



Ward Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
West Arthur Community Centre
1914 Arthur Street West

1. Neebing Ward Meeting 02-2023

Chair: Councillor Greg Johnsen

2. Resource Persons

Ian Spoljarich, Manager - Roads Division

Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

3. Attendance

Approximately 110 individuals in attendance, including those that signed the attendance sheet:

M. Miller, L. Corbett, S. Wood, R. Hall, D. Pettypiece, M. Bruyere, W. Cooke, G. Bruyere, L. Rydholm, M. Leat, C. & R. Erickson, E. Ehnes, J. Hladysh, L. & M. Frigeri, H. Lebel, M. Aube, C. & G. McCleod, W. Tocheri, B. Rickards, G. Chehowy, B. Bachynski, D. Maxwell, M. & I. Robb, E. St. Lawrence, A. Kirk, B. Szybalski, B. Gottfred, M. Ghrbaz, D. McNicol, S. & E. Rigato, S. Larocque, P. Randall, R. Flek, R. Koss, P. & V. Watson, D. Szura, D. Perry, R. Hanlan, M. Maki, E. Borg, P. Comber, F. Wilson, J. MacDonald, S. Watson, P. Watson, B. Moratz, M. O'Leary, S. Mintenko, D. Hladush, K. & R. Rauch, R. & D. Hoard, J. Prentice, T. Hogans, B. Richmond, G. & V. Todd, J. Neufeld, K. Wanzuk, P. Ischkin, T. Casanta

4. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair called the meeting to order, welcomed Administration and those in attendance and provided introductory comments.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Meeting 01-2023 of the Neebing Ward meeting held on March 14, 2023, for information.

6. Roads, Ditches, Culverts

Ian Spoljarich, Manager - Roads Division provided an overview relative to the following spring/summer roads maintenance issues.

- Street and sidewalk sweeping
- Ditch and culvert repairs
- Back lane grading
- Repairs to the cold asphalt used in winter
- Report a problem to the dispatch line at 807-625-2195

A resident raised a concern relative to the high water table issue on Freeman Drive near Larden Crt.

A resident raised a concern relative to water level and drainage issues on the West side of Coppin Rd. Culvert repairs are needed. Ian Spoljarich advised the resident that the City is aware of the issue and ditching/maintenance has been scheduled within the coming weeks.

Residents raised concerns relative to ground water at numerous properties located in the Whitegates/Whitehall neighbourhood. Ground water has been increasing in the area. Culverts not blown out in spring as well as not digging out/fixing ditches has led to high water levels, basements flooding and sub-pumps continuously running . Ian Spoljarich advised residents that the City is aware of the issue and plans are underway with Engineering for the culverts and drainage.

A resident raised a concern relative to snowplowing on Mapleward Road in the Winter months. The resident was advised to contact dispatch at 807-625-2195 for any issues with snowplowing during the winter months and the City will follow-up at that time.

A resident raised a concerns relative to a pothole/road dip in front of the mailboxes on Taylor Drive needing repairs. Ian Spoljarich advised he will have a crew look into it.

The Chair advised in addition to calling dispatch all concerns related to roadwork/repairs can now also be submitted online through the City website portal.

7. Hillcourt Estates

The Chair provided information relative to the following:

At the April 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, a memorandum from Councillor Trevor Giertuga was presented. A resolution was passed directing Administration to investigate the potential of sale of Hillcourt Estates and the associated cost savings, and to report back on or before July 24, 2023.

Administration is currently working on the Report for July 24, 2023 and no further update is available at this time.

Residents expressed the following concerns relative to any sale of Hillcourt Estates:

- The mobile home park is currently making a profit for the City of Thunder Bay, why would they sell it?
- Concerns about forcing residents to move their mobile homes and where would they move to?
- Concerns about any intentions of a private owner including increasing rent as well as not maintaining the park.
- Incorrect information is leading to stress and anxiety among residents.
- Are residents of the park going to be forced to sell their mobile homes and at what cost?

- The park is viewed as affordable housing for residents who will not be able to access other affordable housing if property is sold.

Those in attendance were advised that all requests for deputations as well as petitions against the sale of Hillcourt Estates can be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk prior to July 24, 2023.

8. Ward and City Issues

8.1 Thunder Bay Public Library

Discussion was held relative to the potential expansion of the Thunder Bay Public Library to Intercity Mall.

The Chair advised a report will be coming back to City Council in June 2024 providing further information relative to the above noted.

8.2 Lynx Crescent Property

Residents expressed health and safety concerns relative to a house on Lynx Crescent. The property has not been maintained/repared since a house fire in March 2022.

The Chair advised that Administration has been made aware of the issue and is currently following up.

8.3 2024 Budget Amendments Report

Concerns were expressed relative to the proposed cancelling of Neebing Transit Route 4 as well as the potential closing of Neebing Arena being included on Administration's list of recommended 2024 Budget Amendments as presented at the Monday, June 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Chair advised that both items were removed from the list and referred back to Administration to complete stakeholder consultation and report back to Council on or before August 28, 2023.

8.4 West Riverdale Road

A resident expressed a concern relative to City water service being unavailable for properties past a certain point on West Riverdale Road.

The Chair advised residents that he will follow-up with Administration on if there are any expansion plans being made for water service in the area.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.