

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 Gerrard, Nadeau, Sisley, Pottinger & Kostenchuk, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, A CAO Jodi Baker, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, Development Officer Scott Kowalick

Guests: Jessica Omen, NACTV

**1. 5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. – Pre-Meeting Committee of the Whole.**

**Resolution: 2024-228**

**Sisley/Gerrard**

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: 2024-229**

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn the “In-Camera” session at 6:42 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**2. 6:45 p.m. - Annual Organizational Meeting of Council (separate minutes)**

**3. 7:00 p.m. - Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution No: 2024-230**

**Parrott/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for November 5, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution No: 2024-231**

**Sisley/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held October 15, 2024 and the Special Meeting on October 23, 2024 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**5. Presentations/Delegations/Public Hearings**

- 7:05 p.m. - Public Hearing – Variation Application – V-07-2024 Dan & Leanne Zettler (Separate Minutes)

**6. Council Reports**

**6.1 Various – Mayor Headley**

- Attended a Provincial Municipal Justice Advisory Committee (PMJAC) meeting – a number of items were discussed including public safety and rural crime, upcoming initiatives, the Community Safety Officers (CSO) Program, a review of the police funding model and body-worn cameras.
- Evergreen Environmental Committee – new cell completed at a cost of \$800,000 – reminder to residents that clean recycling assists in lengthening a cell’s lifespan.
- Met with the Minister Cable of Advanced Education and Training and Minister Asagwara of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care on October 28, 2024 to discuss items relevant to Neepawa.

**6.2 Various – Councillor Pottinger**

- Invitation to all residents to attend the Yellowhead Centre AGM on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- Attended Grand Opening of Tsibog Eatery, great turnout, congratulations on the opening.

### 6.3 Various – Councillor Nadeau

- Westlake Employment – thanked Council for the Letter of Support in regards to their request for a funding increase, it has had a positive impact.
- Western Regional Library Board – Intend to approve the 2025 Budget at their next meeting which will reflect a 7.65% increase. Neepawa’s levy for 2025 will be \$80,443.
- Neepawa Library – 2 new staff members for programing and Saturdays. Looking for new Board Member.

### 6.4 Various – Councillor Sisley

- Halloween – 200+ kids attended the Park at Dark; 29 business partook in the Pre-School Costume Parade.
- Attended the Meeting with Ministers Cable & Asagwara, which coincidentally aligned with the attendance at the Legislature by our local fire department members who joined other first responders from the major traffic incident at Carberry for the purpose of receiving the Order of the Buffalo Hunt from Premier Kinew.
- New signage will be placed in empty storefronts, with a QR code to connect with Economic Development.
- Reminder – Chamber Parade of Lights to be held November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 6.5 Various – Deputy Mayor Parrott

- Also attended the Meeting with the Ministers – Valuable information was provided and discussed with the Ministers and their staff to advocate for Neepawa. It was a very positive and productive meeting.

## 7. Department Reports

### 7.1 Manager of Operations

- Yard Waste pick up is underway, reminder that only paper bags will be picked up (no plastic).
- Completed a 300 mm waterline extension down Gill Drive and installed 3 hydrants.
- Paving on Hamilton Street has been completed, as well as a few significant patches.
- A water leak at a Hamilton St. business is being investigated.
- Reviewed the road network around the new Hospital on Hamilton St. which includes a traffic circle.

## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1 Minister of Environment and Climate Change

- Neepawa will receive a rebate of \$13,3723.49 for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2024 as part of the Waste Reduction & Recycling Support Program.

### 8.2 Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations

- Neepawa has been conditionally approved to receive \$18,375.00 form the 2024/25 From the Ground Up - Safe Healthy Communities for ALL Program Funding for swimming pool upgrades, relative to the replacement of the paver stones and part of the grassed area with concrete.

## 9. Finance

### 9.1 August 2024 Financial Statement

**Resolution No:** 2024-232

**Kostenchuk/Gerrard**

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

**CARRIED**

### 9.2 Accounts – October 2024

**Resolution No:** 2024-233

**Pottinger/Sisley**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for October 2024, totalling \$3,389,267.28 as reviewed and representing cheque #202401691 to #202401809 and AFT #189 to #276, but excluding #202401729 & #202401788.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Hedley & Councillor Gerrard declared a conflict for the following resolution; vacated the room; returning at the close of discussion and debate. Deputy Mayor Parrott presided.

### 9.3 Accounts – October 2024 (HH & Co-op)

**Resolution No:** 2024-234

**Kostenchuk/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202401729 and #202401788 for October 2024 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$7,057.34.

**CARRIED**

### 10. New Business

#### 10.1 Variation Application V-07-2024 – Zettler (SW 34-14-15 W @ 475 Main St E)

**Resolution No:** 2024-235

**Sisley/Parrott**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve Variation Application V-07-2024 of Daniel & Leanne Zettler respecting 475 Main St. E in SW 34-14-15W to vary the minimum site area from the required 20 acres to 14.98 acres in the AR-R Agricultural Restricted Residential Zone.

**CARRIED**

#### 10.2 Snow Removal Agreement – Manitoba Transportation & Infrastructure for 2024/25

- MTI has approved a 3% increase to the snow removal agreement, which results in a total annual payment of \$10,182.00 for snow removal on Mountain Ave – PTH No. 16 to Commerce Street.

**Resolution No:** 2024-236

**Gerrard/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we authorize the CAO to sign the 2024/25 Snow Removal Agreement with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure.

**CARRIED**

### 11. Other Business

- The recently purchased 2012 Leeboy grader has arrived and staff are being trained
- Tim Speiss has been hired to fill the position of Public Works Supervisor and we are currently vetting applications to fill two term job postings.
- The lighted crosswalk signs are to be installed at the Red Apple as time permits this fall.
- Reminder of the Remembrance Day service on November 11, 2021 at the Yellowhead Centre

### 12. Adjournment


**Resolution No:** 2024-237

**Kostenchuk/Pottinger**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:44 pm.

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor – Brian Hedley

  
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CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn