

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB

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

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Parrott

Guests: Rrain Prior – NACTV

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2026-17

Kostenchuk/Gerrard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for February 3, 2026.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2026-18

Sisley/Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 20, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations/Public Hearings – Nil.

4. Council Reports

4.1 Councillor Sisley

- Encouraged the public to participate in the 'Love Where You Live Event' with a variety of activities promoting Neepawa throughout the month of February.

4.2 Councillor Nadeau

- Westlake Employments Skills and Services held their AGM – continues to advocate for funding.
- New computers are being sourced for the library; an application will be sent for approval of a Green Team Student; 65% of the local borrowing relates to 4% of the users who are non-resident.
- Rossburn Subdivision Trails Association – AGM scheduled for March 2nd; adopted revised by-laws; currently focused on re-doing and improving sections of the trail.

4.3 Councillor Kostenchuk – County Court Building

- Met to discuss the 2026 budget, the buildings condition, and opportunities that would attract renters.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Manager of Operations Denis Saquet

- Staff have been working on snow clean-up and building a complement of new barricades.
- Construction work continues over at the Project 320 site.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Westlake Employment Skills and Service

- Letter to thank the municipal partners for support. The Partnership Funds still have a balance of \$1,903.92 and as a result, the Board will not be seeking additional funding.

7. Finance

7.1 Accounts – January 2026

Resolution No: 2026-19

Clark/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for January 2026, totalling \$1,393,072.75, as reviewed and representing electronic fund transfers #1968 to #2055 and cheques #202600001 to #202600079, but excluding #202600018 and #202600052.

CARRIED

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

7.2 Accounts – January 2026 (HH & Co-op)

Resolution No: 2026-20

Kostenchuk/Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202600018 and #202600052 for January 2026 to Home Hardware and Neepawa Gladstone Co-op totalling \$10,429.11.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business – Nil

9. New Business

9.1 Approval to Host Fireworks Displays – February 15th & July 1st, 2026

Resolution No: 2026-21

Sisley/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby approve the hosting of a fireworks display at the Flats/Riverbend Park in Neepawa, Manitoba on February 15, 2026, in celebration of the Winter Festival, and on July 1, 2026, in celebration of Canada Day.

CARRIED

9.2 Authorize Destruction of Nuisance Birds and Vermin

Resolution No: 2026-22

Gerrard/Kostenchuk

WHEREAS certain species of birds such as crows and pigeons; and vermin such as beavers and gophers, pose a public nuisance and a danger to the public; and

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to protect the community and its residents by shooting those certain species that pose a public nuisance and a health risk;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Neepawa authorize Chad Campbell, Jake Birch, Matthew Barrett, Sheldon Enns and Zachary Enns, through direction and consultation with the local Police Detachment and the CAO, to discharge firearms for this purpose, within Town limits during the 2026 year.

CARRIED

9. By-Laws - Nil

10. Other Business - Nil


11. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2026-23

Kostenchuk/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 5:43 pm.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchyshyn