



GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:	R. Anderson	Councillor/Chair
	G. Watson	Councillor
	S. Wells	Councillor
	D. Foster	Deputy Mayor
	C. Patterson	Mayor
	G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer
	T. Nicholson	Clerk
	P. Archdekin	Deputy Clerk
	D. Vincent	Sr. MLEO

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Sign By-Law (reviewed) – March 12, 2009
 - b) Business Licensing – Schedule 'A20a' (broaden mixed uses) – 15 April 2009
 - c) Encroachment Policy – 2012
- * On Agenda

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Municipal Law Enforcement

a) Monthly Report – September 2013

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-01

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

CARRIED

b) Controlled Deer Hunt – Ryther Road

Deputy Mayor Foster questioned how the Town controls hunters that are not part of the Ryther family hunting in that area. Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Ryther has advised that others do hunt in the area. Hunting is regulated through the Province; therefore, the Town can only regulate the use of firearms. Some rules in the *Municipal Act* have changed; Mr. Vincent is exploring a regulatory regime for future years and will take the concerns of Mr. Ryther or others hunting in the area to the MNR to follow up.

Deputy Mayor Foster requested that By-Law staff monitor any complaints during hunting season in that area. Mayor Patterson advised that he supports the motion and in the past he has had the same person complaint a couple of times.

Councillor Anderson inquired if staff is in the bush regulating hunting. Mr. Vincent advised the Town staff are not Conservation Officers and are not enforcing hunting regulations. He suggested Council could consider signage. Deputy Mayor Foster noted the Mr. Ryther is hunting on his own private property and we don't need to sign private property. It was noted that if hunters are trespassing on his land it is a matter for the OPP.

Mr. Vincent has advised that Mr. Ryther has people trespassing and he has seen hunters on adjoining lands that are trespassing. Mr. Vincent noted that he was considering lands that are not Mr. Ryther's for signage. It was noted that Mr. Ryther was in attendance and he was granted permission to ask a question of who owns the lands to the west. Mayor Patterson responded that he believed it is Town owned lands. It was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-02

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it permit an exemption to the Firearms Control By-Law No. 99-20 to permit Paul and Marcia Ryther to hold a controlled deer hunt for five days in November on their 100 acre farm located at 26 Ryther Road, subject to the conditions contained in the Senior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's report dated October 17, 2013.

CARRIED

c) Proposed Changes Rates and Fees – Parking

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the proposed changes to the Parking Rates and Fees and it was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-03

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Parking By-Law No. 2005-17 be amended to require all main beach area parking lots to charge users, who are not otherwise exempt, to a fee of \$3.00 dollars per hour with a minimum purchase fee of 2 hours (\$6.00) and then \$1.00 dollar per 20 minute increments thereafter, and to provide a daily flat-fee of \$15.00 dollars for all-day parking.

CARRIED

Mr. Vincent clarified that the on street parking is Beach Drive and 3rd Street. It was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-04

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Parking By-Law No. 2005-17 be amended to require all main beach area on-street parking areas to charge users, who are not otherwise exempt, to a fee of \$2.00 dollars per 30 minutes with a minimum purchase of 30 minutes and then \$1.00 dollar per 15 minutes thereafter.

CARRIED

Councillors Wells and Watson and Mayor Patterson stated they would not support charging parking fees for the Dunkerron parking lot during the week, and it was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-05

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that Parking By-Law No. 2005-17 be amended to reflect the main beach parking lot rates are charged to users, who are not otherwise exempt, for the use of the Dunkerron Lot, on a daily basis.

DEFEATED

Mr. Vincent was asked for clarification on the necessity of the proposed change and a short discussion ensued. Mr. Vincent responded. Committee requested Mr. Vincent review the Town's fee for a dog that is picked up in less than 24 hours from the Georgian Triangle Humane Society and report back. It was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-06

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Fees & Charges By-Law be amended to remove the \$30.00 per night Animal Control and Licensing fee, payable by owners to the Georgian Triangle Humane Society for boarding the 4th to 7th night.

CARRIED

d) 2014 Summer Staffing Levels

A short discussion ensued and it was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-07

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Municipal Law Enforcement Department reduce its 2014 summer staffing levels by three (3) full-time equivalent (F.T.E.) positions as outlined in the Senior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Report of October 17, 2013.

CARRIED

- e) **Municipal Law Enforcement Accounts – September 2013** – no comments

Economic Development and Communications

- a) **Monthly Report – September 2013**

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-08

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

CARRIED

- b) **Economic Development & Communications Accounts – August 2013**

Administration

- a) **Correspondence from Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee – Fundraising Campaign**

A short discussion ensued with respect to County and Town policy for disaster relief. It was noted that the Town does not have a specific financial policy for disaster relief. Committee requested that a policy be prepared for consideration. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-09

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from the Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee with respect to the fundraising campaign.

CARRIED

- b) **Correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture & Food Ministry of Rural Affairs – Small Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund**

The Chief Administrative Officer clarified the funding that may be available to the Town. It was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-10

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby refer the correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture & Food Ministry of Rural Affairs with respect to the Small Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund to staff for review and recommendation.

CARRIED

c) Clerk – 2014 Municipal Election – Advance Voting

Councillor Watson asked how internet/phone voting will work. The Clerk provided a response how people can vote electronically by phone or internet from anywhere in the world, at any time, from October 17/14 at 10:00 a.m. to October 27, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. using a PIN number that is provided to eligible electors on the Voters' List through a mail out of the Voter Notification Letter.

Deputy Mayor Foster inquired if there is a plan to let people know what days they can vote and how they can get assistance. The Clerk advised that she will be requesting a four month casual position to assist with a significant promotional/marketing/communication program to educate the public on the new voting method and that they have the opportunity to vote anytime, from anywhere, over a 10 day period and assistance will be provided by a help line/revision centres. It was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-11

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve Advance Voting for the 2014 Municipal Election commencing on Friday, October 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. using Internet and Phone voting methods; and

FURTHER THAT Election Day commences at 12:00:01 a.m. Monday, October 27, 2014.

CARRIED

d) 2014 Municipal Election – Question on Ballot

Deputy Mayor Foster inquired if a question can be added about a Ward System. The Clerk responded a question can be added; however, the deadline is approaching quickly to deal with a ward system process.

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-12

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it not submit a question to the electors for the 2014 Municipal Election.

CARRIED

e) 2014 Municipal Election – Language of Prescribed Forms & Information

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-13

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that prescribed forms, notices and information for the 2014 Municipal Election be provided as prescribed under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

CARRIED

f) 2014 Municipal Election – Election Official Compensation

Councillor Wells inquired how the rates were determined. The Clerk advised it is at Council's discretion to establish rates. A survey of municipalities was carried out to determine what the going rate is. The proposed rates for Wasaga Beach is average. It was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-14

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it compensate Election Officials at the following Rate:

- Deputy Returning Officers (DRO) - \$220/day (includes mandatory training)
- Election Assistants (EA) - \$175/day (includes mandatory training)
- Revision Clerks - \$175/day (includes mandatory training)
- Standby – On Call - \$50/day (includes mandatory training)

CARRIED

g) Election Sign By-Law

Committee questioned if anything was new and what is different from the current practice. The Clerk advised that currently there are four (4) By-Laws that deal with election signs; the proposed by-law consolidates the regulations and clarifies Council's policy in one document, including diagrams, with the intention of making it clearer for candidates, the public and enforcement. In answer to a question from a member, the Clerk advised that other than size and the number of signs, there generally is no restriction on signs on private property. Signage on vehicles will not be restricted if the vehicle is used to transport people and on the roads designated to vehicles. However, candidates will be asked to remove them or cover them up, if possible, when in municipal parking lots for long periods of time. Following the close of nominations there will be an information session and the Election Sign By-Law will be covered. An information package will be given to the candidates, and explained, so there is no misunderstanding of what is permitted.

Committee noted that there are changes with the triangular sign and the three metre distance between signs is not reasonable. The Committee suggested the wording be changed so that candidate signs do not block or interfere with other signs.

The nine (9) metre sight triangle restriction was noted and questioned why bus stops and garbage cans are in placed in the sight triangle. The Clerk noted that sight triangle definition/prohibition is a requirement under the Zoning By-Law. The Clerk advised that elections signs is proposed to be prohibited on garbage cans and traffic islands and as suggested by Committee will be including turning circles. The Clerk will revise the wording for the three (3) metre requirement for sign separation. It was then;

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-15

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve a new By-Law to regulate the placement of elections signs in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

CARRIED

h) Integrated Accessibility Standards – Information & Communication Policy & Planning Accessible Meetings Policies

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-16

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it adopt the following policies:

- Integrated Accessibility Standards – Information and Communications
- Integrated Accessibility Standards – Planning Accessible Meetings and Events

CARRIED

i) *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act - Accessibility Standards – Update*

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-17

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the Clerk`s Report on the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* Accessibility Standards Update, for information.

CARRIED

j) Integrated Accessibility Standards – Design of Public Spaces – Update

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-18

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the Clerk`s Report on the Integrated Accessibility Standards Design of Public Spaces and Built Environment, for information.

CARRIED

k) Appointment of a Closed Meeting Investigator

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-19

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Town of Wasaga Beach continue to participate in a joint arrangement with the County of Simcoe for Closed Meeting Investigator services provided by JGM Consulting.

CARRIED

l) Encroachments on Municipal Policy

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-20

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it adopt the proposed Encroachment Policy, subject to review and recommendation by the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED

m) Maintenance Repairs of the Duplex at 404 Mosley Street

Councillor Watson requested that the trail be amended at 13th Street as it is a very sharp turn onto Mosley to the paved shoulder. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-21

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to obtain quotes to undertake the maintenance repairs of the Town owned duplex at 404 Mosley Street for consideration by Committee of the Whole as Budget Committee in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Inspection Report by Craighleith Inspection.

CARRIED

n) Council and Administration Accounts – September 1-30, 2013

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10-22

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

CARRIED

6. **OTHER AGENCY REPORTS** - None
7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – November 21, 2013
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.