



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT

Meeting held Tuesday August 26, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:	M. Bercovitch	Councillor/Co-Chair
	R. Anderson	Councillor
	S. Wells	Councillor
	G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
	M. McWilliam	Fire Chief
	G. Reinders	Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation
	A. Roininen	Trails Coordinator
	J. Legget	EDCO
	P. Lehr	Special Events Coordinator (Acting)
	K. Madsen	Marketing and Special Events Assistant
	M. Burton	Hurononia West OPP
	J. Fisher	Ministry of Natural Resources
	S. Irvine	Chamber of Commerce
T. McCrea	Chamber of Commerce	
K. Wagner	Recording Secretary	
ABSENT:	G. Watson	Councillor
	N. Bifulchi	Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Bercovitch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Councillor Wells sat in for Councillor Bifulchi. Councillor Watson was away on vacation.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a) **Mr. McKechnie from the Wasaga Beach Pickleball Club with respect of the growth of pickleball and the request for possible facility enhancements.**

Councillor Bercovitch welcomed Mr. McKechnie to the table. Mr. McKechnie provided background information to Committee highlighting that pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in North America. He pointed out that this year membership has doubled and then spoke in regards to the request for facility enhancements. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Reinders provided further information on the four (4) pickleball courts at Lamont Creek. A brief discussion ensued. Councillor Bercovitch then asked Committee's permission to move up the Parks, Facilities and Recreation item c) Pickleball to be considered at this time. No objections were expressed. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
 SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-01

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the information presented by the delegation from the Wasaga Beach Pickle Ball Association and refer it to the Manager of Parks, Facilities & Recreation to bring a recommendation forward to the Budget Committee for further consideration.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

5. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

OPP

a) OPP Report

Staff Sergeant Burton reviewed the OPP Statistics for the month of July and provided details related to the calls for service. He pointed out that theft and criminal code charges were up significantly but overall calls for service were down compared to previous years. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. Councillor Bercovitch complemented the OPP's involvement with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters recent fund raiser. In response to an inquiry Staff Sergeant Burton provided clarification with respect to the number of the Summer Complement Officers this season.

b) Update - New OPP Billing Model Announcement

Mr. Vadeboncoeur advised Committee that further information will be provided at an upcoming new billing model information session. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. Councillor Wells spoke with respect to how the calls for service will be determined if they originate within the Wasaga Beach Provincial Parks. A brief discussion took place. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
 SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-02

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend that the announcement on the new OPP Billing Model be referred to the CAO for review and analysis on the potential impact on the Town of Wasaga Beach.

CARRIED

c) Minutes from the Community Policing Meeting – June 2014

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

MOVED BY S. WELLS
 SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-03

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the June 2014 Community Policing Meeting Minutes, for information.

CARRIED

d) Policing Accounts – July 2014

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

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-04

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

CARRIED

MNR

Park Superintendent John Fisher pointed out that the number of visitors to the Wasaga Beach Provincial Parks is down from previous years due to the poor weather. He then mentioned an increase of detritus (black muck sediment) in the water and the plans to remove it. Mr. Fisher updated Committee on a number of initiatives and spoke specifically on the Phragmites control program. He mentioned that a survey will be conducted to receive feedback from the community with respect to the Wasaga Beach Provincial Park Management Plan. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Vadeboncoeur inquired about beach maintenance for New Wasaga and Allenwood Beach, noting that the Town has received many complaints from the public about the lack of maintenance in the area. He went on to state that the complaints have been referred to the Parks office as the Town is not responsible for the beach. Mr. Fisher advised Committee that they are unable to rake approximately one (1) kilometer of beach area due to restrictions under Ontario's Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA) as a result of the piping plovers nesting in the area in 2012. He then described how they are dealing with hazards such as sticks and drift wood on these beach areas. He indicated that he is logging all the complaints received and hopes to prepare a proposal to senior management to address the concerns of residents and visitors to the area. Mr. Fisher addressed several other inquiries and provided clarification.

Library**a) Minutes of the Library Board Meeting – June 2014**

Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the minutes of the Library Board Meeting and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-05

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the June 2014 Library Board Meeting Minutes, for information.

CARRIED

Chamber of Commerce**a) Chamber of Commerce Initiatives - 2014**

Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Chamber of Commerce Initiatives report. In response to an inquiry Ms. McCrea indicated that an accurate number of visitors to the Wasaga Beach should be available in next month's Chamber of Commerce report. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-06

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the 2014 Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Information Centre Initiatives Report, for information.

CARRIED

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

Chief McWilliam reviewed the calls for service for the month of July. He then provided background information with respect to the new provincial fire code standards and regulations for vulnerable occupancies. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. A brief discussion occurred. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-07

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

CARRIED

b) Fire Department Accounts – July 2014

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

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-08

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

CARRIED

Special Events**a) Special Event Report**

Ms. Lehr reviewed her report and highlighted the upcoming memories of summer fireworks event. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-09

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the Special Events Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Geocaching

Ms. Masden provided background information on this event and described how participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) device to locate the geocaches. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. In response to an inquiry Ms. Masden showed the committee what a geocache container looks like and described its contents. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-10

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve hosting a Geocaching Event on October 11, 2014 beginning at the Oakview Woods Gazebo; and

FURTHER THAT 3,000.00 be allotted from the Special Events Budget to cover the costs associated with this second annual event.

CARRIED

c) Electronic Elements 2015

Ms. Lehr spoke in regards to the logistical aspects and the promotion involved in hosting this type of event. She also commented on the success of the 2014 event how the event can grow in 2015. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. A brief discussion ensued. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-11

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve in principal hosting the Electronic Elements event, on Sunday, May 17th, 2015.

CARRIED

d) Labour Day Music Festival 2015

Ms. Lehr reviewed her report and pointed out that the organizers of the Electronic Elements event are also proposing to organize a similar music festival. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-12

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve in principal hosting the first Labour Day Music Festival event, on Sunday, August 30, 2015.

CARRIED

e) Santa Claus Parade Approval

Ms. Lehr highlighted this annual event. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-13

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 29, 2014; and

FURTHER THAT Dunkerron Avenue be closed from 18th Street to 22nd Street and 22nd Street be closed from Dunkerron Avenue to Mosley Street from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and

FURTHER THAT they occupy the Municipal Parking Lot on 18th Street from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

f) Wasaga Beach Motorcycle Rally 2015

Ms. Lehr provided background information to Committee, noting that the event organizer is a Wasaga Beach resident and anticipates approximately 2,500 riders for the weekend. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. A discussion took place with respect to the logistics of the event. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-14

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve hosting the Wasaga Beach Motorcycle Rally on July 18th and 19th, 2015; and

FURTHER THAT Community Services Committee recommends to Council to provide sponsorship funding of \$3,500 for the inaugural Wasaga Beach Motorcycle Rally on July 18th and 19th, 2015 pending final event approval and review of Financial Reports provided by the event organizer.

CARRIED

g) Special Event Accounts – July 2014

Councillor Bercovitch asked if Committee members had questions related to the Special Events accounts. Ms. Lehr provided clarification with respect to the Georgian Triangle Music Fest. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-15

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

CARRIED

Parks, Facilities and Recreation**a) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Report; Verbal update GPS Trails project**

Mr. Reinders reviewed his report and provided an update on various programs that are currently underway. He then introduced Mr. Roininen, Trails Coordinator to the Committee. Mr. Roininen provided a hand out to Committee on the status of the GPS Trails project. He highlighted several key components. Mr. Roininen indicated that all the data collected will be used to create an accurate trail map and mentioned that this project also complies with the Wasaga Beach Recreation Master Plan and other Provincial studies. He pointed out that good trail infrastructure will attract visitors to the community and promotes a healthier lifestyle. Councillor Bercovitch thanked Mr. Roininen for his presentation. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-16

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

CARRIED

b) Pro-active Ash Tree Replacement-Deer Trail Park

Mr. Reinders indicated that the Simcoe County installed monitoring traps and have confirmed that the Emerald Ash Borer is present in a number of its municipalities. He pointed out that funding was approved for tree planting programs, the Home Hardware National Tree Day and the TD Tree Planting Day. Mr. Reinders mentioned that the Deer Trail Neighbourhood Park has approximately thirty (30) ash trees that could potentially die off from the EAB infestation. He spoke in regards to the recommendation to remove these ash trees and utilize the Home Hardware National Tree Day program this September to plant forty (40) trees of another species. Considerable discussion ensued in regards to removing healthy ash trees that are not in immediate danger of the Emerald Ash Borer. Councillor Anderson expressed his concerns with the cost associated to remove these trees. Mr. Reinders provided clarification with the costs and protocols involved if the ash trees become infected. Councillor Wells inquired if the Emerald Ash Borer does arrive in this area would it infect all the ash trees. Mr. Reinders indicated that it would be difficult to predict this type of situation. Councillor Bercovitch spoke with respect to the challenges to remove and replace these trees.

Mr. Reinders provided background information to Committee on an injection protection program for the ash trees. Committee felt that until the Emerald Ash Borer is confirmed to be an immediate threat that these healthy ash trees remain at the Deer Trail Neighbourhood Park. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-17

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it be pro-active in the battle against the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer and approve the recommendation from the Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation to move forward with the Deer Trail Park Tree Replacement Project.

DEFEATED

c) Pickle Ball

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

d) Simcoe County Food & Agriculture Recognition

Mr. Reinders highlighted that the Wasaga Beach Community Garden was nominated the Best Community Garden award by the Simcoe County Food & Agriculture Charter. Councillor Bercovitch mentioned that the certificate should be displayed at the Community Garden. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-18

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from the Simcoe County Food & Agriculture Charter for information only.

CARRIED

e) Caithkin Treatment Foster Homes Agreement Renewal

Mr. Reinders reviewed his report and mentioned that the 6% rent increase will off-set associated operating costs. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY R. ANDERSON

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-19

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve to renew the Agreement between Caithkin Treatment Foster Homes and the Town of Wasaga Beach, for use of the Youth Centre for the School year 2014 – 2015, including July and August 2015 at half time (2.5 weekdays per week), with a 6% increase in rent.

CARRIED

f) Prime Time Club Expansion Request

Mr. Reinders pointed out that Prime Time Club made a presentation to the Community Services Committee earlier this year requesting additional space for their club. He then indicated that he and Mr. Vadeboncoeur met with the President and Vice-President of the Wasaga Beach Co-op Nursery School to discuss the possibility of relocating. After reviewing their options representatives of the Co-op Nursery School provided a letter to the Town of Wasaga Beach indicating their intent to stay at the current site. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. A brief discussion occurred. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-20

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the request by the Prime Time Club for additional space be denied at this point in time; and

FURTHER THAT Committee recommends that Council make the expansion of the Prime Time Club a priority if and when additional municipal facility space becomes available; and

FURTHER THAT Committee recommends to Council that it confirm the Wasaga Beach Coop Nursery School continuing its operations in their existing facility at the RecPlex.

CARRIED

g) Recreation Division Re-organization

Mr. Reinders reviewed his report and spoke in regards to the new organizational structure that is being proposed. Councillor Bercovitch asked if there were any questions or comments. Councillor Anderson advised that he will not support the recommendation. Mr. Vadeboncoeur advised that the Job Evaluation Committee will be reviewing the Community Recreation Supervisor job description and will be recommending an appropriate salary level for the position to Committee. Councillor Bercovitch asked for Committee's permission to amend the motion. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-21

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it remove the responsibility for Youth Center oversight from the Community Recreation Supervisor job description; and

FURTHER THAT Committee approve a new organizational structure for the Recreation Division in principal which sees the Youth Coordinator report directly to the Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation, subject to the recommendation from the Job Evaluation Committee being presented to Committee.

CARRIED

h) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Accounts – July 2014

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

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08-22

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

CARRIED

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Bercovitch adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.