



GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Held Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:

R. Anderson	Councillor/Chair
M. Bercovitch	Councillor
N. Bifulchi	Councillor
D. Foster	Deputy Mayor
G. Watson	Councillor
C. Patterson	Mayor

G. Vadeboncoeur	CAO
T. Nicholson	Clerk
P. Archdekin	Deputy Clerk
M. Quinlan	Treasurer
D. Vincent	MLEO
J. Legget	EDCCO
D. Bowers	CITO

ABSENT:

S. Wells	Councillor
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Councillor Anderson noted that Councillor Bifulchi is sitting in today for Councillor Wells.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Wasaga Artist Group – grant request

Ms. Linda Dies and Mr. Vincent Miller were welcomed to the table. Ms. Dies spoke to the Wasaga Artists Group and the thirty two (32) artists that are members of the Club. They meet at the RecPlex once a week. The group consists of casual and recreational artists, members of the Society of Arts, arts professionals and former art instructors. They host three (3) shows a year and attract up to 200 people to the shows, as well as two (2) successful bake sales for funds for their demonstrations.

The shows are held in Wasaga Beach and there is no outside sponsorship. In the past they have hosted Studio Tours; however, they are more expensive to run. There are murals at Town Hall and Wasaga Stars Arena, painted by the artists. This group has been in existence for over 40 years. Ms. Dies spoke to their community involvement with the Youth Group and Art in the Park.

Neighbouring communities assist their artists by providing a dedicated wall space to display the art, lighting and even space for the artists. She noted it would be nice for the Club to have wall space to display their paintings. The grant request is to assist with their 40th Anniversary and a Spring Show and Sale on May 4th. Some advertising will take place and other local artists in the area will be invited to the celebrations as well as events to involve more people and the youth in art. Ms. Dies concluded by asking Committee for consideration of a grant.

Councillor Anderson thanked the Ms. Dies and Mr. Miller for the presentation and advised that a motion has been prepared for Committee's consideration.

Councillor Anderson requested the permission of Committee to move the motion forward. Committee agreed and it was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-01

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the budgeted charitable donation in the amount of \$2,000 for the Wasaga Artists Club.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Municipal Right of Way off 2nd Lane – 2009
** Tax sale property – no bidders – transferred to Town – will be removed from future Agendas **
- b) Sign By-Law (reviewed) – March 12, 2009
- c) Business Licensing – Schedule 'A20a' (broaden mixed uses)– 15 April 2009
- d) N. Vidinovski - Parking Lot Agreement for 10 Main Street for 2010 Tax Year – 18 August 2011
- e) Pool By-Law Review – 13 Oct. 2011 & 8 Dec. 2011
* On Agenda *
- f) Encroachment Policy – 2012

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Municipal Law Enforcement

a) **Monthly Report – February 2013**

MOVED BY G. WATSON

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-02

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the February 2013 Municipal Law Enforcement Department's Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) **Lawn Watering By-Law No. 2002-25 – Review**

Councillor Watson spoke to the Lawn Watering By-Law understanding that the original review was for the hours to change to accommodate commercial visitors. Mr. Vincent provided a response. Councillor Watson asked specifically about the evening time of watering noting he supports expanded hours in early morning and evening. He suggested the commercial watering has to be reviewed as people are sitting outside. Councillor Watson indicated he would like to see a report what the best time for watering is – morning or evening hours. Councillor Watson noted he cannot support watering restrictions beginning in April. Councillor Watson questioned the Town using less volume of water yet the rates go up. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there are a number of factors to determine the rates. The Treasurer agreed that consumption has decreased slightly; however, the rates went up largely because of the cost to provide the water. Councillor Watson inquired if there is a danger of running out of water. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there has been a 20% decline in water use from pre-metering. We still see the spikes in July and OCWA have provided charts on water usage. The Town does have ample water; however, the comments are on the conservation side. Councillor Watson advised he can't agree with the restrictions as it is all becoming way too restrictive and the residents are concerned.

Mayor Patterson commended Mr. Vincent on the good Report and conservation of water is what this is all about. Watering was abused and he is happy with the suggested restrictions from April to October. Residents have to face the reality about water usage and Council has to do our part to restrict and conserve.

