

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEVILLE
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE ON October 14th, 2025**

PRESENT: Mayor Nora McLearn, Councillor Jennifer Cote, Councillor Mary Ferris, Administrator Sandra Krushelniski, Assistant Administrator Wyatt Courtney

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McLearn called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

241/25 Adoption of Agenda

Cote: That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Shane Wall discussed the possibility of having a “Tractor Pull” event in the Village of Neville featuring Garden Tractors and Lawn Mowers on May Long Weekend in 2026.

Shane Wall left at 7:22pm.

242/25 Minutes

Ferris: That the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 8th, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

243/25 Minutes

Cote: That the minutes of the special meeting held on September 22nd, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

244/25 Minutes

Ferris: That the minutes of the special meeting held on September 29th, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

245/25 Minutes

Cote: That motion 237/25 be rescinded.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

246/25 Announced Cuts to Canada Post by the Federal Government

Ferris: WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced drastic cuts to our treasured public post office – eliminating good jobs, ending door-to-door delivery, removing the moratorium protection on post office closures, and changes to delivery standards for the mail.

WHEREAS the Federal Government has done this without meaningful public consultation and has made this decision unilaterally prior to a planned Canada Post Corporation Review from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected;

WHEREAS thousands of postal jobs will be destroyed and four million households will lose door-to-door delivery, most within the next few years;

WHEREAS post office closures could degrade or completely remove service in many communities;

WHEREAS these cuts will hurt seniors and people with disabilities in particular;

WHEREAS it is crucial for the Government and mandate review to hear the views from municipalities on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, keeping daily home mail and parcel delivery to the door, improving postal banking, greening Canada Post, adding EV charging stations, adding food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities to help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure that good jobs stay in their communities and that Canada Post can remain financially self-sustaining;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Neville formally writes the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joël Lightbound, to:

- Demand an immediate halt to the service cuts, and to look instead for ways to increase services and revenues in other areas, such as those noted above;
- Demand that no mandate review takes place until Canada Post returns to stabilized operations, and;
- Demand that any review of Canada Post and the Canadian Postal Service Charter must be done through a full and thorough transparent public review, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Neville will make a written submission to provide input in the upcoming mandate review of Canada Post.

CARRIED

247/25 Town of Radisson

Cote: WHEREAS all municipalities across Canada receive the same percentage of funding for large capital infrastructure projects being: 73.3% from the Federal and Provincial Governments

and 26.7% from the municipality;

WHEREAS small municipalities with a population under 2500 people that reside within an hour driving distance of a large urban centre suffer from a limited business tax base because their residents enjoy the freedom of shopping in the city; thereby the revenue from the residents of small communities flows into the city to support its business tax base and in doing so, drains the small municipality of its business tax revenue;

WHEREAS in essence these small communities act as suburbs of the city and suffer with a limited tax base to support large capital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The infrastructure funding formula for small municipalities under 2500 population and within an hour driving distance of a large urban centre be changed to 90% Federal and Provincial funding, and 10% Municipal funding.

CARRIED

248/25 Correspondence

Ferris: That the following correspondence having been read, be accepted as information and filed:

SWMGC
CUPW
Town of Radisson
Chinook Regional Library
Travis Robichaud

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL MATTERS

249/25 August Village Financials

Cote: That the Village Financials for the month of August 2025 be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

250/25 August Village Bank and Credit Card Reconciliations

Ferris: That the Village bank reconciliations for the month of August 2025 be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

251/25 September Village Financials

Cote: That the Village Financials for the month of September 2025 be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

252/25 September Village Bank and Credit Card Reconciliations

Ferris: That the Village bank reconciliations for the month of September 2025 be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

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253/25 August Fire Department Financials

Cote: That the Fire Department Financials for the month of August 2025 be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

254/25 August Fire Department Bank Reconciliation

Ferris: That the Fire Department bank reconciliation for the month of August 2025 be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

255/25 September Fire Department Financials

Cote: That the Fire Department Financials for the month of September 2025 be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

256/25 September Fire Department Bank Reconciliation

Ferris: That the Fire Department bank reconciliation for the month of September 2025 be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

257/25 List of Accounts for Approval

Cote: That the expenses contained on the List of Accounts for Approval are approved.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Council Monthly Reports

No reports.

258/25 Administrator Report

Ferris: That council accepts the verbal Administrator Monthly Report.

CARRIED

Tax Enforcement

Council was advised on progress of collection of accounts in arrears.

Bylaw Enforcement

Council was advised of ongoing Bylaw Enforcement efforts.

Fire Department Report

No reports.

259/25 Lagoon Report

Cote: That Council approves the Lagoon report.

CARRIED

260/25 Heat Houser for Tractor

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Ferris: That Council directs the assistant Administrator to purchase a Heat Hauser for the Village tractor.

CARRIED

Sale of Cultivator/Lawn Sweep/Old Fire Hall Doors

Council was advised that these items are still listed for sale on the Village website.

Community Park

Council was advised that this is in progress.

Sale of Church

Council was advised that this is in progress.

Traffic Calming on Railway Ave

Council was advised that the application for a Radar Speed Sign to be placed on Railway Avenue has been submitted.

Gravel for Warwick St

Council was advised that gravel was successfully added to the shoulder of Warwick St along the new area of sidewalk to decrease the height difference between the new sidewalk and the shoulder of the road.

Sewer Jetting

Council was advised that this is in progress.

Tablet CCBF IIP

Council was advised that this is in progress.

Bylaw Enforcement Contract

Council discussed options of re-engaging the Regional Bylaw Enforcement Officer or contracting the Commissionaires for Bylaw enforcement.

Joining Lots Across Alleyways

Cote: Council was advised that all properties written to have elected to have their properties joined for tax purposes.

261/25 Sale of Lot 29, Block 3, Plan M278

Cote: That Council directs the Assistant Administrator to draft a lease agreement and offer to the lease the land to the ratepayer for \$1 for thirty (30) years or until ownership of 23 Warwick St.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Webinars, Meetings, and Training

Council was apprised of upcoming meetings and webinars.

262/25 Gravel Request - 122 Mowbray St

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Ferris: That Council directs the Assistant Administrator to order and have placed 10 yards of gravel for the shoulder of the road in front of this property.

CARRIED

263/25 Furnace/Hot Water Heater Inspections

Cote: That Council directs the Assistant Administrator to have the Village furnaces and Hot water heaters inspected.

CARRIED

264/25 Acknowledge Receipt of 1st installment of 2025-26 CCBF Grant period (\$2798.40)

Ferris: That Council acknowledges the receipt of the 1st installment of the 2025-2026 CCBF Grant Period.

CARRIED

Legion Military Service Recognition Book

Council was advised that the Legion Military Service Recognition Book is looking for advertisers and Council respectfully declined in favour of supporting the local branch.

265/25 Development Permit - 108 Gloucester St

Cote: That Council approves the development permit for 108 Gloucester St.

CARRIED

266/25 Road Repair Policy

Ferris: That Council approves the Road Repair Policy as presented.

CARRIED

Ratepayer Concern

Council discussed options for dealing with a ratepayer concern.

267/25 Legion Wreath Campaign

Cote: That Council directs the Assistant Administrator to donate \$75 to the Legion Wreath campaign.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

No Additional Accounts.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor McLearn declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Mayor

Administrator