



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT

Meeting held Tuesday February 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:

C. Patterson	Mayor
G. Watson	Councillor/Chair
R. Anderson	Councillor
M. Bercovitch	Councillor
N. Bifulchi	Councillor
G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
M. McWilliam	Fire Chief
G. Reinders	Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation
J. Legget	EDCO
P. Lehr	Special Events Coordinator
L. Licharson	Huronian West OPP
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.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST –

Councillor Bifulchi declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Fire Departmental Accounts Cheque # 15466 as it pertains to a family member.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

5. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

OPP

a) OPP Report

Sergeant Licharson introduced himself to the Committee, indicating this was his first day in his new role. He then reviewed the OPP Calls for Service for the month of January and then reviewed the auxiliary hours and foot patrols. Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

b) OPP 2014-2016 Business Plan

Sergeant Licharson highlighted the three key priority areas outlined in the OPP 2014-2016 Business Plan report. Considerable discussion ensued with respect to the key priorities. It was the consensus of the Committee that this item be referred to Committee of the Whole for further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-01

RESOLVED THAT Report 5 b) OPP 2014-2016 Business Plan be referred to Committee of the Whole for discussion and recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

MNR

Mr. Fisher provided an update with respect to a number of initiatives and projects that are underway. He pointed out the extreme cold temperatures has impacted the number of visitors to the Wasaga Nordic ski trails. Mr. Fisher indicated that the Blue Flag Designation has been submitted. He highlighted an upcoming Provincial Awards Ceremony at Queens Park and will provide further information to Committee via email. Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Fisher advised Committee on the status of the Wasaga Beach Park Master Plan and the Phragmites Program.

c) Minutes from the Community Policing Meeting – November 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 N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-02

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee receive the November 2013 Community Policing Meeting Minutes, for information.

CARRIED

d) Policing Accounts – January 2014

Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Policing Accounts. Mr. Vadeboncoeur provided clarification regarding the payment to the Ministry of Finance on the Policing Cheque Register. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-03

RESOLVED THAT the Policing accounts for the month of January 2014, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

Library**a) Minutes of the Library Board Meeting – December 2013**

Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Library Board Minutes. Councillor Watson commented on a Little Library Exchange Program that the Library is looking into. Councillor Bercovitch also made reference to the program. A brief discussion took place. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12-04

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

CARRIED

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**Fire Department****a) Fire Department Report – February 2014**

Chief McWilliam reviewed the calls for service for the month of January. He then described details of a structure fire that was contained to the attached garage. Chief McWilliam then reviewed his monthly report. It was confirmed that Committee would like to see the OFMEM (Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management) information on the monthly Fire Department report. Chief McWilliam provided details on air quality testing that was conducted at the Town Hall, Library and the Public Works Departments. Councillor Watson asked if there were any questions or comments. Chief McWilliam provided clarification in regards to the Wasaga Beach Fire Stations fire alarm systems. He will survey other Fire Departments in Simcoe County to see how many have alarm systems. A brief discussion took place and it was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-05

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the February 2014 Fire Department Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Fire Department Accounts – January 2014

Councillor Watson asked if Committee members had any questions related to the Fire Department accounts. Fire Chief McWilliam explained the item pertaining to the equipment rental will be recovered as per the Rates and Fees By-Law. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH

SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-06

RESOLVED THAT the Fire Department accounts for the month of January 2014, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

Special Events

a) Special Event Report – February 2014

Ms. Legget advised Committee that Mrs. Webster is now on maternity leave. She then introduced Ms. Lehr as the Acting Special Events Coordinator. Ms. Lehr highlighted the success of the Snowman Mania event and indicated she has received positive feedback from the community. She then provided an update on the upcoming Eggstravaganza event. A brief discussion took place with respect to the opening ceremonies for the Snowman Mania event. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-07

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the February 2014 Special Event Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Electric Elements – Playland Parking Lot (Festival Square)

Ms. Legget explained that the event organizers are now at the stage of applying for a liquor license for this event. She pointed out that the AGCO (Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario) requires that this type of event be deemed municipally significant. Mayor Patterson expressed his concerns regarding the terminology of the recommendation outlined in the report and the criteria from the AGCO. Councillor Bifulchi also commented on the requirements that deem an event as municipally significant. Mr. Vadeboncoeur pointed out the guidelines vary depending on the type of special occasion permit. Considerable discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Committee that information be obtained on AGCO special event licensing procedures and that this item be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-08

RESOLVED THAT Report 6 b) Electric Elements – Playland Parking Lot (Festival Square) be referred to the March 4th Committee of the Whole for discussion and recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

c) Special Event Accounts – January 2014

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

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-09

RESOLVED THAT the Special Events Department accounts for the month of January 2014, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

Parks, Facilities and Recreation**a) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Report – February 2014**

Mr. Reinders pointed out that the extreme cold conditions may have contributed to the low attendance at the Outdoor Rink during the month of January. He then indicated that the 2014 Spring & Summer Parks, Facilities & Recreation Guide is near completion. Mr. Reinders described a mechanical issue with the hot water system at the YMCA Complex. In response to an inquiry Mr. Reinders confirmed that after eight years in operation the system was no longer covered under warranty. Councillor Bercovitch expressed his concerns. A brief discussion took place. Councillor Watson asked if Committee members had any further questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-10

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the Parks, Facilities and Recreation monthly activity report as information.

CARRIED

b) Festival Square Stage

Mr. Reinders advised Committee that the purchase of a portable stage was reviewed under the Parks, Facilities and Recreation Master Plan and the Beach Area 1&2 Visioning Study. He highlighted several benefits of a portable stage. Mr. Reinders pointed out that the stage could be utilized in various locations within the Town and the possibility to generate revenue by renting the stage to other organizations. He mentioned that currently eighteen special events would require a stage. Councillor Anderson expressed his concerns with the purchase of a portable stage and then spoke in regards to the Band Shell behind the RecPlex. Mayor Patterson commented that a list of special events should have been attached to the staff report. Discussion ensued. Committee agreed to refer this item to Committee of the Whole for further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-11

RESOLVED THAT Report 6 b) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Report dealing with Festival Square Stage be referred to March 4th Committee of the Whole for discussion and recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

c) Capital Purchase – Tri-Plex Mower

Mr. Reinders provided background information on the quotations received for the purchase of the Tri-Plex Mower. Councillor Watson asked if Committee members had any questions or comments. A brief discussion took place with respect to the existing equipment. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-12

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby approve the recommendation from the Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation to accept the quote from Earth Power Equipment for the supply of a Tri-Plex Mower in the amount of \$19,581.11, taxes included.

CARRIED

d) Recreation Programming Delivery Model

Mr. Reinders provided background information to Committee with respect to the three common Recreation Programming Delivery Models. He described further details on the combining the programming and facilitating model, an evolution of what the Town currently provides.. This role would focus more as a facilitator to assist organizations and associations with their recreational programs and would undertake programming where gaps exist. Mr. Reinders pointed out several changes to the Recreation Coordinator job description that would be required under this specific delivery model. Considerable discussion took place with respect to the salary for this position. Mr. Vadeboncoeur advised Committee that this is an existing position and explained the job evaluation process for positions that have significant changes. Committee deferred the motion until the next Community Services Committee meeting pending receipt of additional information.

DEFERRED

e) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Accounts – January 2014

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 M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02-13

RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Facilities and Recreation for the month of January 2014, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Watson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.