Councillor Bercovitch inquired of bulk sale to take water. Mr. Vincent directed the Councillor to Mr. Lalonde for bulk approvals. Mrs. Quinlan added that the Town does not have a lot of bulk sales. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-03

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that a new Lawn Watering By-Law be drafted.

CARRIED

c) **Pool Enclosure By-Law No. 93-38 – Review**

Councillor Anderson advised that from his home and hot tub he can see a number of neighbouring hot tubs and he is not in favour of fencing or locking them. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-04

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that a new Pool Enclosure By-Law be drafted.

CARRIED

d) **Extension of the Taxi/Limousine Licensing Moratorium to June 30, 2013**

Members of the Committee asked a couple of questions of additional licensing requests and protection measures for the taxi driver which Mr. Vincent responded. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-05

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it extend the Taxi/Limousine Licensing Moratorium to June 30, 2013.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Foster inquired if a non Wasaga Beach licensed commercial vehicle stops in Town are they in violation. Mr. Vincent indicated that vehicles not licensed by the Town can travel through Town.

e) **Municipal Law Enforcement Accounts – February 2013**

Committee had no comments.

Economic Development and Communications**a) Monthly Report – February 2013**

Deputy Mayor Foster inquired of the date of the Tall Ships. Ms. Legget advised it is August 23, 23 & 25 which is the same weekend as Wasaga Under Seige.

Deputy Mayor Foster inquired of the residential signs at the Business Park. Ms. Legget advised that the current residential signs will come down and the Ministry of Transportation has to provide permission for a marketing sign to be erected. Ms. Legget advised that she has had discussion with Zancor and will talk to them again about removal of the residential signs. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-06

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the February 2013 Economic Development and Corporate Communication Officer's Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Kowabunga Stand Up Paddle and Kayak

Councillor Watson was concerned with the rate for five years considering the substantial rents in that area. Ms. Legget provided a response as to how the \$1,000 a year was determined. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-07

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council approval of the Kowabunga Stand Up Paddle and Kayak business proposal to rent stand up paddle boards and kayaks beginning the summer of 2013 for a five year term, utilizing Town owned land located at the corner of 3rd Street and Beach Drive (123 Beach Drive).

CARRIED

c) Economic Development & Communications Accounts – February 2013

Committee had no comments.

Administration**a) Treasurer – 2013 Charitable Donation Wasaga Artist**

Committee dealt with this item earlier under Deputations.

b) Clerk - Closed Meetings of Council

Mayor Patterson noted it was excellent report, timely and well done. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-08

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the Clerk's Report on Closed Meetings of Council, for information.

CARRIED

c) Clerk - Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Annual Meeting & Professional Development Institute

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-09

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby approve the Clerk's attendance at the AMCTO Annual Meeting and Professional Development Institute at the Blue Mountain Resort, June 9 to 12, 2012, at a cost of \$706.25, plus expenses.

CARRIED

d) Clerk - Clerk's Department Fourth Quarter Report – 2012

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-10

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the Clerk's Department (Election, Records Management, Land, Cemetery, Accessibility and Historical Advisory Committee, By-Law, Parking and Animal Control) Fourth Quarter Financial Report, for information.

CARRIED

e) **Clerk – AMCTO Annual Meeting & Professional Development Conference Sponsorship**

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-11

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it sponsor \$1,500 to the AMCTO Annual Meeting & Professional Development Institute to be held at Blue Mountain June 9-12, 2013.

CARRIED

f) **Clerk – Alternative Voting Method – 2014 Municipal Election**

Deputy Mayor Foster inquired if other municipalities saw an increase in voter turn-out with internet and phone voting. The Clerk responded that generally there has been an increase in voter turn-out; however, the reason is not something that can be defined as it depends on the issues of the day, the candidates running, convenience, etc.

Deputy Mayor Foster felt whatever we can do is an improvement. He inquired about an exit poll survey to get feedback. The Clerk advised she did put out a survey to public after the last election and comments were received. She would do the same after the next election.

Councillor Bercovitch inquired of voting on Election Day. The Clerk responded that with internet/phone voting people can vote 24-7 for a defined period of days. There will be locations around Town for advance voting and Election Day voting. It will be the same as with the touch screens only they will vote on computers. The Clerk spoke to the kind of reports that will be available to candidates to track voter participation in real time.

