

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.
Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:

R. Anderson	Councillor/Chair
D. Foster	Deputy Mayor
G. Watson	Councillor
S. Wells	Councillor
M. Bercovitch	Councillor

G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer
T. Nicholson	Clerk
P. Archdekin	Deputy Clerk
D. Vincent	Sr. MLEO
M. Quinlan	Treasurer
J. Legget	EDCCO

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

- a) Mr. Bruce Miller will be in attendance to request an extension on the Five Year Development Charge**

The Chief Administrative Officer advised Committee that Mr. Miller was not in attendance due to the inclement weather.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Sign By-Law (reviewed) – March 12, 2009**
- b) 102 Fernbrook Drive Encroachments – Aug. 28, 2014; October 16, 2014**
- c) Community Health Centre – Development Charges; October 16, 2014**

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Municipal Law Enforcement

- a) Monthly Report – October 2014**

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-01

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the October 2014 Municipal Law Enforcement Department's Report, for information.

CARRIED

c) Municipal Law Enforcement Accounts – October 2014 – no comments

Economic Development and Communications

a) Monthly Report – October 2014

MOVED BY G. WATSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-02

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the October 2014 Economic Development and Corporate Communication Officer's Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Kirby's Complete Flooring – 1232 Mosley Street

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-03

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve Ms. Eva Kirby's application or funding under the Façade Improvement Program in the amount of \$2,000.00 for signage improvements to 1232 Mosley Street, subject to Ms. Kirby meeting all the Town's requirements at the time of releasing the grant.

CARRIED

c) Economic Development & Communications Accounts – October 2014

Administration

a) Treasurer – Development Charges Credit Extension – 1788 River Rd. W.

Councillor Wells noted he will vote in favour of the request as it is fair. Given the circumstances and the precedent set by the Committee in the recent past he did not feel Committee could deny this request. The precedent had been set. Deputy Mayor Foster stated his comments are the same.

Councillor Bercovitch noted the new Council could deny it a year from now. It was then;

MOVED BY D. FOSTER

SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-04

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it authorize the extension of the Development Charge Credit 1788 River Road West,(Roll 4364-010-007-81700) to December 31st, 2015 due to circumstances experienced as part of the Water/Wastewater connection requirement.

CARRIED

b) Resolution from the Town of Collingwood with Respect to Canada Post's Decision to Eliminate Home to Home Postal Delivery

MOVED BY D. FOSTER

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-05

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the Resolution from the Town of Collingwood with respect to Canada Post's decision to eliminate Home to Home Postal Delivery, for information.

CARRIED

c) Treasurer – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) 2015 Allocation

Councillor Bercovitch questioned funds from past years to which the Treasurer responded. Deputy Mayor Foster was pleased that the funds came in higher than expected and are going into reserves which are really nice for the reserve balance. It was then;

MOVED BY D. FOSTER

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-06

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the report from the Treasurer on the 2015 Allocation of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, for information.

CARRIED

d) Treasurer – 2014 Municipal Grant Requests

Councillor Wells noted Council is fulfilling its commitment. Councillor Bercovitch questioned which major groups had not asked for funds this year. Mrs. Quinlan advised that the Cat Rescue is going to try and work with the Humane Society and the Collingwood Airport has not applied. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-07

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the final \$5,000 of the 2014 grant for the Food Bank to assist in the annual Christmas Basket Program.

CARRIED

e) Treasurer – Small Communities Fund (SCF) & Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Deputy Mayor Foster noted it was too bad the Town did not receive funds. The CAO added it appears that if the municipality had no money in reserves, a high tax rate and financially not in good shape the municipality received money. There is a matrix that the applications are put through and it appears that the fiscally challenged municipalities were rewarded. It was then;

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-08

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the report from the Treasurer on the Small Communities Fund and Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, for information.

CARRIED

f) Treasurer – Development Charges Fees Schedule for 2015

Councillor Wells stated he understood the rationale but didn't support it as he believed that due to the Town's financial position it can support development charges as it is. The Town is financially stable and does not feel it is necessary at this time. It was then;

MOVED BY G. WATSON
 SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-09

RESOLVED THAT the General Government does hereby recommend to Council that it support the recommendation from the Treasurer to increase the development charges for 2015 using the most recent publication of the Statistics Canada Quarterly Construction Price Statistics (NRBCP) at 1.5%, in accordance with By-Law #2010-06 and the *Development Charges Act*.

DEFEATED

g) Clerk – 2014 Municipal Election Post Election Review

Deputy Mayor Foster asked a couple of questions on the Post-Election Review Report to which the Clerk responded. After a brief discussion on results; the efforts the Town made to encourage residents to check the voters list and provide updated information, it was then;

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
 SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-10

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the Clerk's Post 2014 Election Review Report, for information.

CARRIED

e) Council and Administration Accounts – October 2014

MOVED BY S. WELLS
 SECONDED BY G. WATSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11-11

RESOLVED THAT October 2014 Accounts as reviewed by General Government Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS - None

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 18, 2014

Deputy Mayor Foster noted that as this was the last General Government meeting of this term, he expressed his thanks to staff that has been at these meetings and provided the input for Committee to make the best decisions it can. He has appreciated the support and the input and asked that it be passed on to the departments.

Councilor Bercovitch also expressed his thanks to staff for always being helpful along the way and setting him on the right path.

Councillor Wells expressed his thanks to staff and for their professionalism and advice whether he agreed or not it was the best advice and decisions were based on good advice. He believed this has been a successful Council and hopefully the next Council will listen intently to the advice when making decisions.

Councillor Watson expressed his thanks to staff for all their help over the years.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.