



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT

Meeting held Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:	G. Watson	Councillor/Chair
	R. Anderson	Councillor
	N. Bifulchi	Councillor
	M. Bercovitch	Councillor
	G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
	M. McWilliam	Fire Chief
	G. Reinders	Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation
	A. Webster	Special Events Coordinator
	S. Hewlett	Staff Sergeant Huronia West OPP
	T. McCrea	Chamber of Commerce
	J. Fisher	Ministry of Natural Resources
	K. Wagner	Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Watson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He informed the Committee that Ms. Dickson, YMCA General Manager was in attendance and wished to be a delegation. Committee gave consensus that Ms. Dickson be added to the Agenda under item 3 - Deputations/Presentations to provide an update on YMCA activities.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Mr. Proulx and Ms. Green with respect to a Canadian Watercross Event.

Councillor Watson welcomed Mr. Proulx and Ms. Green to the table. Mr. Proulx, President of the Canadian Water Craft Association introduced Ms. Green to speak on the logistics of a proposed watercross event to take place in the water just off Beach Area 2. Ms. Green highlighted the Canadian Watercross & Freestyle Tour as a family oriented event. She advised that the watercraft activities and services are conducted in a professional, safe and responsible manner. Ms. Green mentioned that this event could contribute approximately \$250,000.00 to the local economy. She spoke with respect to the Canadian Watercraft Association's Safety Marshals and the Emergency Response Plan that is in place for the event. Ms. Green explained an alternative plan in regards to the possibility of low water levels in Georgian Bay.

She reviewed how the ATV's are utilized on the beach to set up the event. Ms. Green addressed several inquiries and provided clarification. A meeting will be held with event organizers and the Ministry of Natural Resources to provide a site plan and address any concerns. Councillor Watson thanked Mr. Proulx and Ms. Green for their presentation.

b) Ms. Dickson, YMCA General Manager

Councillor Watson welcomed Ms. Dickson to the table. Ms. Dickson identified a series of initiatives that she plans on implementing over the coming months at the Wasaga Beach YMCA. She highlighted various programming partnerships with the Wasaga Beach Youth Center and the Georgian Bay Health Unit. Councillor Watson thanked Ms. Dickson for her presentation.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

5. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

OPP

a) OPP Report

Staff Sergeant Hewlett reviewed the OPP Statistics for the month of April and the First Quarter OPP Policing Statistics Report. He then highlighted notable occurrences during the Victoria Day long weekend. Councillor Anderson expressed his concerns with respect to the OPP media releases specific to Wasaga Beach. Staff Sergeant Hewlett indicated the media releases pertain to the Township of Springwater, Township of Clearview and the Town of Wasaga Beach and spoke with regards to the standard guidelines for all OPP Detachments. Mr. Vadeboncoeur advised Committee that Mayor Patterson was unable to attend this meeting but requested that the OPP be made aware of the understanding that existed last year where media releases were only issued at the conclusion of a weekend instead of throughout the weekend. The Mayor was of the view that this worked well last year and was surprised to see all the media releases this past Victoria Day weekend. Staff Sergeant Hewlett will follow up with this request. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-01

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the First Quarter OPP Policing Statistics Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Summer Policing

Mr. Vadeboncoeur reviewed his report and mentioned the summer complement of 12 Police Officers is consistent with previous years. Staff Sergeant Hewlett provided background information with respect the 2 (ERT) Emergency Response Team members used in 2012 and not coming back for 2013. Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the allocation of 12 Ontario Provincial Police Officers for the 2013 summer season and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-02

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the information from the OPP on the allocation of the 12 Ontario Provincial Police Officers for the 2013 summer season – June 28 to September 2, 2013.

CARRIED

c) OPP Framework Agreement Correspondence

Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Ontario Provincial Police Framework Agreement Correspondence and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-03

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the Ontario Provincial Police Framework Agreement Correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

d) Minutes from the Community Policing Meeting – March 18, 2013

Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Community Policing Minutes and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-04

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the March 18, 2013 Community Policing Meeting Minutes, for information.

CARRIED

e) Policing Accounts – April 2013

Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Policing Accounts and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-05

RESOLVED THAT the Policing accounts for the month of April 2013, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

MNR

Mr. Fisher indicated the numbers of visitors this Victoria Day long weekend were significantly lower than in previous years. He then spoke with regards to staffing changes and several upcoming events. He updated Committee on the Phragmites control program and the Piping Plover's nesting area. Mr. Vadeboncoeur inquired on the additional maintenance of the beach with respect to the growing vegetation. Mr. Fisher discussed the challenges with the expanding vegetation and spoke in regards to the invasive species program. Councillor Watson thanked Mr. Fisher for his report.

Library**a) Minutes of the Library Board Meeting – March 18, 2013**

Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Library Board Minutes and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-06

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the March 18, 2013 Library Board Meeting Minutes, for information.

CARRIED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**a) Report from the Chamber of Commerce Meeting – April 2013**

Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Chamber of Commerce report and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-07

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the April 2013 Chamber of Commerce Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Chamber of Commerce 2012 Year End Financial Statements

Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Chamber of Commerce 2012 financial statements and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-08

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach Chamber of Commerce financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012, for information.

CARRIED

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department

a) Fire Department Report – May 2013

Chief McWilliam reviewed the calls for service for the month of April. He described details of a motor vehicle collision that recently occurred. Chief McWilliam discussed the occurrences that took place during the Victoria Day long weekend and expressed concerns with respect to the inappropriate handling of fireworks. A brief discussion took place. Chief McWilliam will inquire with other municipalities in regards to banning the use of consumer (family) fireworks.

Chief McWilliam reviewed his report and updated Committee on the status of hiring volunteer fire fighters and indicated the successful candidates will be announced once the final decision has been made. He referred to a previous discussion regarding an emergency services boat launch beside the Wasaga Beach Public Library and pointed out the cost is too substantial to pursue this project any further. Councillor Watson asked if there were any further questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-09

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the May 2013 Fire Department Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Fire Department Accounts – April 2013

Councillor Watson asked if Committee members had any questions related to the Fire Department accounts and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-10

RESOLVED THAT the Fire Department accounts for the month of April 2013, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

Chief McWilliam left the meeting at this time.

Special Events**a) Special Event Report – May 2013**

Mrs. Webster highlighted several upcoming events including the Harold Culham Memorial Trail Dedication Memorial and the Big Bike for Heart & Stroke. Councillor Anderson expressed his concerns with respect to the Marketplace and inquired on the number of vendors for this event. Mrs. Webster indicated she has six vendors confirmed and will be following up with approximately 30 more people that had made inquiries. Councillor Bifulchi inquired on the status of the Marketplace Committee. Mrs. Webster confirmed that Marketplace Committee has folded and there is no committee this year. Considerable discussion took place. It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend to Council that the Marketplace be cancelled for the 2013 season. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-11

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the May 2013 Special Event Report, for information.

CARRIED

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-12

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee recommends to Council that the Farmers Market held in the RecPlex parking lot be cancelled effective the 2013 season.

CARRIED

b) Wasaga Cruisers Fun Run

Mrs. Webster reviewed her report and discussed the proposed closure of Main Street at River Road West to Stonebridge Blvd for this event. Councillor Anderson expressed his concerns with the closing of all four lanes on Main Street. Mrs. Webster explained the alternate route of the Stonebridge Blvd extension and provided clarification that emergency services have confirmed that they have no issues with the temporary road closure due to the alternative access being in place. Committee also commented on the importance of adequate signage in place to direct the public around the temporary closure to the Stonebridge Blvd extension. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-13

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the Wasaga Cruisers Fun Run be held on June 14 - 15, 2013 (Rain date June 16, 2013); and

FURTHER THAT the Fun Run event occupy the Playland Parking Lot free of charge for the duration of the event on June 15 (rain date June 16, 2013) ; and

FURTHER THAT the south lane on Beach Drive be closed from Spruce Street to 1st Street on June 15, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

FURTHER THAT Main Street be closed from Stonebridge Blvd to River Road West on June 14, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. pm to 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

c) Stop the Drop – The Lake Speaks Public Engagement Initiative

Mrs. Webster asked for Committee's permission to have Mr. Fisher from the Ministry of Natural Resources to speak on the "Stop the Drop – the Lake Speaks" public engagement initiative. Mr. Fisher pointed out that this is a campaign to inform and educate the public on low water levels in Georgian Bay and then provided further background information with respect to the locations for the campaign. Considerable discussion took place with respect to the campaign, its location of the beach and wording of the motion. Councillor Watson asked for Committee's permission to amend the motion by removing, that the Community Services Committee advise Council regarding a "Stop the Drop – the Lake Speaks" public engagement initiative on June 30 – July 1, 2013 at various locations throughout Wasaga Beach. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-14

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the Stop the Drop – the Lake Speaks, staff report, for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Bercovitch left the meeting at this time due to a previous commitment.

d) Georgian Triangle Music Festival

Mrs. Webster highlighted the Georgian Triangle Music Festival (GTMF) is a new multi venue music festival and pointed out the event organizer is hoping to expand other areas within the Georgian Triangle in the future. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-15

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the Georgian Triangle Music Festival be held on July 6 -7, 2013 at Stonebridge Music Pavilion; and

FURTHER THAT Council approves musical buskers at various locations near Beach Area 1.

CARRIED

e) Wasaga Midway

Mrs. Webster reviewed her report and provided background information in regards to the midway event being held for five (5) days this year as opposed to two weeks as in past years. Councillor Anderson spoke briefly with respect to the fee that is paid to the Town for loss of parking revenue. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-16

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve annual Wasaga Midway be held from July 24 - 28, 2013; and

FURTHER THAT the Midway occupies the Playland Parking lot exclusively from July 22 - 29, 2013 with the Town receiving \$6000.00 for loss of parking revenue.

