

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 Clark, Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau and Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, Asset Management Co-ordinator Kara Sylvester

Guests: Rrain Prior – NACTV, Eoin Devereaux – Neepawa Banner & Press

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution No: 2025-191**

**Clark/Parrott**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for October 7, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution No: 2025-192**

**Gerrard/Clark**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 16, 2025 & the special meeting held September 24, 2025, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. Presentations/Delegations/Public Hearings**

7:05 p.m. – Erika Martin & Caitlin Henderson – Western Regional Library and Neepawa Library

- Narrated a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the library services through the Western Regional Library partnership and the projected 2026 budget with a proposed increase of 4.6%.

**4. Council Reports**

**4.1 Deputy Mayor Parrott**

- Advised the public to take pride in the community and take their leaves to the compost site as it is not acceptable to rake them onto the streets.

**4.2 Councillor Clark – Yellowhead Centre**

- Received \$35,000 from HyLife as part of HyLife Fun Day.
- Pump repairs have been completed and the facility is fully booked until the end of December.
- AGM scheduled for October 23, 2025.

**4.3 Councillor Sisley**

- What's the Big Idea will take place on October 16, 2025 at the Legion and the Youth Choir is scheduled to perform at the Neepawa United Anglican Church on October 20, 2025.

**4.4 Councillor Kostenchuk – Home Assistance Neepawa & District**

- 23 seniors attended the mature driver's workshop; profit of \$679.49 from the pancake breakfast.
- Following a notice period of 6 months, the meal program will increase from \$11 per plate to \$12 per plate.

**4.5 Councillor Nadeau**

- The local library is pursuing some renovations insofar as new carpet and paint.
- Westlake Employment Centre completed the negotiations of their annual contract.

**5. Department Reports**

**5.1 Manager of Operations Denis Saquet**

- Second Street - sewer renewals were completed as well as 3 water renewals due to having lead lines.

- Hamilton Street E – curb work has been completed from Broadway Ave to the round-about; excavation for the round-about is starting and the intersection alterations at PTH 16 are almost complete.
- The pothole patcher machine has returned and will be kept in service as long as weather permits.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1 Manitoba Hydro – Neepawa Gas Transmission Project**

- Planning to construct a 6-inch steel natural gas pipeline that will extend from an existing valve site located 22.5 km south of Neepawa and run 19 kms north to another control structure located 3.5 km south of town. The new line will support the system’s ability to meet current and future demand in the area.

## **7. Finance**

### **7.1 July 2025 Financial Statement**

**Resolution No:** 2025-193

**Gerrard/Nadeau**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statement for the month ended July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 August 2025 Financial Statement**

**Resolution No:** 2025-194

**Clark/Sisley**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statement for the month ended August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Accounts – September 2025**

**Resolution No:** 2025-195

**Kostenchuk/Parrott**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for September 2025, totalling \$899,157.67, as reviewed and representing electronic fund transfers #1440 to #1587 and cheque #2025000687 to #2025000754, but excluding #2025000713.

**CARRIED**

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

### **7.4 Accounts – September 2025 (HH)**

**Resolution No:** 2025-196

**Kostenchuk/Parrott**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202400713 for September 2025 to Home Hardware totalling \$2,010.31

**CARRIED**

### **7.5 Add Outstanding Utility Accounts to Taxes**

**Resolution No:** 2025-197

**Gerrard/Parrott**

WHEREAS Section 252(2) of The Municipal Act authorizes a municipality to collect debts in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under the Act;

AND WHEREAS there are outstanding utility charges, as well as an outstanding account related to the clean up of a property in 2024, which remain unpaid and uncollectible;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve adding the following outstanding accounts to the tax roll:

<b>Tax Roll Number</b>	<b>Utility Account Number</b>	<b>Amount Outstanding</b>
141732000	300522011	\$394.64
43100000	62301002	\$235.15
142600000	100105007	\$214.53
67000000	300774001	\$213.96
141728000	300562012	\$197.08
98500000	66502003	\$180.97
1450000	300669000	\$138.05
99800000	60904004	\$131.54
1450000	300680007	\$130.05
41800000	51100007	\$122.55
67000000	300780001	\$100.47
69000000	501005	\$38.06
1450000	300672002	\$82.44
142600000	300251007	\$79.42
1450000	300678002	\$79.42
67000000	300779001	\$79.42
<b>Total Outstanding</b>		<b>\$2,417.75</b>

**CARRIED**

**7.6 Tax Sale for 2025 – Reserve Bid**

**Resolution No: 2025-198**

**Sisley/Parrott**

WHEREAS pursuant to section 372 of *The Municipal Act*, a municipality may set any terms and conditions for the sale of a property to be sold for taxes, and may set a reserve bid in the amount of the tax arrears and costs in respect of the property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Neepawa place a reserve bid on all properties to be offered for sale on October 28, 2025, in the amount of all tax arrears and costs, and subject to the conditions as outlined in the Notice of Public Auction dated September 16, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**8. Unfinished Business – Nil**

**9. New Business**

**9.1 Manitoba Growth Renewal and Opportunities Grant – Support for Funding Application**

**Resolution No: 2025-199**

**Clark/Sisley**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we support an application to the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities Program to pursue the preliminary design and engineering of a bridge to be installed on Hurrell Road between the NE 34-14-15W and SW 2-15-15W, with 50% of the associated cost to be borne by the Town of Neepawa as part of the 2026 operating budget.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Local Leadership Climate Adaptation Plan – Accept Consultant Proposal**

**Resolution No: 2025-200**

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the proposal of Intergroup Consultants to update the Town's Climate Change Local Action Plan to integrate equitable and inclusive climate adaptation planning at a cost of \$66,635.75 plus GST.

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Manitoba Water Services Board – Lobby Support for Capital Budget Increase**

**Resolution No:** 2025-201

**Sisley/Kostenchuk**

WHEREAS the vast majority of Manitoba municipalities are in dire need of the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) financial, professional, and / or related subject matter expertise assistance for every aspect of water and wastewater projects and initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the provincial economy, municipal residential and commercial growth, community development opportunities, climate resiliency, public health, and convergent federal or provincial programs are at serious risk of being postponed, cancelled, or sub optimally advanced due to the fact that the MWSB is critically oversubscribed with projects, which at the current funding level, has seriously compromised the financial capability to complete even a fraction of the queued projects required to drive local prosperity, health, safety, and livability;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa fully supports an immediate annual increase to the MWSB's capital budget, beginning in 2026, to \$100 million from its current \$24 million.

**CARRIED**

### **9.4 Accepting Proposal – Water Treatment Plant – Asbestos Building Materials Reassessment**

- In 2014, the water treatment plant, as a public building, underwent an assessment to identify and inventory the presence of any building materials that may contain asbestos.
- Workplace Safety & Health is requesting that a re-assessment be completed to ensure there continues to be no safety concerns. Further as per regulation re-assessments will be required annually.
- Recommendation to complete the re-assessment and identify plans for the removal of any asbestos materials that may exist in the building, as opposed to re-assessing the building annually.

**Resolution No:** 2025-202

**Gerrard/Parrott**

WHEREAS in 2014, in accordance with Workplace Safety and Health requirements, the Town of Neepawa completed an assessment of the Water Treatment Plant to identify and inventory any building materials that may contain asbestos;

AND WHEREAS Workplace Safety and Health is now requesting a formal re-assessment of the Water Treatment Plant, which due to regulatory changes will need to be updated annually;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the proposal of Pinchin Ltd. to complete a reassessment of asbestos-containing materials for the Water Treatment Plant building located at 306 McGill Street at a cost of \$3,950.00 plus taxes.

**CARRIED**

### **9.5 Appointment to Neepawa Library Board (Local Advisory Committee)**

**Resolution No:** 2025-203

**Nadeau/Kostenchuk**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we appoint Miranda Leybourne as a citizen's representative to the Neepawa Library Board.

**CARRIED**

10. **Other Business** - Nil

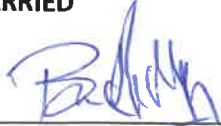
11. **Adjournment**

**Resolution No:** 2025-204

**Kostenchuk/Clark**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 8:06 pm.

**CARRIED**



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Mayor – Brian Hedley



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CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn