

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY APRIL 29, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB**

Present: Mayor Hedley, Deputy Mayor Parrott (via teleconference), Councillors Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Pottinger & Nadeau, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, A CAO Jodi Baker

Regrets: Councillor Sisley

Mayor Hedley opened the meeting with Council proceeding in-camera.

**1. In-Camera**

**Resolution No: 2024-72**

**Pottinger/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now proceed in-camera at 5:00 p.m. to discuss planning and development matters.

**CARRIED**

**2. Out of In-Camera**

**Resolution No: 2024-73**

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn the in-camera session at 5:17 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**3. Business**

**3.1 Potential Land Purchase for Development**

**Resolution No. 2024-74**

**Gerrard/Parrott**

WHEREAS Neepawa's unprecedented growth has created a demand for housing and development;  
AND WHEREAS to better understand our current future housing needs, Council retained an urban planning consultant to complete a Needs and Demands Housing Study and subsequent Housing Strategy;  
AND WHEREAS based on the consultants' findings, key to managing growth is the ability of invest some time in obtaining information and understanding the development potential for land that may be available in and around Neepawa and then starting the process for planned infrastructure to either precede or compliment development in a timely manner;  
AND WHEREAS a process was initiated to reach out to owners of land in or near Neepawa to identify potential for development both in the short term and long term;  
AND WHEREAS the CAO has been recently privy to positive discussions in response to the connections made with landowners, which in certain instances may result in the sale of land to the Town;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT based on information received to date, the CAO be given the authority to continue discussions and negotiations reasonably, and in good faith, that may lead to the purchase of land that would allow the Town to proceed with development; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should negotiations prove successful, the CAO and the Mayor, or the Chairman of Finance, as signing officers for the Town of Neepawa, be authorized to conclude a land purchase;  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such potential purchase of land be borne by the Building and Land Reserve.

**CARRIED**

**4. Adjournment**


**Resolution No: 2024-75**

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Special Meeting of Council at 5:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
Mayor – Brian Hedley

  
CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn