

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT

Meeting held Thursday March 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

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| PRESENT: | B. Smith | Mayor |
| | R. Ego | Councillor/Chair |
| | S. Bray | Councillor |
| | B. Smith | Councillor |
| | B. Stockwell | Councillor |
| | G. Vadeboncoeur | Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk |
| | T. Nicholson | Clerk |
| | M. McWilliam | Fire Chief |
| | G. Reinders | Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation |
| | D. Vincent | Sr. MLEO |
| | L. Bogner | Huronias West OPP |
| K. Wagner | Recording Secretary | |
| ABSENT: | J. Fisher | Ministry of Natural Resources |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Ego called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST –

Councillor Bray declared Pecuniary Interest in regards to the Recreation departmental accounts for an item purchased \$45.00 as it pertains to a family business.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

5. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

OPP

a) OPP Report

Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments on the Huronia West OPP calls for service. Councillor Bray inquired on the number of monthly calls and the annual comparison statistics. Mr. Vadeboncoeur provided clarification. In response to an inquiry Acting Staff Sargent Bogner provided details to how foot patrols are conducted. She then spoke with respect to a distracted driving campaign that is currently underway. Mayor Smith also pointed out that he is very supportive of the initiatives for the RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program.

b) OPP Billing Model – Township of Evanturel Correspondence

Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY
SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-01

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the Township of Evanturel OPP Billing Model Correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

c) Minutes from the Community Policing Meeting – January 2015

Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments. Councillor Bray inquired on the Treasurer's Report figures listed in the Community Policing Minutes. Mr. Vadeboncoeur indicated that staff will inquire on this detail and report back to committee. It was then;

MOVED BY B. SMITH
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-02

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the January 2015 Community Policing Minutes, for information.

CARRIED

d) Policing Accounts – February 2015**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE****a) Chamber of Commerce Report – February 2015**

Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Chamber of Commerce Report. Councillor Smith highlighted that she appreciates the information being provided with respect to the number of visitors to the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Irvine indicated that they are working towards providing this information as part of the monthly report. It was then;

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL
SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-03

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the February 2015 Chamber of Commerce Report, for Information.

CARRIED

MNR

Mr. Fisher sent his regrets as he was unable to attend the meeting.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department

a) Fire Department Report – March 2015

Chief McWilliam reviewed the calls for service for the month of February. He then described details of a structure fire that was contained to the attached garage and commented on the importance of a fire separation (fire separation of noncombustible construction which subdivides a building or separates adjoining buildings to resist the spread of fire).

Chief McWilliam advised Committee that he is in contact with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) who is actively tracking the snow pack, weather, water levels and other information to identify the potential for dangerous high water and flood conditions and will keep Council informed on the situation. Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-04

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the March 2015 Fire Department Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Fire Department Accounts – February 2015 - no comments

Municipal Law Enforcement

a) Municipal Law Enforcement Activities for February 2015

Mr. Vincent spoke about an outstanding matter with respect to the Sign By-Law (reviewed) – March 12, 2009 that was noted on the General Government Committee Agenda and indicated that he is currently reviewing the By-Law and will bring it back to the Community Services Committee at a later date.

Mayor Smith then inquired on the enforcement of the Noise By-Law being 24 hours a day. He suggested separating areas of Wasaga Beach into residential and tourist zones and amending the hours of the Noise By-Law depending on the location. Considerable discussion took place. Mr. Vadeboncoeur commented on the challenges to break down these areas into specific zones. Discussion took place regarding previous noise complaints from the public who live in residential areas that are close to seasonal rental units and cottage courts including newer construction dwellings in the area of Sunshine Park. Mr. Vincent provided background information on a Committee that was formed, with the former Mayor as Chair of local residents and business operators, OPP, MLEO to deal with noise issues coming from Sunshine Park which was very successful. He then provided clarification on how the noise complaints are being handled and pointed out factors that may involve the assistance of the OPP. Mr. Vincent addressed several inquiries and provided clarification. It was then;

MOVED BY B. SMITH
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-05

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Municipal Law Enforcement Department's March 2015 monthly activity report be received, for information.

CARRIED

b) Request for Proposal (RFP) Animal Control Services

Mr. Vincent provided background information to Committee with respect to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Animal Control Services. He explained that since the unexpected loss in December of the Officer who was providing these services, two full-time staff has, after regular shift hours, been voluntarily "covering" this service on an on-call/overtime call-out basis since that time and are in need of some relief. Mr. Vincent requested that an independent contractor be used to provide emergency relief, on an interim, as needed, relief basis, until a permanent resolution is decided. Mr. Vincent provided details with respect to emergency call outs and protocols. It was discussed that some municipalities utilize other internal departments to assist in the removal of deceased animals from roadways and on public property. Mr. Vadeboncoeur indicated that this item will be discussed with staff and it will report back to this Committee. The Committee provided consensus to contract out the service for the interim on an emergency basis until Council makes a decision on the RFP and a permanent solution for an Animal Control services is put in place.

In response to an inquiry Mr. Vincent provided clarification with respect to the By-Law to regulate and control animals within the Town of Wasaga Beach. It was noted that there is a concern regarding feral cats. Considerable discussion ensued. It was noted that the Ontario SPCA Provincial Education and Animal Centre have programs like (Trap-Neuter-Return) or spay to reduce feral cat over-population. Mr. Vincent was asked to investigate how other communities are dealing with this type of situation and report back to Committee. Mr. Vincent spoke in regards to trapping feral cats using humane traps (box traps). Committee discussed the language of the Request for Proposal (RFP) Animal Control Services and the consensus was to include the trapping of cats in the RFP. It was then;

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL
SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-06

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Department issue the proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) for Animal Control Services options and report back to Committee with the results for approval.

CARRIED

c) Municipal Law Enforcement Accounts – February 2015 - no comments

Parks, Facilities and Recreation**a) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Report**

Mr. Reinders reviewed his report and highlighted positive feedback was received regarding the new format of the Summer Recreation Brochure. He provided an update with respect to interviews for the position of the Recreation Coordinator. Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Reinders provided information with respect to upcoming pickle ball tournaments. It was then;

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL
SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-07

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

CARRIED

b) Nancy Island Lions Club Spring Fertilizer Sale

Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY
SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-08

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does support the recommendation from the Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation to host a Spring Fertilizer Sale to take place in the RecPlex parking lot on April 18-19, 2015.

CARRIED

c) Prime Time Club Storage Unit Request

Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments. Discussion took place regarding using a part of the RecPlex property for permanent storage. Direction was given to Mr. Reinders to investigate this further. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY
SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-09

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does support the recommendation from the Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation to allow the Prime Time Club to locate two storage units on the RecPlex property for five weeks commencing on June 29, 2015.

CARRIED

Mr. Reinders requested permission from the Chair and Committee to discuss a request regarding privatizing the skate sharpening and concessions at the Wasaga Stars Arena, to which they agreed to allow. Discussion took place regarding the existing basic sharpening service being provided by the facility staff and that it allows the users to get their skates sharpened anytime as staff member is on duty. The arena presently sharpens 500-600 pairs per year and the cost for sharpening is \$5.00 per pair. Mr. Reinders indicated that the gentleman interested in bringing forward the proposal offered to expand the room and install the required electrical service at his own expense. The operator indicated that he would also be able perform blade contouring along with skate repairs. Following further discussions on cost, accessibility, business opportunity, a previous concession pilot project at the Sports Park, and the plans for a future multi-use facility, Committee's direction was to continue forward with the existing operations as they are and re-visit the topic when a new facility comes on board.

Accounts

a) Departmental Accounts – February 2015

Councillor Ego asked if Committee members had any questions related to the Departmental Accounts and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY B. SMITH

SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03-10

RESOLVED THAT the OPP, Fire, Municipal Law Enforcement, Parks, Facilities and Recreation departmental accounts for the month of February 2015, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Ego adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.