

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB

Present: Mayor Hedley, Deputy Mayor Parrott, Councillors Clark, Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau and Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchrony, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, Asset Management Co-ordinator Kara Sylvester

Guests: Jessica Oman – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner & Press

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2026-1

Clark/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for January 6, 2026.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2026-2

Sisley/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held December 16, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations/Public Hearings

3.1 S. Sgt. Andrew Cowan, Area Commander, Spruce Plains RCMP

- Reviewed December statistics - traffic stops only resulted in a single roadside suspension.
- The Neepawa Detachment now serves as a “safe exchange zone” for people buying/selling items.
- All municipal RCMP positions are currently filled with one rural vacancy. The vacant Detachment Clerk position has received approval for filling and will be advertising in the near future.
- An application has been sent to the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund to obtain funding to install speed display signage on PTH 16.

3.2 Arts Forward – Ron Nordstrom & Diane Martin

- Provided a summary of the 2025 operating year which showcased how Arts Forward has evolved to include tourism and recreational components. Requesting funding in amount of \$25,000 for 2026.

4. Council Reports

4.1 Councillor Sisley – Health Action Committee

- Met earlier to talk about actions in 2026 to support health care workers, including resident doctors.

4.2 Councillor Nadeau – Rossburn Subdivision Trails Association

- Currently working on policies and will be applying for grants to assist with trail sign replacements.

4.3 Deputy Mayor Parrott

- Extended appreciation to Public Works for their attention to snow clearing and keeping the streets clear.

4.4 Councillor Kostenchuk – Home Assistance Neepawa & District (HAND)

- Chili fundraiser set for January 23rd at Arts Forward; seniors foot clinic scheduled for February.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Manager of Operations Denis Saquet

- A new water main is being installed adjacent to the public works yard as a start to the necessary utility installations for the new development. Further extensions are in the planning stages for tender.
- Working on implementing a grease program. Details will be forthcoming.
- The new well at Oberon is finally in line for commissioning in the next few weeks.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba – 2026 Recycling Rebate

- Neepawa to receive \$87,351.79 for 2026, as well as an in-kind advertising credit in amount of \$3,390.51.

6.2 Neepawa and District Disabled Persons Association

- Letter requesting Council to once again support a funding request of \$1.80 per capita for 2026.

7. Finance

7.1 Accounts – December 2025

Resolution No: 2026-3

Kostenchuk/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for December 2025, totalling \$981,389.74, as reviewed and representing electronic fund transfers #1839 to #1967 and cheques #2025000954 to #2025001025, but excluding #2025000975 and #2025001015.

CARRIED

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

7.2 Accounts – December 2025 (HH & Co-op)

Resolution No: 2026-4

Sisley/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #2025000975 and #2025001015 for December 2025 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$5,475.39.

CARRIED

7.3 Tax Sale for 2026

Resolution No: 2026-5

Gerrard/Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby designate 2025 as the year which properties in arrears will be offered for sale by the way of public auction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the tax sale be held November 4, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Neepawa at 275 Hamilton St., Neepawa, Manitoba, with TAXservice appointed to manage the tax sale process and conduct the proceedings on behalf of the Town.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business – Nil

9. New Business

9.1 Lease – Neepawa Municipal Airport

Resolution No: 2026-6

Parrott/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we authorize the Mayor and CAO to renew the Airport Farming Agreement with The Yellowhead Farming Committee for the five-year period from January 2026 - December 31, 2030 at a rate of \$25/acre.

CARRIED

9.2 Appoint Weed Inspectors

Resolution No: 2026-7

Sisley/Parrott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby appoint Scott Boxall and Matthew Barrett as Weed Inspectors for the Town of Neepawa for 2026.

CARRIED

9. **By-Laws** - Nil

10. **Other Business** - Nil

11. **Adjournment**

Resolution No: 2026-8

Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 6:13 pm.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn