

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEPAWA, MB

Present: Mayor Hedley, Deputy Mayor Parrott, Councillors Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau, Pottinger & Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, ACAO Jodi Baker, Development Officer Scott Kowalick

Guests: Jessica Oman, NACTV; Eoin Devereux, Neepawa Press & Banner; John Pottinger & Ray Drayson

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2024-156

Pottinger/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for August 20, 2024.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2024-157

Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held July 16, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations/Public Hearings

- 7:05 p.m. – Public Hearing – Variation V-05-2024 (*separate minutes*)
- 7:10 p.m. – John Pottinger & Ray Drayson – Neepawa & Area Disabled Persons Association (Handivan)
 - Discussion with Council regarding the Handivan service and the changes over the years that have make it difficult to sustain operations. It is perhaps timely to consider if the partners would augment operations with an annual funding commitment. An overall contribution of \$20,000 was proposed with cost sharing similar to percentages used for the PCH tax sharing agreement.
 - Things to look at before decisions are made include a possible fee increase, the preparation of a structured budget, a review of expenses and revenues and capital requirements.

4. Council Reports

4.1 Yellowhead Centre – Councillor Pottinger

- The Yellowhead has needed to repair a break in a pipeline underneath the concrete floor of the ice surface. This has delayed start up and has impacted the ability to host some of the hockey camps.

4.2 New Hospital – Mayor Hedley

- Along with Deputy Mayor Parrott and CAO Synchyshyn, met with Treena Slate and Dan McGregor of Prairie Mountain Health to further discuss the required capital contribution towards the hospital.

4.3 Recreation & Economic Development – Councillor Sisley

- Thank you to the day camp staff for a successful season.
- Bat houses have been constructed for placement around Neepawa. Interested individuals can sponsor a bat house by contacting the Town office. Thankyou to the Men's Shed for building them.
- Children's Business Fair on August 15th had 17 entries; What's The Big Idea is scheduled for October 17th.
- The Rolling Barrage on August 9th was successful. Thankyou to those who support this worthy cause.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Manager of Operations – Denis Saquet

- Another round of dust control has been applied to necessary streets.
- Staff continue to work on road patching, line painting and various other general maintenance work.
- Training for the operation of the wastewater treatment plant has started and will involve a three-day session with Veolia Technologies out of Quebec.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Sidewalk & Trail Safety – Bikes, E-Scooters, Etc.

- Written concerns were received from three different individuals regarding increased use of bikes and e-scooters and the safety risks when they ride on sidewalks and do not follow any of the rules of the road.
- Noted by administration – Manitoba does not currently have legislation in place to regulate e-scooters, etc. The local RCMP have been approached to assist in dealing with this issue and increase public education and awareness. However, legislated changes will be necessary to outline rules that will support communities.

7. Finance

7.1 Accounts – July 2024

Resolution No: 2024-158

Gerrard/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for July 2024, totalling \$844,316.50 as reviewed and representing cheque #202401120 to #202401386, but excluding #202401360.

CARRIED

Councillor Gerrard declared a conflict for the following resolution; vacated the room; returning at the close of discussion and debate.

7.2 Accounts – July 2024 (HH)

Resolution No: 2024-159

Pottinger/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202401360 for July 2024 to Home Hardware totalling \$1,693.97.

CARRIED

7.3 June 2024 Financial Statement

Resolution No: 2024-160

Kostenchuk/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statement for the month ended June 30, 2024.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Variation V-04-2023 - Request for Extension

Resolution No: 2024-161

Pottinger/Sisley

WHEREAS Resolution #2023-145 approved Variation V-04-2023 of Horizon Builders Inc. on behalf of KSO Real Estate LTD to provide for the construction of a 2-unit dwelling on Lots 17/18, Block 3, Plan 425 @ 574 Fourth Ave; AND WHEREAS the variation has expired and the property owner is requesting an extension to allow him to proceed with his construction plans;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve a one year extension to the variance granted under application V-04-2023 of KSO Real Estate Ltd. to allow for the construction of the intended two-unit dwelling.

CARRIED

9. New Business

9.1 Variation Application V-05-2024 – Elmer & Madelina Barayuga (Lot 1, Plan 7817 @ 185B PTH 5N)

Resolution No: 2024-162

Nadeau/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve Variation Application V-05-2024 of Elmer & Madeline Barayuga respecting Lot 1, Plan 7817 at 185B PTH 5N to intensify a non-conforming use by allowing for the construction of an attached garage within the "CH" Commercial Highway Zone

CARRIED

9.2 Canadian Pacific Kansas City – Temporary Closure of Rail Crossing

Resolution No: 2024-163

Kostenchuk/Gerrard

WHEREAS the *Grade Crossing Regulations* come into full effect on November 28, 2024 and will help improve safety at Canada's 14,000 public grade crossings;

AND WHEREAS the crossing at Hurrell Rd (mile 60.07 of CPKC's Minnedosa Subdivision) must meet Transport Canada's crossing compliant deadline of November 28, 2024;

AND WHEREAS Neepawa and CPKC will not be able to meet the deadline due to the length of time required for planning, design, approvals, procurement, and construction of both the required road upgrade and the gated warning system;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Neepawa and CPKC will work diligently to expedite the Hurrell Rd crossing upgrades to ensure compliance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to ensure public safety and compliance with the regulations, the crossing at Hurrell Road (mile 60.07 of CPKC's Minnedosa Subdivision) shall be temporarily closed for a one year period running from November 15, 2024 to November 15, 2025 to allow for the required road upgrades and installation of the gated warning system.

CARRIED

9.3 Training Request - Economic Developers Association Canada Conference Sept 30 - Oct, 2024

Resolution No: 2024-164

Parrott/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the Economic Development Officer to attend the Economic Developers Association Canada Conference from September 30 to October 3, 2024 in Edmonton.

CARRIED

9.4 Updating Policy - Disposal & Tipping Fees at Evergreen OP-015

Resolution No: 2024-165

Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve an amendment to Policy OP-015 Disposal & Tipping Fees at Evergreen to increase the base rate for contaminated recycling loads from \$200 per tonne to \$250 per tonne, effective August 1, 2024.

CARRIED

9.5 Storefront Improvement Incentive Program - 2024 Intake – Mountain Dental

Resolution No: 2024-166

Kostenchuk/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve an application to the Storefront Improvement Program submitted on behalf of Dr. Craig Fedorowich of Mountain Dental for a new sign and new lights at 452 First Ave. Incentive provided at 50% of the total cost and equating to \$1,180.50

CARRIED

9.6 National Royal Canadian Legion Week - September 15 - 21, 2024

Resolution No: 2024-167

Sisley/Parrott

WHEREAS The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23 has been a highly respected partner in our community, consistently demonstrating commitment to local veterans, their families and to the betterment of the community as a whole;

AND WHEREAS the partnership between our community and the Royal Canadian Legion is built on trust, collaboration and a mutual respect that enhances community spirit, volunteerism and supports the well-being of our residents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa do hereby declare September 15 - 21, 2024 as National Royal Canadian Legion week and we urge all residents to participate in recognizing and honouring Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23 for their service and commitment to local veterans, their families and this community.

CARRIED

9.7 Capital Project – Water Treatment Plant Expansion

Resolution No: 2024-168

Parrott/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa hereby request technical and financial assistance from the Manitoba Water Services Board to proceed with a study and/or detailed design for the expansion of the Neepawa Water Treatment Plant.

CARRIED

9.8 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Regulation - Designated Government Bodies

Resolution No: 2024-169

Pottinger/Sisley

WHEREAS Section 2(1) of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Regulation, under *The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act (PIDA)* authorizes entities named in the Schedule, to be designated as government bodies for the purposes of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Act facilitates the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious wrongdoings in, or relating to, public bodies and protects employees who make disclosures from any reprisals, such as discipline, demotion, termination, adverse work conditions or threats of same;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Neepawa deem it to be good practice to allow for the protection of all Town of Neepawa Employees should they deem it necessary to make a disclosure under the Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Neepawa do hereby request the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations and the Public Service Commission to formally add the Town of Neepawa to the Schedule contained in the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Regulation, thereby affording all employees protection under the legislation.

CARRIED

10. By-Laws

10.1 By-Law 3231-24 Amend Zoning of Pcl "A" Pl. 56267, NE 32-14-15W – ("AR-R" to "MH" & AR-C" to "CH")

Resolution No: 2024-170

Kostenchuk/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3231-24, being a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa to amend the Town of Neepawa Zoning By-Law No. 3184-18, be now read for a first time.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2024-171


Kostenchuk/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:59 pm.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchishyn