

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB

Present: Mayor Hedley, Deputy Mayor Parrott, Councillors Kostenchuk, Nadeau, Pottinger & Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchshyn, ACAO Jodi Baker

Guests: Jessica Oman, NACTV; Eoin Devereux, Neepawa Press & Banner

Regrets: Councillor Gerrard

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2024-172

Pottinger/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for September 3, 2024.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2024-173

Nadeau/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held August 20, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Council Reports

3.1 Recreation & Economic Development – Councillor Sisley

- Day Camp – 3 summer staff hosted 553 kids at the Nursery School location over an eight-week period.
- Pool – Closed for season, 750 swim lessons, 16 staff; looking at extending the concrete around the slide to replace the wet grassed area; lifejackets for the water wheelchair to be purchased in 2025.
- Rec Director Nicole Cooper’s last day today – a big thank you for all her outstanding contributions to the Town, and we wish her all the best...and welcome to Cassandra Groen, who started today in this position.

3.2 Westlake Employment – Councillor Nadeau

- Provincial funding remains status quo; however, costs continue to increase. Would appreciate a letter of support from the Town to assist with their lobbying efforts.

3.3 Yellowhead Centre – Councillor Pottinger

- Targeting September 11th to have the ice installed; one of the heating/cooling units needs replacement.

3.4 HAND – Councillor Kostenchuk

- The Fundraising BBQ netted a profit of \$1,048; the 50/50 winner was C Scott who won \$859.

4. Finance

4.1 July 2024 Financial Statement

Resolution No: 2024-174

Pottinger/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statement for the month ended July 31, 2024

CARRIED

4.2 Accounts – August 2024

Resolution No: 2024-175

Parrott/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for August 2024, totalling \$759,467.86, as reviewed and representing cheque #202401387 to #202401606, but excluding #202401583, #202401468 and #202401467.

CARRIED

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

4.3 Accounts – August 2024 (HH & Co-op)

Resolution No: 2024-176

Nadeau/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202401583, #202401468 and #202401467 for August 2024 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$14,243.88.

CARRIED

5. New Business

5.1 Street Closure – 2024 Santa Parade of Lights

Resolution No: 2024-177

Kostenchuk/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Town authorize the closure of the following streets to facilitate the Parade of Lights on Saturday, November 23, 2024:

Starting at the Yellowhead Arena, travel south on Mountain Avenue to Davidson Street; East on Davidson Street to Brown Avenue; South on Brown Avenue to Hamilton Street; and West on Hamilton Street past 1st Ave for dispersal. These streets to remain closed until the end of parade and/or scheduled festivities.

CARRIED

5.2 New Development – Planning & Engineering Services

Resolution No: 2024-178

Sisley/Parrott

WHEREAS the recent purchase of 320 acres of land by the Town of Neepawa represents the first step in accommodating current and future growth of the community, it is now necessary to begin the necessary processes to evolve the development of the land to meet the various residential, commercial, institutional and industrial needs of the future;

AND WHEREAS Administration has been actively engaging with various consultants and engineers to solicit their interest in working with Neepawa for the planning and development of the land, and have brought forth recommendations to Council to identify individuals to work with Administration on this development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the recommendation of Administration to proceed with the phased in development of the recently purchased land by the Town to the west and northwest of Neepawa by engaging with Sison Blackburn Consulting Inc. for the overall planning and engineering services and Associated Engineering for all necessary works associated with expanding the water and sewer network to service the property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council understands that based on the preliminary proposals received, it may be necessary for Administration to further quantify some of the terms and work items contained in the agreements that will form the basis of the work to be performed, and that Administration be given the authority to finalize those agreements.

CARRIED


6. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2024-179

Kostenchuk/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:17 pm.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn