



## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

B. Smith	Mayor
N. Bifulchi	Deputy Mayor
J. Belanger	Councillor
S. Bray	Councillor
R. Ego	Councillor
B. Smith	Councillor
B. Stockwell	Councillor
G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer
A. Fay	Director, Legislative Services and Clerk
L. Borland	Deputy Clerk
J. Legget	Communications and Special Projects Coordinator
D. Herron	Manager of Planning and Development Review
N. Wukasch	Planner

**ABSENT:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Bray disclosed a pecuniary interest in regards to the March 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole Wasaga Waverunner Beachfront Lease as he is a client of her business, but she will be voting on all other matters.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) Regular Meeting of Council February 21, 2017

MOVED BY J. BELANGER

SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-01

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday February 21, 2017, are hereby adopted as circulated.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea

Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

#### 4. DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mr. Shawn Wilson made a deputation to Council on behalf of the “Friends of the Dard” and spoke to a proposal to renovate the Dardanella as a community project. Mr. Wilson would like to see the building utilized and brought back to life as it was previously, noting a variety of potential uses and benefits to the community.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Wilson and asked if there were any questions of council; there were none.

Mr. Wilson would like access to the building to take some photos and see what is inside. Mr. Wilson was advised to follow up with staff to look into the possibility of entering into the building.

#### 5. COMMENT PERIOD

*“A fifteen (15) minute session wherein persons in attendance at the Regular Meeting of Council have an opportunity to make a comment pertaining to items that are listed on the agenda to be dealt with by Council. Comments will be received for Council consideration but will not be discussed or debated at this time.”*

Art Dyer 147 Mosley Street

- It is wonderful to see what council is doing to try and bring things forward; the quicker the better. It will teach the young people and give them jobs. I am in support of what Mr. Wilson is doing.

Robert Bortlisz - 28 62<sup>nd</sup> Street South

- Kudos to Mr. Wilson on his presentation and I am in agreement.
- In regards to the Wasaga Hydro Public Meeting – I have read the notes regarding Wasaga Hydro and the tax payers opinion. A public information meeting is a waste of time and money and the survey will be filled with loaded or confusing questions.
- Funds from the sale will be funded to pet project that will not bear any fruit.
- Many other places have provided their own power and this has increased their size and profitability. The expertise we should hire are the ones to help grow this asset and not sell it.
- The current Liberal Government has had years of experience and have openly admitted to their blunders. Vote No to a public meeting and no to a sale.

Stan Wells- 146 Christopher Avenue

- With respect to the Public Meeting for Hydro, I am comfortable with other methods being out there for the public. I recall Councillor Stockwell saying members of former Council should be happy with this process as it’s similar to the Casino process. But a reminder that this did involve an online and paper survey available in all Town facilities. Urge Council that if they go ahead with this proposal that they include online, paper and phone survey as well.
- In regards to the makeup of the panel, I do believe, in my opinion, that the panel is heavily slanted to a sale/merger type of option.

- These panelists should be equivalent to our municipality's size and our circumstances. It is a false comparison to have larger cities sales shown; we are not anywhere near these circumstances. Mr. Litschko will speak to the advantages of amalgamation as this was shown in the Parry Sound merger; even once merged, their total service population was 13,000 and we are above that. To try and compare this is not right, it is not comprised to reflect our circumstances. Mr. Ferguson of Newmarket would be a good balance.
- I would like to suggest other people for the panel. For example a representative from CHEC (they create benefits for a municipality by working together and sharing best practices). There is no one on the panel to speak to the benefits of small utility or to working in a small group. A member of Senior staff should also be on the panel as they are far more knowledgeable about our financial and infrastructure situation.
- All the panel members are ones focused on shareholder profit. I struggle with Mark Rodgers to be brought in as panelist, and I believe this is inappropriate. He has made his position here and he is in the business of representing sales; he provides a pre-focused direction and should be excluded from the panel.

#### Morley Bercovitch - 65 Knox Road East

- Similar feelings to Mr. Wells. I have concerns for the makeup of the panel, it is heavily weighted in the direction of selling.
- I suggest the President of the Niagara on the Lake Hydro as a representative (Tim Curtis).
- Has a concern about Mark Rodgers as he has a vested financial interest in this process. I am not making accusations but if this sale goes through he has a chance to make over half a million dollars.
- Concerned with the cost and timing of meeting; going to miss out on people who are coming up to their cottages.  
\$45,000 is a lot of money for one issue (half an election). It would be fiscally responsible to wait for an election and have those voters decide.
- With all due respect I have a concern that this Council is not respecting the 7,000+ people that signed the petition and 3,200 that put up signage. These people are sending a message and should be heard.

#### Joy Steele - 877 River Road East

- Moved to Wasaga four years ago and has never regretted the move. I am excited about the Downtown Master Plan; it's time.
- A New downtown will allow us to showcase the jewel Wasaga Beach is and I applaud Council to step up and lead Wasaga in the right direction.

#### Kelly Manning - 79 32<sup>nd</sup> Street South

- Moved here during the winter looking for accommodation.
- Wanted to state that I feel it would be in Wasaga's best interest to pay attention to the roots that are here; a plant without roots does not grow.
- Look into the history; I would be willing to share photos and postcards, etc.
- I hate to see this city sell everything off and wouldn't like to see the people here lose their homes. They need to be listened to.
- There are a lot of positive things going on, and we need to go back to our roots and think over things.
- The Dard is not the only place with roots there are many others as well. More options may need to be looked at.

#### Bart Chase – 4 Jalna Court

- Council is not listening to the people who have signed the petition.
- Why don't we sell the beachfront property we bought instead? It's a liability and costing us money every year; if Council needs assistance to build the Main Street then use that.
- The story of a downtown has been heard before; we are trying to make Wasaga something it might never be. What is wrong with it now?
- The taxpayers have the ball in their court and were never asked if they wanted to buy a beachfront, but it happened.
- Stories from Hydro are coming out on a daily basis. This Hydro is ours and I'm not sure why Council can't listen to the people that have spoken. Do we have to physically protest? Why spend money on something again when we know what the answer is.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received for Information**

**a) Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry – Letter to Jim Wilson, MPP Re: Proposed dredging project of the Nottawasaga River**

MOVED BY S. BRAY  
 SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-02

RESOLVED THAT That Council receive the letter from the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, dated February 24, 2017, for information.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifolchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**b) Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture – Letter to Warden Gerry Marshall Re: Disproportionate increase in taxable farmland assessment and the incoming increase in farmland property tax burden**

MOVED BY R. EGO  
 SECONDED BY J. BELANGER RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-03

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter from the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture, dated March 9, 2017, for information.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifolchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**c) Simcoe County Office of the Warden – Letter to the Premier of Ontario The Honorable Kathleen Wynne Re: Resolution for Paramedic Services Dispatch Advocacy**

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-04

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter from the Simcoe County Office of the Warden, dated February 14, 2017, for information.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**d) Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Re: Membership Reduction**

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-05

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, dated March 20, 2017, for information.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**e) 2017 Senior of the Year Award – Letter to the Mayor and Council Re: Invitation for Nomination of Senior of the Year**

MOVED BY R. EGO

SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-06

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter from the Minister of Seniors Affairs, dated March 2017, for information.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea

Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE – Requiring Action**

**a) Walk for Values – Proclamation of “Human Values Day” on April 24, 2017**

MOVED BY	R. EGO	
SECONDED BY	J. BELANGER	RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-07

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach does hereby proclaim April 24, 2017 as "Human Values Day" in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**b) The Art on the Fence Committee – Wasaga Beach Community Garden Art on the Fence Project and Proclamation of “Culture Days” on September 30 – October 1, 2017**

MOVED BY	S. BRAY	
SECONDED BY	N. BIFOLCHI	RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-08

RESOLVED THAT Council refer the letter submitted on February 23, 2017 from The Art on the Fence Committee to staff for consideration;

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach does hereby proclaim September 30 – October 1, 2017 as “Culture Days” in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**c) Simcoe County District School Board – Memorandum – Resignation of School Board Trustee and Appointment Process for new Trustee**

MOVED BY J. BELANGER  
 SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-09

RESOLVED THAT Council send a letter to the Simcoe County District School Board recommending that the Board directly appoint the person that finished second in the Wasaga Beach, Tiny and Penetanguishene ward during the last Trustee election;

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach does hereby request the Councils of the Town of Penetanguishene and the Township of Tiny to make similar requests of the Board

Councillor Belanger	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi		Nay
Councillor Bray		Nay
Councillor Ego	Yea	
Councillor Smith	Yea	
Councillor Stockwell	Yea	
Mayor Smith	Yea	

CARRIED

#### **CORRESPONDENCE – Referred**

- a) Minister of Education – Letter to Colleagues Re: Launch of Engagement on approaches to supporting education in rural and remote communities and update on further government support for local decision-making and completion of communities moving forward.**

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL  
 SECONDED BY J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-10

RESOLVED THAT Council refer the letter of the Minister of Education, dated March 6, 2017, to the High School Task Force for review and comment.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

- b) Evans Planning Inc. – Letter to Mayor and Council Re: Downtown Development Master Plan (304 Main Street)**

MOVED BY J. BELANGER  
 SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-11

RESOLVED THAT Council refer the letter of Evans Planning Inc., dated March 21, 2017, to staff for review and recommendation.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea

Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

### c) Huronia West Detachment 2017-2019 Action Plan Consultation

MOVED BY	B. STOCKWELL
SECONDED BY	S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-12

RESOLVED THAT Council refer the letter dated March 17, 2017 from the Ontario Provincial Police Huronia West Detachment, to staff for action.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

## 8. COMMITTEE, BOARDS & STAFF REPORTS

### a) Coordinated Committee – March 9, 2017

MOVED BY	J. BELANGER
SECONDED BY	B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-13

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Coordinated Committee Reports of March 9, 2017, as circulated and approves all actions contained therein.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

### b) Committee of the Whole – March 21, 2017

Councillor Bray requested that the March 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole item 5.a) Resolution No. 2017-03-01 and item 5.K.1) Resolution No. 2017-03-11A be pulled for discussion.

Deputy Mayor Bifulchi requested that the March 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole item 5.a) Resolution No. 2017-03-01 be pulled for discussion.



MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL  
 SECONDED BY J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-14A

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Committee of the Whole Report of March 21, 2017, as circulated and approves all actions contained therein with the exception of item 5.a) Resolution No. 2017-03-01 and item 5.K.1) Resolution No. 2017-03-11A which will be dealt with as separate matters.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

#### **Item 5.a) Resolution 2017-03-01**

Councillor Bray requested that the March 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole item 5.a) Resolution No. 2017-03-01 be pulled for discussion.

MOVED BY J. BELANGER  
 SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-14B

1. THAT Council recommends that the Wasaga Beach Downtown Development Master Plan be approved;
2. AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the following next steps to commence implementing the Downtown Development Master Plan:
  - a. staff be directed to prepare an amended Terms of Reference for the Downtown Development Master Plan Steering Committee, to reflect a new role of guiding implementation of the master plan, and report back to a future meeting of General Government with the amended Terms of Reference for approval;
  - b. staff be directed to prepare continuing services contracts with all members of the Downtown Development Master Plan consultant team to be compensated at the hourly rates outlined in this report on an “as needed basis”;
  - c. staff be directed to request a water and sanitary servicing review of the Downtown Development Master Plan by the Ainley Group;
  - d. staff be directed to meet with Wasaga Distribution, Enbridge Gas and Telecommunications providers to discuss potential future service implications of the Downtown Development Master Plan;
  - e. staff be directed to prepare a detailed work plan for implementation of the Downtown Master Plan public realm improvements and report back to a future meeting of Committee of the Whole with an overview of the work plan, for approval;

- f. staff be directed to update the Official Plan according to the framework provided by the Downtown Development Master Plan;
- g. staff be directed to single-source N. Barry Lyon Consultants Limited to develop CIP policies for Downtown Wasaga Beach based on the market research and development pro forma work already conducted during the DDMP process and report back to Committee of the Whole with recommendations for consideration;
- h. staff be directed to prepare and issue a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) to seek interested development partners for the Town to develop Town-owned lands within Downtown Wasaga Beach;
- i. staff be directed to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will outline high level objectives of a working relationship between the Town and landowners with property located along Main Street, (between Beck Street and Beach Drive) to redevelop the Lower Main District and the lands adjacent to Festival Square, and report back to Committee of the Whole with the terms of the MOU for approval prior to requesting signatures from landowners;
- j. staff be directed to arrange an education session with Council pertaining to the pros and cons of establishing a Municipal Development Corporation;
- k. staff be directed to work with the DDMP consultant team and legal counsel to establish a Town-owned lands disposition strategy and report back to Committee of the Whole with recommendations;
- l. staff be directed to prepare a scope of work to engage the services of the DDMP consulting team to assist in the preparation of the detailed Community Hub program, building massing and land requirements, in consultation with residents, business owners and relevant community groups/stakeholders, and report back to Committee of the Whole with the scope of work for approval;
- m. staff be directed to retain the services of an environmental engineer to conduct an environmental assessment of the proposed Town Square site and report back to Committee of the Whole with the results and any recommendations;
- n. staff be directed to dig test bore holes at various locations within the current Town-owned lands proposed as the future location for the Town Square and Anchor Development, and report back to Committee of the Whole with the results and any recommendations;
- o. staff be directed to prepare a scope of work to engage the services of the DDMP consulting team to assist in the preparation of development objectives that should form the basis of a subsequent RFP for the detailed design of the Town Square and report back to Committee of the Whole with the scope of work for approval;
- p. staff be directed to install a large billboard on Main Street, at Main and Beck Streets, with the artist's rendering of the Lower Main District as soon as possible, as well as replacing the current welcome billboard sign on Mosley Street immediately over the Main Street Bridge with the artist's rendering of the new Beach District;
- q. staff be directed to prepare a scope of work to engage the services of the DDMP consulting team to assist in the steps required to position the Town Square Anchor