CARRIED

f) Wasaga under Siege, “A War of 1812 Experience”

Mrs. Webster reviewed her report and explained that the \$12,000.00 sponsorship has been allocated in the 2013 Special Events budget for the Wasaga under Siege event. Councillor Anderson expressed his concerns with the sponsorship request. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-17

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the Wasaga under Siege “A War of 1812 Experience” be held on August 16 - 18, 2013 at Nancy Island Historical Site, Nottawasaga River and Beach Area 2; and

FURTHER THAT a \$12,000.00 sponsorship be given to the organizers to offset the costs of the event.

CARRIED

g) Corvette Weekend

Mrs. Webster discussed the road closures and then mentioned that a \$1500.00 sponsorship is allocated in the Special Events budget for this event. Discussion ensued and consensus was given by the Committee to amend the motion from a \$3500.00 sponsorship to a \$1,500.00 sponsorship. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-18

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the Corvette Weekend along Beach Drive and in the Playland Parking Lot be held on August 17, 2013; and

FURTHER THAT the south lane on Beach Drive be closed from Spruce Street to 1st Street on August 17, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and

FURTHER THAT a \$1,500.00 sponsorship be approved to the Corvette Club for the Corvette Club’s 23rd annual Beach Cruize Weekend; and

FURTHER THAT the sponsorship include exclusive use of the Playland Parking Lot free of charge on Saturday, August 17, 2013 for the purpose of parking and display of participant’s vehicles.

CARRIED

h) Memories of Summer Fireworks Celebration

Mrs. Webster indicated pending the approval of the event she will be sending out requests for quotations to certified pyrotechnic companies for the fireworks display. She mentioned the venue could change based on the status of the piping plovers nesting area at Beach area 1. Discussion took place in regards to changing the location of this event to Beach Area 2. Councillor Watson asked for Committee's permission to amend the motion. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-19

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the Memories of Summer Fireworks Celebration be held on September 1, 2013 at Beach Area two (Rain date September 2, 2013).

CARRIED

i) Terry Fox Run

Mrs. Webster provided background information on the event. In response to an inquiry she provided clarification relating to liability and insurance coverage for events taking place in Wasaga Beach. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-20

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the 32nd Annual Terry Fox Run in Wasaga Beach be held on September 15, 2013; and

FURTHER THAT the event occupies a quarter of the Playland parking lot and the Town of Wasaga Beach provides a \$200.00 in kind sponsorship.

CARRIED

j) Special Event Accounts – April 2013

Councillor Watson asked if Committee members had questions related to the Special Events accounts and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-21

RESOLVED THAT the Special Events Department accounts for the month of April 2013, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

Mrs. Webster and Fisher left the meeting at this time.

Parks, Facilities and Recreation

a) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Report – May 2013

Mr. Reinders reviewed his report and provided Committee with an update on various projects and events, including the Community Garden. He discussed the quotes received to upgrade the lighting in Halls 1A & 1B in the RecPlex and to renovate the interior of the Youth Center and the garage at the back of the facility. Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-22

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the May 2013 Parks, Facilities and Recreation Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Proposed Arena Banquet Hall Rates and Fees

Mr. Reinders reviewed his report by describing the options in his report. Committee discussed the motion with respect to the Wasaga Stars Arena Banquet Hall rental fee of \$70.00 for the for the Five (5) Probus Clubs, Ganaraska Hiking Club, Wasaga Cruisers and German Canadian Club. Further discussion ensued with Committee expressing concern with other service clubs requesting to waive rental hall fees and grants to offset costs for fundraising events. Mr. Vadeboncoeur spoke in terms of streamlining grant approval requests for all service clubs in the 2014 budget. It was consensus of the Committee to defer this item pertaining to hall rental rates and fees until the fall of 2013. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-23

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee defer consideration of item b) under the Parks, Facilities and Recreation section of the May 21, 2013 Community Services Agenda to the fall of 2013.

CARRIED

c) Marl Lake Village Playground Proposals

Mr. Reinders reviewed his report by describing the three quotes received to install an accessible play structure at the Marl Lake Village Park. Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-24

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the proposal from Recreation Playsystems, for the supply and installation of an accessible play structure and associated equipment at the Marl Lake Village Park in the amount of \$36,148.70 applicable taxes included and that the remaining budgeted funds be utilized to upgrade the proposal for a total of \$40,000.00.

CARRIED

d) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Accounts – April 2013

Councillor Watson asked if Committee members had any questions related to the Parks, Facilities and Recreation Accounts and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05-25

RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Facilities and Recreation for the month of April 2013, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Watson adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.