

Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7:06 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor G. McKay, Councillors J. Main, C. Oschefski, G. MacDonald, G. Canning, J. Contin, P. File and S. Strathearn

Regrets: Deputy Mayor M. Ross

Also Present: C. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer
J. Galloway, Town Engineer
A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO
K. Foster, Director of Fire Services (Fire Chief) & Emergency Mgmt.
S. Berriault, Director of Public Works
B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation
K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

SECTION A – ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(Referred to the Chair, Councillor J. Contin)

1. ML-2015-1 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Investigative Report – November and December 2014

Your Committee received as information a report dated January 7, 2015, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, providing an update on departmental operations and street parking meter revenue.

2. CL-2015-1 Treasure Days and Free Garage Sale Weekend

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 5, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report CL-2015-1 dated January 5, 2015, staff be directed to advertise for two Treasure Day weekends being Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10, 2015 and Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 2015; and further that staff be directed to advertise the Free Garage Sale Permit Weekend on July 11 and 12, 2015.

3. CL-2015-3 Farmers' Market Application

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 6, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report CL-2015-3 dated January 6, 2015, Council direct staff to contact the BIA to obtain comments regarding the Saturday market.

4. CL-2015-4 Municipal Office Hours - Christmas Break 2015

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 6, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That as recommended in Report CL-2015-4 dated January 6, 2015, the Municipal Office be closed from noon on December 24, 2015 and reopen on January 4, 2016.

5. CL-2015-5 Municipal Election 2014 – Accessibility Initiatives

Your Committee received as information a report dated January 7, 2015, from K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant, providing information regarding the 2014 Municipal Election and accessibility initiatives.

6. Appointments – County of Simcoe Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Your Committee received as information a letter dated December 16, 2014, from Ms. B. Clark, County Clerk, regarding appointments to the above committee.

7. New Smoke-Free Ontario Act Regulations effective January 1, 2015

Your Committee received as information a letter dated December 18, 2014, from Dr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. L. Simon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, providing information regarding the new regulations under the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*, which will impact the municipality's playgrounds and sporting areas.

8. Midland Police Service Board

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated December 29, 2014, from Mr. S. Ogden, providing a letter with attachments, with respect to the Midland Police Service Board.

Staff was directed to forward a copy of the correspondence to the Midland Police Service Board requesting that a response be provided to Mr. Ogden.

SECTION B – COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS
(Referred to the Vice-Chair, Councillor C. Oschefski)

1. PR-2015-01 Age Friendly Community Planning

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 5, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, and W. Crown, Director of Planning and Building Services.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-01 dated January 5, 2015, Council approve and support the application for funding for an Age Friendly Community Planning project and endorse the activities that lead to the development, implementation and evaluation of the Midland Age Friendly Community Action Plan.

2. PR-2015-03 NSSRC Energy Conservation Project

Your Committee reviewed a report dated December 11, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-03 dated December 11, 2014, Council authorize staff to proceed with the tendering process for seasonal controllers and pumps for the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre.

3. PR-2015-04 Exemption to By-Law 2005-61

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 5, 2015, from N. Hutton, Tourism and Special Events Manager.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-04 dated January 5, 2015, Council approve an exemption to By-law 2005-61 for the purpose of three open air fires during Winterfest weekend: one on top of Campbells Hill on Friday, January 30, 2015, during the toboggan races and the other two in Little Lake Park on Saturday, January 31, 2015, provided that fire safety measures required by the Fire Chief are met.

4. PR-2015-05 Information Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated January 5, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, providing an update on programs, events, committees and departmental operations.

5. PR-2015-06 Central Region 55+ Summer Games

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 6, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-06 dated January 6, 2015, Council approve the \$2,500 donation for the 2015 Central Region 55+ Summer Games with the funds to be allocated from the Tourism Special Events budget.

6. PR-2015-07 BIA Request for Street Closure

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 6, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-07 dated January 6, 2015, Council approve the request from the Midland BIA for the closure of King Street on January 30, 2015, as outlined in the December 19, 2014, letter and direct the Public Works Department and the Midland Police Service to take the necessary action.

7. PR-2015-08 Georgian Bay Snowriders Snowmobile Club Agreement

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 6, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-08 dated January 6, 2015, Council approve the new agreement with the Georgian Bay Snowriders Club and direct staff to present the By-law and Agreement for Council approval.

8. PR-2015-09 Tourism and Special Events Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated January 7, 2015, from N. Hutton, Tourism and Special Events Manager, providing information regarding tourism and special events initiatives.

9. FD-2015-01 Municipal Fire Protection Profile

Your Committee received as information a report dated January 6, 2015, from K. Foster, Director of Fire Services (Fire Chief) and Emergency Management, providing an update on the Municipality's status with respect to meeting the minimum public fire safety education and fire prevention requirements of clause 2(1)(a) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997.

10. Fire Department Activity Report

Your Committee received as information the Activity Report for the month of December 2014.

Chief Foster acknowledged the retirement of Joe Gagnon from the Midland Fire Department on December 31, 2014 after 34 years of service.

SECTION C – PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS
(Referred to the Chair, Councillor P. File)

1. PW-2015-01 Monthly Report on Waterworks December 2014

Your Committee received as information a report dated January 7, 2014, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, which included details on current water quality, distribution maintenance, training, the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard, sustainability plan goals, and sample results for the month of December 2014.

2. ENG-2015-01 Tender for Prospect Boulevard Construction MacDonal Road to Beamish Rd

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 7, 2015, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer.

Following a review of the Report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report ENG-2015-01 dated January 7, 2015, the tender from K.J. Beamish Construction Co. Limited to construct Prospect Boulevard from MacDonal Road to Beamish Road, including construction of a new watermain and a new sanitary sewer, in the amount of \$364,257.40, exclusive of all taxes, be accepted.

SECTION D – OTHER BUSINESS

1. Midland Public Library – Report to Council

Your Committee received as information a report from B. Molesworth, CEO/Chief Librarian, providing an update on Library operations, activities and events for December 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO