

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 275 HAMILTON ST., NEEPAWA, MB

Present: Deputy Mayor Parrott (presiding), Councillors Clark, Gerrard, Kostenchuk, Nadeau & Sisley, CAO Colleen Synchyshyn, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet, Economic Development Officer Marilyn Crewe

Regrets: Mayor Hedley

Guests: Jessican Oman – NACTV

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2026-132

Gerrard/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Regular Meeting agenda for August 11, 2026.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No: 2026-133

Nadeau/Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 14, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations/Public Hearings - Nil

4. Council Reports

4.1 Councillor Sisley – Recreation & Economic Development Committee

- Upcoming recreation programs include a glow swim, walking Wednesdays, paddleboard Thursdays, as well babysitting and home alone workshops.
- There are 18 tables booked for the Children's Business Fair on August 13th.
- With the upcoming opening of an Adult Learning Centre in Neepawa, there will be an informational session hosted on August 12th.

4.2 Councillor Clark – Yellowhead Centre

- Starting to discuss the new 2026/27 budget.
- A new website has been established and there has been positive progress with the finances.
- Will be recruiting to fill positions for ice maintenance and weekend work.
- Exploring the ability to secure grant funding to assist with a new plant. The Zamboni is nearing the end of its life and will need maintenance or replacement.
- Preparations are underway to prepare the surface for the ice installation.
- There has been a notable absence of the rural municipal board reps from the board meetings.

4.3 Councillor Kostenchuk

- Home Assistance & District – 40 person attended the on-site meal program.
- Sayward Estate – funding was approved to obtain a bladder scanner for the Personal Care Home as well as an omiVista for sensory stimulation. A funding decision for the hospital will be forthcoming.

4.4 Councillor Gerrard

- Attended a meeting to discuss and Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Lake Irwin Dam, along with Councillor Clark and Deputy Mayor Parrott. While there is no current or impending threat to the dam, the initiative to compile the appropriate information and ensure planning takes into account the potential impact on all downstream municipalities and communities is critical for ensuring preparedness.

4.5 Deputy Mayor Parrott

- Dr. Desilets is this year's winner of the Jean-Pierre Despins Award as an outstanding advocate and public spokesperson for family medicine, family physicians and their patients.
- Welcome to Dr. Emma Ball who has made the decision to join Neepawa's family physicians' group.
- Clinic renovations are on schedule.

5. Department Reports

5.1 Manager of Operations Denis Saquet

- We continue to remediate and/or document damaged sites for disaster funding.
- Various projects are underway as related to patching, crack sealing, paving and line painting.
- Zenith Paving is currently working on paving the new road by the new hospital as well as the pathway.
- The contractor has started work on Adelaide Street. Temporary water lines will be installed.
- Positive feedback was expressed by Councillor Gerrard for the well-maintained appearance of the walking trails, trail park and compost area.

6. Correspondence

6.1 MTI – Emergency Management Organization

- Neepawa's request for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) has been accepted under the 2026 June 28 – July 1 Heavy Rains DFA Program. All claims are subject to eligibility requirements, program criteria and assessment of the damaged sites and costs.

6.2 GlobalMedic – Fire Fighting Skid Program

- GlobalMedic, a Toronto based registered Canadian Charity has generously donated a fire fighting skid and 15 pairs of fire-resistant coveralls to the Neepawa Fire Department. In exchange, the department is asked to respond with their thanks by way of a letter and photos and videos of these items in active use.

7. Finance

7.1 June Financial Statement

Resolution No: 2026-134

Gerrard/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the Financial Statement for the month ended June 30, 2026.

CARRIED

7.2 Accounts – July 2026

Resolution No: 2026-135

Sisley/Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the accounts for July 2026, totalling \$1,500,548.25, as reviewed and representing electronic fund transfers #2615 to #2788 and cheques #202600484 to #202600572, but excluding #202600503.

CARRIED

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

7.2 Accounts – July 2026 (HH)

Resolution No: 2026-136

Clark/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve cheque #202600503 for July 2026 to Home Hardware totalling \$1,520.54.

CARRIED

7.3 2024 Audited Financial Statements

Resolution No: 2026-137

Gerrard/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 as presented by Meyers Norris and Penny.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business - Nil

9. New Business

9.1 Storefront Improvement Incentive Program – 2026 Intake – Irons & Rye Inc.

Resolution No: 2026-138

Sisley/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve an application to the Storefront Improvement Program submitted by Mark Mitchell of Irons and Rye Inc. to reface the entire front of the building at 426 Mountain Avenue; and taking into account that the total cost of the project is greater than the project threshold of \$10,000, the project be approved at an amount no greater than \$5,000.

CARRIED

9.2 Accept Real Estate Proposal

- Only one proposal was received by the deadline.

Resolution No: 2026-139

Gerrard/Kostenchuk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the proposal of Sutton Real Estate to represent the Town of Neepawa in the marketing and sale of those residential lots remaining vacant on Isabel Street and the single vacant lot on Broadway Ave. subject to criteria outlined in the Request for Proposal and Contract documents.

CARRIED

9.3 Approve 2026 General Street Paving & Patching Projects

- Two quotes were received. Recommendation to accept low bid;
- Councillor Gerrard summarized that the queuing of these paving initiatives is in direct response to concerns raised by residents about the condition of local streets. Council has listened to those concerns and is prepared to alter various expenditures in the budget to offset the associated costs. This will however mean that certain projects or capital expenses may be deferred until next year in order to ensure the budget is on track for 2026 without incurring a deficit.

Resolution No: 2026-140

Sisley/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the tender of Zenith Paving Ltd. in amount of \$459,922.34 plus GST to complete the following paving works:

- Mountain Ave. - west side parking lane from Ellen St. to Hamilton St. (68m);
- Mountain Ave. - east side parking lane from Hamilton St. to Davidson St. (75m);
- Mill Street from First Ave. to Third Ave. (175m);
- Fifth Ave. - Main St. for a distance of 75 m going north;
- Hamilton Street Bridge - resurfacing (112 m);
- Fire Hall Apron at 100 Mill Street;
- Patching - Fifth Ave., Fourth Ave., Isabel St. and Vivian St.

CARRIED

10. **By-Laws** - Nil

11. **Other Business** - Nil

12. **In-Camera**

Resolution No: 2026-141

Sisley/Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now sit a "Committee of Whole In-Camera" at 6:08 p.m. to discuss personnel and development matters.

CARRIED

Adjourn In-Camera

Resolution No: 2026-142

Clark/Nadeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn the "In-Camera" session at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED

13. **Adjournment**

Resolution No: 2026-143

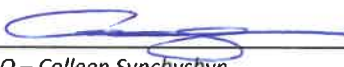
Gerrard/Sisley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:37 pm.

CARRIED



Mayor – Brian Hedley



CAO – Colleen Synchishyn