Development for issuance of a bid package and report back to Committee of the Whole with the scope of work for approval;

r. staff be directed to issue an RFP to retain the services of a multi-disciplinary team, led by a Landscape Architectural firm, to lead a public engagement process to develop the detailed streetscape design (building face to building face) between the roundabout and the bridge as well as fulfil the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act;

s. AND FINALLY THAT staff be directed to retain Alternate Street Design under the single source provisions of the Town’s Purchasing Policy to design the roundabout at Main Street and Beck Street and report back to Committee of the Whole with recommended next steps following completion of the design.

3. Council recommends that the preferred location for the Community Hub should be at the intersection of Main Street and Beck Street, (as per the Downtown Development Master Plan) and only if this location proves unworkable an alternative location be sought in the downtown.

Councillor Belanger	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi		Nay
Councillor Bray		Nay
Councillor Ego	Yea	
Councillor Smith	Yea	
Councillor Stockwell	Yea	
Mayor Smith	Yea	
		CARRIED

**Item 5.K.1) Resolution No. 2017-03-11A**

Councillor Bray requested that the March 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole item 5.K.1) Resolution No. 2017-03-11A be pulled for discussion. Members of Council discussed the item. It was then;

MOVED BY J. BELANGER  
 SECONDED BY B. STOCKWELL RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-14C

1. RESOLVED THAT Council approve a prorated rent rebate of nine (9) days (equal to \$585.00 + HST) for the month of June 2016 be granted to the following Main Street Market tenants subject to the payment of any outstanding amounts owed to the Town:
  - a. Big Surf Ice Cream;
  - b. Tasty Hut;
  - c. Secrets of Transylvania; and,
  - d. Blooming Onion.

Councillor Belanger	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi		Nay
Councillor Bray		Nay
Councillor Ego	Yea	
Councillor Smith	Yea	

Councillor Stockwell      Yea  
 Mayor Smith                      Yea

CARRIED

**c) Accounts – February 1, 2017 – February 28, 2017**

MOVED BY              R. EGO  
 SECONDED BY        N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-15

RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve the February 1, 2017 – February 28, 2017 Accounts in the amount of \$2,743,572.73.

Councillor Belanger      Yea  
 Deputy Mayor Bifulchi    Yea  
 Councillor Bray            Yea  
 Councillor Ego            Yea  
 Councillor Smith         Yea  
 Councillor Stockwell     Yea  
 Mayor Smith                Yea

CARRIED

**d) Town of Wasaga Beach Official Plan Update & Growth Management Strategy Request for Proposals Award Recommendation**

Mr. Herron and Mr. Wukasch spoke to the highlights of their report and answered questions of Council. It was then;

MOVED BY              R. EGO  
 SECONDED BY        J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-16

RESOLVED THAT Council award the contract to lead the creation of a new Official Plan for Wasaga Beach to the consulting team led by the GSP Group and that staff proceed to enter into a contract with the GSP Group for Phase One of the project.

Councillor Belanger      Yea  
 Deputy Mayor Bifulchi    Nay  
 Councillor Bray            Yea  
 Councillor Ego            Yea  
 Councillor Smith         Yea  
 Councillor Stockwell     Yea  
 Mayor Smith                Yea

CARRIED

**e) Leasing the Dardanella Beachfront Licensed Establishment**

The CAO spoke to the highlights of his report and received comments of Council. It was then;

MOVED BY              R. EGO  
 SECONDED BY        J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-17A

RESOLVED THAT the motion pertaining to the leasing of the Dardanella Licensed

Establishment be amended by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

“, with a notice in the advertisement indicating that operators of existing licensed establishments at the Beachfront will not be considered.”

Councillor Belanger	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi		Nay
Councillor Bray		Nay
Councillor Ego	Yea	
Councillor Smith	Yea	
Councillor Stockwell	Yea	
Mayor Smith	Yea	

CARRIED

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL

SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-17B

RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to advertise the availability of the front portion of the Dardanella to lease for a five year period with a mutual option to renew for a further five years, with a notice in the advertisement indicating that operators of existing licensed establishments at the Beachfront will not be considered;

AND FURTHER THAT the lease rate be established at \$70,000 per year including taxes, with some flexibility provided the total lease over the five year period totals \$350,000 dollars in 2017. Rent to increase annually by the annual CPI and any property tax increases approved by Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council grant an exemption under the Procurement Policy and authorize the CAO to engage Mark Ruttan, Commercial Leasing Agent as a single source purchasing action to receive and review lease proposals and make recommendation to Council on the best lease option, and that Mr. Ruttan be compensated on the basis of the value of one month’s rent for the provision of this service.

Councillor Belanger	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi		Nay
Councillor Bray	Yea	
Councillor Ego	Yea	
Councillor Smith	Yea	
Councillor Stockwell	Yea	
Mayor Smith	Yea	

CARRIED

**f) Public Consultation Process and Proposed Public Information Session Pertaining to the Review of Wasaga Distribution Inc.**

The CAO and Communications and Special Project Coordinator spoke to the highlights of this report and answered questions of Council. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-18A

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach decides to not move forward with the potential disposition of Wasaga Distribution Inc. (sale and merger).

Councillor Belanger		Nay
Deputy Mayor Bifolchi	Yea	
Councillor Bray	Yea	
Councillor Ego		Nay
Councillor Smith	Yea	
Councillor Stockwell		Nay
Mayor Smith		Nay

DEFEATED

MOVED BY S. BRAY  
 SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-18B

Re: Item 8.f)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion now before Council be amended by deleting Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and inserting late May 2017

Councillor Belanger	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Bifolchi	Yea	
Councillor Bray	Yea	
Councillor Ego	Yea	
Councillor Smith	Yea	
Councillor Stockwell		Nay
Mayor Smith	Yea	

CARRIED

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL  
 SECONDED BY J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-18C

RESOLVED THAT Council approves hosting a Public Information Session regarding the review of Wasaga Distribution Inc. to be held at the Wasaga Beach RecPlex in late May, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a budget of up to a maximum of \$45,000.00 for costs associated with the Public Information Session, including undertaking a public opinion survey utilizing a consulting research firm, expenses related to experts in the field of local distribution companies providing information at the Public Information Session and advice from a consulting legal firm;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve an exemption to the Procurement Policy and authorize staff to single-source the services of Mr. Mark Rodger from Borden Lander Gervais LLP to assist staff in organizing the Public Information Session and providing expert advice in the area of local distribution companies, and Mr. Greg Lyle from Innovative Research Group to undertake a statistically reliable public option survey.

Councillor Belanger	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Bifolchi		Nay
Councillor Bray	Yea	
Councillor Ego	Yea	



Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL  
 SECONDED BY J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-22

RESOLVED THAT a By-law to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement between the Town of Wasaga Beach and 1812643 Ontario Ltd., o/a The Candy Shack for a Commercial Lease at 12 Main Street, Unit E, be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered No. 2017-28.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

Questions of Council were answered. It was then;

MOVED BY B. STOCKWELL  
 SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-23

RESOLVED THAT a By-law to confirm an interest rate for the Promissory note held with Wasaga Distribution Inc., be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered No. 2017-29.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

MOVED BY J. BELANGER  
 SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-24

RESOLVED THAT a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Town of Wasaga Beach and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario (Public Transit Infrastructure Fund), be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and



third time, passed and numbered No. 2017-30.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

MOVED BY B. SMITH  
 SECONDED BY J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-25

RESOLVED THAT a By-law to make appointments to the Beachfront Management Board, be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered No. 2017-31.

Councillor Belanger	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi		Nay
Councillor Bray		Nay
Councillor Ego	Yea	
Councillor Smith	Yea	
Councillor Stockwell	Yea	
Mayor Smith	Yea	

CARRIED

MOVED BY R. EGO  
 SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-26

RESOLVED THAT a By-law to exempt Lots 74, 75, 76, 82 and Part of 77 on Registered Plan 837, in the Town of Wasaga Beach, County of Simcoe, from Part Lot Control (Bremont Homes – Beach2O), be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered No. 2017-32.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

MOVED BY R. EGO  
 SECONDED BY J. BELANGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-27

RESOLVED THAT a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach at its regular meeting held Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be received and be deemed to have been read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered No. 2017-33.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**12. CALLING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Coordinated Committee	April 13	8:30 a.m.
Committee of the Whole	April 18	4:00 p.m.
Council	April 25	7:00 p.m.

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

*“A fifteen (15) minute session wherein persons in attendance at the Regular Meeting of Council have an opportunity to raise questions pertaining to items that were dealt with by Council on the evening’s Agenda.”*

Morley Bercovitch – 65 Knox Road East

- Talk about collecting rent; suggest that Council ask for a bond from the tenant which can be obtained from the bank at a low cost and if the tenant defaults they can cash the bond.
- Beachfront Management Board – are the meetings open to the public? Mayor Smith advised yes they are.
- Councillor Belanger’s comment about the increases on social media is incorrect, every bill has certain costs per hour, this is standard across the province. The portion of the bill we do have input , from 2005-2015 Wasaga Distribution portion went down 66% and some others went up over 100%.

Mark Winegarden – 73 Frank Street

- In regards to Councillor Belanger’s comment about posts on social media that were erroneous about people who were well researched; I know from people I am working with who are creating awareness of this issue, we have tired on every occasion to fact check our information. If I give my email for the record I would like a list of these posts to be forwarded to me and we can address the issue to try and educate the person(s) he is speaking of; we are not trying to spread erroneous information.

James Todd – Oxbow Park Drive

- In regards to the staff report regarding the public information session on hydro, the recommendation from Mr. Rodgers is fairly biased; things seem unbalanced. Over the last couple of months I have been hearing single source –doesn’t seem right.
- Paying for a survey of 300 people when there are opinions of 7000+ doesn’t seem right.
- There is \$7.8 million in reserves and we still had an increase in taxes. Mayor Smith advised that the increase covers day to day uses, and that the reserves are for future uses and planning (repairing infrastructure, etc.).

- Ms. Legget addressed with respect to the panel question that the panel was put together from discussion and Mr. Rodgers is an experienced individual in this field. From staff's perspective the panel is balanced because we do have representation from the Ontario Energy Board, who is nonbiased, we have an independent energy consultant (Tom Adams) who will speak to the energy sector and Mr. Chris Litschko who will speak to a merger. Dennis Travale will speak to the sale of hydro, Lawrence Murphy would speak to the economic valuation of LDC's and Murray Elston, who is a former Cabinet Minister, has recently written a paper on consolidation/mergers. If we speak to this panel we can provide the residents with a balanced approach.
- Mr. Todd replied that this whole issue is a corporate grab and it is corporate greed and in the end it's a tax grab.

#### Art Dyer 147 Mosley Street

- Since this council has been here, I've heard good things happen. There are things that have happened now that have not happened in 20 years.
- Am I going to be alive to see it (Downtown) happen? It takes so long to see things happen, we need to start now and we need solutions. Mayor Smith told Mr. Dyer he hopes it will be seen in his lifetime and that the plan is approved as of tonight for the Downtown Master Plan and the Town will start to move forward.

#### Tony Lucas – 80 Fairway Crescent

- Mr. Rodgers is a lawyer who works for hydro one is that not correct? Mayor Smith does not believe he represented Hydro One. Ms. Legget advised that Mr. Rodgers is not a lawyer for Hydro One; he is a part of a firm in Toronto with expertise in hydro distribution and corporate law.
- Who was paying his wages last time he was here? Ms. Legget advised that as it was shown on the cheque registry the Town has provided some wages to Mr. Rodgers for his presentation, but the invoice was flowed through Wasaga Distribution back to the Town. Mr. Vadeboncoeur advised that Mr. Rodgers was engaged by Wasaga Distribution to undertake a study and present the findings to the Board and to Council. Upon completion of the study his term of engagement ended with Wasaga Distribution.
- In regards to Councillor Belanger's comments on the signatures provided, I didn't misrepresent anything and there were very few non-signers.

#### 14. CLOSED SESSION (as required) - None

#### 15. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY B. SMITH

SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-28

RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby adopt the Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes dated March 21, 2017, as circulated.

Councillor Belanger	Yea
Deputy Mayor Bifulchi	Yea
Councillor Bray	Yea
Councillor Ego	Yea
Councillor Smith	Yea
Councillor Stockwell	Yea
Mayor Smith	Yea

CARRIED

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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Andrea Fay  
Director, Legislative Services and Clerk