

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 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, Sisley, Kostenchuk & Pottinger, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet

Regrets: Councillor Nadeau

Guests: Jessica Omen, NACTV, Eoin Devereau – Neepawa Banner & Press

1. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Pre-Meeting Committee of the Whole.

Resolution: 2025-62

Parrott/Kostenchuk

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: 2025-63

Kostenchuk/Pottinger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn the “In-Camera” session at 6:57 p.m.

CARRIED

2. 7:00 p.m. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2025-64

Gerrard/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for April 1, 2025.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2025-65

Kostenchuk/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Council Reports

4.1 Councillor Sisley – Recreation & Economic Development

- 21 nurses registered in the portal to participate in the Internationally Educated Nurse’s Program.
- The 2025 Business Survey has been released as well as a survey focusing on the impact of tariffs.
- Chuck Davidson from the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce attended Neepawa to participate in a tariff discussion and provide useful information for businesses.
- Council should perhaps consider utilizing language in our purchasing policies that promotes Canada.
- Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a community meeting on April 8, 2025 at which time they will announce the family that was chosen under the program.
- Neepawa was successful in receiving a Community Challenge grant of \$1,000.

4.2 Councillor Pottinger

- The Community Clinic Committee is working on logistics to host a fall lottery and discussing the ability to expand the clinic to prepare for potential new doctors.
- The Yellowhead Centre is currently recruiting for one full-time and one part time maintenance person.

4.3 Councillor Kostenchuk – Home and Area Neepawa Assistance (HAND)

- Reported on recent Age Friendly programs and workshops in support of socialization and participation in activities for seniors.

- Planning to re-do the shuffling floor in the summer months.
- Concerns will be raised with Manitoba Housing regarding issues with the MB Housing clientele that reside in the Yellowhead manor.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Manager of Operations Denis Saquet

- The new raw water line has now been installed at the well site.
- Currently scheduling various staff members for certification and/or training.
- Tree trimming in progress.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Minister of Municipal & Northern Relations

- Neepawa's application under the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for municipalities program received approval in amount of \$2 million for the Road Network for the New Regional Hospital and Development of Land Project.

Finance

6.1 January & February 2025 Financial Statements

Resolution No: 2025-66

Pottinger/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statements for the months ended January 31st & February 28th.

CARRIED

6.2 Accounts – March 2025

Resolution No: 2025-67

Kostenchuk/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for March 2025, totalling \$834,139.54, as reviewed and representing electronic fund transfers #628 to #704 and cheque #2025000167 to #2025000243, but excluding #2025000178 and #2025000231.

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.

6.3 Accounts – March 2025 (HH & Co-op)

Resolution No: 2025-68

Pottinger/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #2024000178 & #2024000231 for March 2025 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$6,694.23.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Filipino Heritage Parade – June 14, 2025

Resolution No: 2025-69

Sisley/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to facilitate the 2025 Filipino Heritage Parade scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025 @ 1:00p.m., we hereby authorize the closure of that part of Hamilton Street from Riverbend Park westward to Mountain Avenue and that part of Mountain Avenue northward from Hamilton Street to the Yellowhead Centre. These portions of street to remain closed until the end of the parade.

CARRIED

7.2 Change of Date – April 15th Council Meeting & Financial Plan Public Hearing

Resolution No: 2025-70

Parrott/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2025 Financial Plan Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for April 15, 2025 be changed to April 22, 2025.

CARRIED

7.3 Approve Equipment Purchase

Resolution No: 2025-71

Parrott/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve trading in the Town's 2017 - 5600 Toolcat on the purchase of a Bobcat UW56 for a net cost of \$70,250.00.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

- A Federal Election has been called for April 28, 2025, with advance polls running from April 18 – 21, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

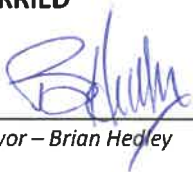
9. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2025-72

Parrott/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:15 pm.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn