



## Ward Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

**S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium**

**1. Neebing Ward Meeting 01-2025**

Chair: Councillor Greg Johnsen

**2. Resource Persons**

Mathew Miedema, Director - Engineering - Infrastructure & Operations

Stephanie Reid - Acting Supervisor – Corporate

Communications/Communications Specialist - Growth

Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

**3. Attendance**

There were 4 individuals in attendance.

**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 the 03-2024 Neebing Ward meeting held on November 27, 2024, for information.

**6. Upcoming Events**

Stephanie Reid - Acting Supervisor – Corporate Communications/Communications Specialist - Growth provided an overview of what's happening at City Hall, the

services available to citizens, and how to get involved in shaping decisions that affect our community and responded to questions.

Some of the information shared as follows:

- How the City of Thunder Bay communicates with citizens.
- Tools and resources available to the public.
  - City website, [thunderbay.ca](http://thunderbay.ca)
    - contact information for city departments, services and events.
    - online services.
      - bill payments, applications, permits, waste collection schedules and job opportunities.
      - subscribe to individual pages to receive updates.
      - use the "I want to" button to find services.
      - agendas and minutes for current and past meetings of Council and Advisory Committees.
      - watch City Council meetings.
  - Social Media - Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X, and YouTube.
    - major project updates.
      - budget initiatives, growth strategies, housing initiatives.
- Tools and resources available to city staff.
  - speech writing, event support, and media training.
- How citizens can stay informed and get involved.
  - public engagement, consultation and volunteer opportunities.
  - emergency messaging, news releases.
    - examples: road closures, weather events, crisis updates.
- Feedback is always welcome.
- Quarterly Citizen Satisfaction Survey.
- Podcast - The Minutes.

- hosted weekly by Jeff Walters. Available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and the City's website.
- overview of Council's decisions and in-depth discussion on biggest issue of the week; helps to break down complex issues in an easy-to-understand format.
- Other Communication Channels.
  - Tbaytel and Rogers.
  - Subscribe to e-newsletters ("Contact Us" button on the bottom of individual pages on the website).

## **7. 2025 Infrastructure Updates**

Mathew Miedema, Director - Engineering - Infrastructure & Operations appeared electronically, provided an overview of upcoming Neebing Ward Infrastructure Projects scheduled for the 2025 construction season, and responded to questions.

- Pavement Resurfacing.
  - Arthur Street - Highway 61 to Parkdale Boulevard.
  - planning to schedule this work in coordination with the work MTO is completing in this area. Contract is out for tender. Timeline will be determined with the successful contractor. Work should be completed in approximately 3 - 4 weeks.
- Residential Resurfacing in Stanley Park area - Phase 1.
  - Chilton Avenue - Arthur Street to Terminal Street.
  - Willard Avenue - Arthur Street to Terminal Street.
  - Ottawa Street - Morgan Avenue to Valhalla Inn Road.
- Phase 2, scheduled for next year, will address other roads in Stanley Park.
- Drainage improvements - Valhalla Inn Road from Arthur Street to Ottawa Street.
- MTO construction project Highway 61 at Arthur Street - Update
  - Storm water management system is complete and functioning.

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- Contractor will return in the spring to construct a berm, spread grass seed, plant trees and address any deficiencies the MTO identifies.
- Traffic Light Sequencing.
  - January 2025 update.
    - IT Staff have installed servers.
    - Tbaytel have pulled fibre into 3 intersections.
    - 20 of 110 have been finalized.
    - City has had success connecting to some signals.
  - Next steps.
    - Some traffic detection loops require repairs.
      - lights are still cycling without vehicles waiting for a signal.
    - IT connections and Fibre connections are still outstanding.
  - Arthur Street and Red River Road are priorities.
    - Arthur Street is not fully operational. The west section of Arthur Street is expected to be completed in the next few months.
  - Media announcements will be provided as work is completed.
- Hot In-Place Asphalt Resurfacing.
  - 1835 West Riverdale Road to Nelson Avenue, continuation of work previously started.
- Drainage Improvements.
  - 1400 - 1620 Victor Street.
    - Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is working with the Engineering Department to address issues of instability that the slope on Kam River is causing.
    - Installation of ditching and underground sub-drains on the opposite side of the road will help improve drainage and stability in the area.
    - project to start in Q2 or Q3 of 2025.
- Mountainview Cemetery.

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- An addition to be constructed to increase the capacity of the Columbarium.
- North Neebing Park.
  - continuation of the work that was started in 2024.
  - rink and park are complete.
  - trail work to be completed.
- Parkdale Park Rink.
  - minor work required to level the rink. Work should be completed this construction season.
- Capital Facilities Maintenance projects. Ongoing projects required to maintain facilities and equipment.
  - Neebing Arena Rooftop Evaporative Condenser Replacement.
- Ongoing: General reoccurring maintenance - City Wide.
  - asphalt patching, crack sealing, residential paving, sidewalk repair/replacement
  - full review of city roads occurs every 5 years and priorities are set.
  - Sidewalk replacements, New Transit Pads, Lead Service Replacement Program, Facility Condition Assessments.
- Update - Roads Department
  - Driveway culvert repairs and ditch maintenance.
    - Issues are identified every spring and dealt with via priority.
  - Cross culverts will be installed on Mountain Road by the Community Centre.
  - Mountain Road asphalt padding work.
  - Regular pothole repairs are ongoing.

## 8. Ward and City Issues

### 8.1 Riverdale Road

A Resident asked when the overall general maintenance of Riverdale Road will be addressed?

Mathew Miedema, Director - Engineering - Infrastructure & Operations provide the following for information.

- Potholes can be reported to the Roads Division by calling the City's Central Dispatch line, 807-625-2195.
- Riverdale Road has been reviewed for Hot in Place treatment, but due to underlying conditions of the road and existing pavement, it does not qualify. It requires the Pulverized and Paved treatment. No date has been determined at this time.
- Ditches and culverts are reviewed every spring and addressed via priority. Drainage issues can also be reported via the City's Central Dispatch.

## **8.2 Caspian Street and Cypress Drive**

A Resident asked if further work will be completed on Caspian Road and Cypress Drive.

Mathew Miedema, Director - Engineering - Infrastructure & Operations provide the following for information.

- Maintenance Department has repaired some heaved catch basins.
  - no timeline has been provided when the remaining will be addressed.

## **8.3 Development on 20th Side Road**

A Resident asked what the future use of the cleared area on 20th Side Road, across from Seminole Crescent and Malibu Street, is.

The Chair provided the following for information:

- A developer is clearing lots for future development.
- Not sure what stage of the planning process, or the current status of the development is.

The Chair advised they would contact Administration for more information and follow up with the Resident.

#### **8.4 Motor Bikes**

A Resident asked if Motocross Riding in the area of Seminole Crescent and Malibu Road on the cleared lot off of 20th Side Road can be stopped.

The Chair provided the following for information.

- Thunder Bay Police Service regularly patrols the area.
- Contact the Thunder Bay Police Service to report this activity.

The Chair advised they would contact Administration for more information and follow up with the Resident.

#### **8.5 Speeding**

A Resident advised that drivers are not heading the speed limit along 20th Side Road.

The Chair provided the following for information.

- Residents to report this activity to The Thunder Bay Police Service, call 911.
- Regular monitoring and patrols are conducted but reporting helps to advise frequency.
- If the matter persists Chief Darcy Fleury - Thunder Bay Police Service welcomes emails from residents.

### **9. Quarterly Update**

The Chair provided the following information:

- Quarterly Neebing Ward updates will be provided via email.
- If you would like to receive updates or have any questions, please contact:
  - Email: [greg.johnsen@thunderbay.ca](mailto:greg.johnsen@thunderbay.ca);
  - Or by phone: 807-707-9973.

**10. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked Guests, members of Administration, individuals attending in person and those watching online and at home.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.