MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 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, Kostenchuk & Pottinger, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, ACAO Jodi Baker

Guests: Jessica Omen, NACTV

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Council hosted an Open House for Phase 1 of Project 320

1. **7:00 p.m. - Approval of Agenda**

Resolution No: 2025-19
Pottinger/Nadeau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for February 4, 2025.
CARRIED

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Resolution No: 2024-20
Kostenchuk/Parrott
BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held January 21, 2025 as circulated.
CARRIED

3. **Presentation**

7:05 p.m. – Amanda Naughton-Gale – Salvation Army

- provided an overview of the services offered at the Salvation Army which included the Food Bank, Thrift Store, Christmas Hampers, Community Outreach, and Community Support Services such as Mental Health, EI, Settlement Services, etc.
- Currently working on an expansion to include a community kitchen.

4. **Council Reports**

4.1 Mayor Hedley

- Recently hosted the heads of council from the Mid-Western District, which included attendance by Minister Marcelino from the Department of Labour and Immigration.
- Attended a meeting with Carberry/North Cypress Landford Health Action Committee to discuss shared concerns and opportunities to work together.
- Project 320 Open House held earlier in the evening was well attended and provided valuable feedback.

4.2 Councillor Sisley

- WinterFest scheduled for February 16 at the Flats, volunteers needed, fireworks at dusk;
- Attended the Chamber AGM with Councillor Pottinger. Congratulations to Kinley Thompson, Business of the Year winner.

4.3 Councillor Gerrard – Beautiful Plains County Court Building

- Established the 2025 budget with each partner agreeing to contribute equally for 2025; awaiting decision by the province regarding future contributions, letter to be sent asking them to expedite their response.

4.4 Councillor Nadeau

- Rossburn Trail Association AGM will be held in March.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Manager of Operations

- Postings for three public works positions are now closed. Currently screening applicants to set interviews.
- Seasonal positions have been posted for summer positions.
- Bulk Water station at the PW Shop is currently down and needing replacement.

6. Finance

6.1 Accounts – January 2025

Resolution No: 2025-21
Gerrard/Pottinger
BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for January 2025, totalling $2,474,732.98, as reviewed and representing electronic fund transfer #472 to #553 and cheques #2025000001 to #2025000097, but excluding cheque #2025000008 and #2025000088.
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.

6.2 Accounts – January 2025 (HH & Coop)

Resolution No: 2025-22
Sisley/Kostenchuk
BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202500008 and #2025000088 for January 2025 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling $9,154.28.
CARRIED

7 New Business

7.1 Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund – Grant Application

Resolution No: 2025-23
Nadeau/Sisley
WHEREAS, the Town of Neepawa recognizes the pressing need for affordable and diverse housing options to meet the growing demands of our community; and
WHEREAS, the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund Grant Program offers financial assistance to municipalities to address municipal infrastructure needs for housing development;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council for the Town of Neepawa approve the submission of an application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund Grant Program to secure funding for critical housing projects within our community; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council for the Town of Neepawa commits to allocating the necessary resources and support to ensure the successful implementation and completion of the proposed housing infrastructure projects understanding that if approved, the ability to participate in the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund Grant Program requires a 50/50 cost share commitment.
CARRIED

7.2 Bulk Water Station – Truck Fill Panel Replacement

Resolution No: 2025-24
Parrott/Sisley
BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the upgrade and replacement of the bulk water truck fill panel at the bulk water station for an amount of $21,560.00 including taxes from Flo-Crest Equipment.
CARRIED

7.3 Neepawa and Area Planning District – Lease Renewal

Resolution No: 2025-25

Kostenchuk/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve a lease renewal to the Neepawa and Area Planning District for the three-year period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027 in the amount of $1,164.01 per month plus $85.56 per month for internet access.

CARRIED

8. <u>Adjournment</u>

Resolution No: 2025-26

Kostenchuk/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:49 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor – Brian Hedley

CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn