

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB**

Present: Mayor Brian Hedley, Deputy Mayor Parrott, Councillors Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau, Pottinger & Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchrony, ACAO Jodi Baker, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet

Guests: Rrain Prior, NACTV & Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner & Press

**1. 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Pre-Meeting Committee of the Whole.**

**Resolution: 2024-63**

**Kostenchuk/Parrott**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now sit as a “Committee of the Whole In-Camera” at 5:00 p.m. to discuss planning and development matters.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution: 2024-64**

**Pottinger/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do hereby adjourn the In-Camera session at 5:52 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution No: 2024-65**

**Pottinger/Sisley**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for April 16, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution No: 2024-66**

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 2, 2024, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**4. Council Reports**

**4.1 Various – Mayor Hedley**

- Attendance at meetings included the Environmental and Volunteerism Committee, Rossburn Subdivision Trails Association, Evergreen Environmental & the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Conference.

**4.2 Recreation & Economic Development – Councillor Sisley**

- Job Fair set for April 25<sup>th</sup> (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Yellowhead); Habitat for Humanity public meeting set for April 24, 2024 (7:00 p.m. - Library); and new flooring has been installed in the changerooms at the pool.

**4.4 Various – Councillor Nadeau**

- Attendance at recent meetings and events included the Community Expo, the Environmental and Volunteerism Committee, Rossburn Subdivision Trails Association and Spruce Plains Justice Committee.

**5. Department Reports**

**5.1 Manager of Operations – Denis Saquet**

- With budget now at approval stage, work has begun to get pricing and tenders for various 2024 projects.
- Street sweeping is underway and Town wide yard waste collection starts on Monday April 22, 2024

**6. Correspondence**

**6.1 Forestry & Peatlands Branch, Natural Resources and Northern Development**

- April 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> marks Invasive Species Week. Manitobans can assist with slowing the spread of damaging tree species such as emerald ash borer by not transporting firewood.

## 6.2 Filipino Canadian Association of Neepawa and Area

- Invitation to assist with acknowledging Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 2024 with the raising of a flag and a small ceremony. Administration to work with FILCAN regarding a location, etc.

## 7. Finance

### 7.1 Adopt the 2024 Financial Plan

Resolution No. 2024-67

Gerrard/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby adopt the 2024 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

### 7.2 Audited Financial Statement for 2022

Resolution No. 2024-68

Pottinger/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 as presented by Chambers, Fraser and Co.

CARRIED

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 Manitoba Water Services Board Capital Projects Request

Resolution No. 2024-69

Sisley/Nadeau

WHEREAS the Manitoba Water Services Board is requesting the identification of water and sewer projects slated for the next five years in rural Manitoba in order to prepare a capital plan for the prioritization and allocation of funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa hereby identify the following water and sewer projects to be considered for technical and financial assistance through the Manitoba Water Services Board capital plan:

1. Water Tower Repair & Maintenance
2. Water Treatment Plan - Addition of 3rd RO
3. Mill Street Lift Station Relocation

CARRIED

## 9. By-laws

### 9.1 By-Law 3230-24 Levy of Taxes for 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Resolution No. 2024-70

Parrott/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3230-24, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to levy taxes for the year 2024; to provide for a tax due date; and to provide for late payment penalties, be now read for a first time.

CARRIED

## 10. Other Business – Councillor Gerrard

- Donations are welcome for the new hospital and charitable receipts will be issued.

## 11. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2024-71

Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:20 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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Mayor – Brian Hedley

  
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CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn