

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT

Meeting held Thursday December 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:	R. Ego	Councillor/Chair
	S. Bray	Councillor
	B. Smith	Councillor
	B. Stockwell	Councillor
	G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
	M. McWilliam	Fire Chief
	G. Reinders	Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation
	D. Vincent	Sr. MLEO
	A. Tait	Huron West OPP
	K. Wagner	Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Nil

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Sign By-Law (reviewed) – March 12, 2009

b) Deferral of the Business Licensing By-Law Appeal Hearing – November 12, 2015

5. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

OPP

a) OPP Report

Councillor Ego welcomed Staff Sargent Tait to the table. Staff Sargent Tait reviewed the calls for service for the month of November and mentioned that the stats for the month are consistent with previous years. He described strategies that are in place to deal with the increase of break and enters and mischief crimes. He then pointed out that the traffic officers laid 132 speeding charges in November. Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments. Staff Sargent Tait addressed several questions and provided clarification.

b) Barrie Court Services Third Quarter Report

Staff Sargent Tait reviewed the Barrie Court Services Third Quarter Report. Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments. A brief discussion ensued. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-01

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the Barrie Court Services Third Quarter Provincial Offences Act Report, for information.

CARRIED

c) Community Policing Minutes – October 2015

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

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL

SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-02

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

CARRIED

Library**a) Minutes of the Library Board Meeting – October 2015**

Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Library Board Minutes and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-03

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby receive the October 2015 Library Board Minutes, for information.

CARRIED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**a) Chamber of Commerce Report – November 2015**

Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments relating to the Chamber of Commerce Report. It was then;

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL

SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-04

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

CARRIED

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department

a) Fire Department Report – December 2015

Fire Chief McWilliam reviewed the calls for service for the month of November and pointed out the increase of calls for service in comparison to previous years. He highlighted the Christmas Food and Toy drive that is currently under way. Councillor Ego asked if there were any further questions or comments and there were none. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY B. SMITH

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-05

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

CARRIED

Municipal Law Enforcement

a) Municipal Law Enforcement Report

Mr. Vincent reviewed his report and pointed out the increase of property standard issues during the month of November. Councillor Ego asked if there were any questions or comments. In response to an inquiry Mr. Vincent provided clarification with respect to ATV and recreational off-highway (side-by-sides) vehicles being permitted on the roads from April 1st to November 30th. It was then;

MOVED BY B. SMITH

SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-06

RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the November 2015 Municipal Law Enforcement Department's monthly activity report for information.

CARRIED

b) **Special Fine for Operating Illegal Tourist Establishment- Business Licensing By-law**

Mr. Vincent pointed out that the Provincial Offences Act governs how charges are processed and prosecuted in Ontario courts. The Business Licensing By-law does not set a minimum fine, but does establish a maximum fine. If this section were to be amended the highest minimum fine permitted would be \$500.00. He described a "SPECIAL" Fine for "illegal rental" convictions. This can be tied to the average nightly rate advertised with a multiplier applied and also be increased for repetitive convictions. In response to an inquiry Mr. Vincent confirmed that written notice is given to the property owner before any fines are issued. Councillor Bray expressed her concerns regarding how this may impact seasonal family cottage rentals specifically in tourist areas. Considerable discussion took place with respect to the challenges to determine the individual circumstances to impose these "Special Fines". Mr. Vincent provided clarification regarding the "Special Fines" indicating that it would only apply to convictions of properties that are not licensable as a Tourist Establishment (R1, R2, etc.) and would not apply to Established Tourist Accommodation Businesses.

It was the consensus of the Committee that further information is required. Direction was given to Mr. Vincent to gather further information and to investigate other Municipality By-Laws with respect to fines for Illegal Tourist Establishments. Committee agreed to amend the motion. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-07

RESOLVED THAT the staff report pertaining to the Special Fine for Operating illegal Tourist Establishment be referred back to staff for further review.

CARRIED

Parks, Facilities and Recreation

a) Parks, Facilities and Recreation Report

Mr. Reinders reviewed his report and provided Committee with an update on various projects and programs. He pointed out that the Youth Centre will extend their hours during the Christmas break. Councillor Ego asked if there were any further questions or comments. A brief discussion took place regarding a memorial plaque for Socks the dog at the Dog Park. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-08

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

CARRIED

Accounts

a) Departmental Accounts – November 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 S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-09

RESOLVED THAT the departmental accounts for the month of November 2015, as reviewed by the Community Services Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Ego adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.