Mayor Patterson supported internet/phone voting and likes the direction we are going. Councillor Anderson also was in support as about one third of the voters reside out of Town and this will provide them with more opportunity to vote. It was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-12

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby accept and receive the Clerk's Report on alternative Voting Methods for the 2014 Election for consideration; and,

FURTHER THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Clerk provide additional information for consideration on the recommended method of Internet and Phone Voting, including budget and staffing, for the 2014 Municipal Election.

CARRIED

The Clerk inquired if there were any specific concerns to be included in the next Report, to which Committee indicated they had none.

g) Cemetery Custodian – Planting of Butternut Trees on Cemetery Lands

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-13

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that seedling butternut trees be planted along the pine tree line at the westerly limit of the Wasaga Beach Cemetery, in an area confined to 40 meters x 80 metres (131 feet x 262 feet) provided the butternut trees are individually clearly identified, with the protection/buffer area properly landscaped for separation from Cemetery grounds, at the expense of the Trillium Creek Berm project.

CARRIED

h) Cemetery Custodian – NVCA requirements on Cemetery Lands

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-14

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it authorize the resurveying of Phase 2 of the Wasaga Beach Cemetery to add additional burial sites and road configuration.

CARRIED

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-15

RESOLVED THAT the General Government does hereby recommend to Council that Phase 3 be considered for future burial and columbarium grounds and that a site specific erosion hazard study be obtained for Phase 3 to determine the set back from the river for future burial and columbarium sites.

CARRIED

i) Chief Information Technology Officer – Proposed Town Hall Phone System Replacement

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-16

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it award the tender for the new Town Hall phone system to Horizon Networks Group in the amount of \$18,900.00, before taxes.

CARRIED

j) **Treasurer – Proposed IT Contract Position**

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-17

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve an 18 month Full Time contract position of Information Systems Technician.

CARRIED

k) **Treasurer – 2012 Treasurer’s Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to members of Council and Appointed Board/Committee Members**

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-18

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the 2012 annual statement of remuneration and expenses paid to members of Council and appointed Board/Committee members, for information.

CARRIED

l) **Treasurer – 2013 Software Licenses & Maintenance Budget Variances – Treasury Department**

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-19

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the budget variance for Diamond Software Licenses & Maintenance of \$6,643.84 plus applicable taxes for the upgrade to the 2010 software version.

CARRIED

m) **Shared Municipal Services Survey Results**

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-20

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee receive the Shared Municipal Services Survey Results, for information.

CARRIED

n) **Honey Bees**

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-21

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from Clinton Shane Ekdahl on the Day of the Honey Bee, for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Anderson noted Committee has received a request to permit an additional item and with Committee's permission will introduce the subject. Committee agreed.

Councillor Anderson noted that the Simcoe County Paramedics will be providing CPR training at the Wasaga Stars Arena and have requested the hall rental fee be waived. Committee supported the request and it was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-22

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it provide a grant of \$282.50 to the Simcoe County Paramedics Services to offset the cost of the Wasaga Stars Arena Hall for CPR training during EMS week.

CARRIED

o) **Council and Administration Accounts – February 1-28, 2013**

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03-23

RESOLVED THAT the February 2013 Accounts as reviewed by General Government Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS - None

Councillor Bifulchi questioned the status of the Historical Advisory Committee. The Clerk advised that in June 2012 Council approved the Historical Advisory Committee. The advertisement went out for membership. Council appointed the Archivist, a Councillor Representative and three members from the public, leaving it short two members. Another application has just been received. The current three members are enthusiastic and ready to get started. This group is keen to do something. One unofficial “meet and greet” meeting was held; however, it is hoped to appoint the remaining two members before commencing the first official meeting. Another advertisement will be published next week soliciting membership.

Councillor Bifulchi and Anderson didn't see much interest from the community in this Committee and suggested dissolving it.

Mayor Patterson felt it was in the best interest of the community to have a Historical Advisory Committee to meet once or twice a year. Councillor Watson felt the Committee was important also. Council Watson stated that the Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of reference were changed to reflect the mandate and role for a Historical Advisory Committee, which may be the reason for the level of interest to drop.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 18, 2013**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.