorothy Tagg

- Presented history of the organization and explained their current situation related to having to vacate their premises. They continue to look for a new building and should they find a location that does not conform with the Town's zoning, they request that Council consider a temporary emergency zoning variance until December 31, 2024 to give them more time to find a permanent location.

5. Council Reports

5.1 Whitemud Watershed – Councillor Gerrard

- Currently reviewing their budget for 2024 and are looking for suggestions for projects within Neepawa.
- There will be a modest increase in the Watershed mill rate for 2024 (.35 mill - up from .33 mill).

5.2 Various – Councillor Nadeau

- Local Library Meeting – Margaret Laurence Home is bringing in an author for a reading on December 7th.
- 975 library cards are signed out; 2938 different people used the library in the last 2-3 months.
- Western Regional Library – reviewing Accessibility Standards and have passed their 2024 Budget.

5.3 Various – Councillor Sisley

- ArtsForward continues to host an educational and mental health support group for mom's and children (Mom's Morning Out).
- November 25th - Glorious Christmas Wish Sale at the Yellowhead & Chamber Parade of Lights @ 6:00 p.m.
- HandiVan – Coop Fuel Good Days donation was \$2217.77; 465 rides for the month of October.

5.4 Beautiful Plains Community Clinic – Deputy Mayor Parrott

- Extended a big thankyou to John and Geri Nelson who have been with the Community Clinic Committee since inception in 2009. With this week marking John's last meeting, the committee will be looking for a replacement.

6. Department Reports

6.1 Manager of Operations Report – Denis Saquet

- Training Facility – renovation has been completed; ACC will be moving in shortly.
- Park Lake Project – has been completed, final inspection will take place Thursday, ready for water to fill it.
- Christmas Lights have been installed; Palliative Care Memory Tree will soon be in place.
- Reviewing renewals and projects, along with estimates for the 2024 Budget.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Manitoba Crime Stoppers

- Annual funding request of \$.25 per capita for the Crime Stoppers Program.

8. Finance

8.1 Financial Statement October 2023

Resolution No: 2023-236

Pottinger/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statement for the month ended October 31, 2023.

CARRIED

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Approving Policies

Resolution No: 2023-237

Sisley/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the following policies:

- OP-PK-015 – Tree Protection (repeals Policy Trans#001 - A/B/C/D)
- OP-PK-020 – Commemorative Benches & Trees
- AD-130 – Accessible Information & Communications

CARRIED

9.2 Accessibility Plan for 2024-2025

Resolution No: 2023-238

Sisley/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve updates to the Accessibility Plan for the Town of Neepawa for the years 2024-2025.

CARRIED

10. New Business

10.1 Restorative Justice Week – Proclamation

Resolution No: 2023-239

Sisley/Nadeau

WHEREAS in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships;

AND WHEREAS restorative justice is a non-adversarial, non-retributive approach to justice that emphasizes healing in victims, accountability of offenders, and the involvement of citizens in creating healthier, safer communities;

AND WHEREAS Restorative Justice Week is an opportunity to learn about restorative justice, as well as educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country during the week.

NOW THEREFORE we, Council for the Town of Neepawa, in the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim the week of November 19-25, 2023 to be RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK in the Town of Neepawa.

CARRIED

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 3226-23 Tree Protection – 1st Reading

Resolution No: 2023-240

Parrott/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3226-23, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to protect, preserve and retain trees in public spaces owned or controlled by the Town of Neepawa or adjacent to Town property, be now read for a first time.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2023-241

Kostenchuk/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:38 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchshyn