

Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, September 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.

Present: Chair, Deputy Mayor S. Kramp, Vice-Chair, Mayor G. McKay, Councillors P. File, Z. Pendlebury, J. Attwood, J. Charlebois, B. Jeffery, M. Ross and G. Canning

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer, C. Tripp
Director of Public Works, S. Berriault
Director of Parks and Recreation, B. Peter
Director of Finance/Treasurer, M. Villeneuve
Acting Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, L.S. Lee
Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant, K. Desroches

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor M. Ross declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Section C, Item 4, CL-2014-20 - Tag Days/Proclamations/Flag Raisings – August Report, by reason that a family member owns the Images Dance Studio.

SECTION A – COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS
(Referred to the Chair, Councillor G. Canning)

1. PR-2014-56 Information Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated September 2, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, outlining various activities.

SECTION B – PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS
(Referred to the Chair, Deputy Mayor S. Kramp)

1. PW-2014-33 – Monthly Report on Waterworks August 2014

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated September 3, 2014, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, outlining various items for the month of August 2014.

2. PW-2014-034 – Tay Servicing Agreement

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 3, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PW-2014-034 dated September 3, 2014, Council consider a By-law to authorize the entering into of an Agreement with the Township of Tay for the provision of water and sewer services to customers in the Township of Tay along the Wye River corridor.

SECTION C – ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(Referred to the Chair, Councillor B. Jeffery)

1. CAO-2014-05 - Management Study Opportunities

Your Committee reviewed a report dated August 25, 2014, from C. Tripp, CAO, recommending that CAO Report 2014-05 dated August 25, 2014, be received as information.

The CAO was directed to bring back a supplementary detailing cost savings of the opportunities to date by department.

2. ML-2014-9 – Free Parking in December

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 3, 2014, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report ML-2014-9 dated September 3, 2014, Council authorize free parking at the meters within downtown Midland for the period of December 1, 2014 through to January 1, 2015, and that this program be advertised during the Christmas season and that any money collected be donated to a charity of Council's choosing.

3. ML-2014-10 - Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Investigative Report–August 2014

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated September 3, 2014, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, providing details with respect to the above.

4. CL-2014-20 - Tag Days/Proclamations/Flag Raisings – August Report

Councillor Ross, having previously declared a pecuniary interest, vacated his seat.

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated September 1, 2014, from C. LeMesurier, Administrative Assistant.

That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-20 dated September 1, 2014, the Tag Days/Proclamations/Flag Raisings Information Report for the month of August, 2014 be received.

Councillor Ross returned to his seat.

5. CL-2014-21 – Dedicate One Foot Reserve on Lakewood Drive as a Public Highway

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 3, 2014, from A. Betty, Planner.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That as recommended in Report CL-2014-21 dated September 3, 2014, Council, by by-law, declare the one foot reserve on Registered Plan 1266 as a Public Highway and that it be named “Lakewood Drive”; and that staff be directed to give Notice in accordance with the Town’s Notice By-law 2009-20.

6. CL-2014-22 - Access across Municipal Lands – Ingram Crescent/MSS

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 3, 2014, from A. Betty, Planner, requesting direction on the above matter.

That further to Report CL-2014-22 dated September 3, 2014, access to Town lands acquired for trail purposes in 2013 from the Simcoe Muskoka District School Board, adjacent to Midland Secondary School, be restricted along the Hugel Avenue frontage of Town lands by installing boulders or similar barricades.

7. Request to Hang Banner

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated August 27, 2014, from Ms. A. Millington, Active Essentials.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to a letter of request dated August 27, 2014, permission be granted to Active Essentials to hang a banner at the corner of Highway 12 and King Street, to advertise the Active Essentials Apple Fest and Run event taking place at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre on October 4, 2014.

Staff was directed to prepare a policy on the hanging of banners within the Town.

SECTION D – OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillor File spoke to the passing of Mr. Ron Shaw who worked tirelessly towards the establishment of the Midland Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Shaw's funeral is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at St. Mark's Anglican Church. Donations can be made to the Boys and Girls Club in his honour.
2. Councillor Attwood reminded everyone of the Terry Fox Run taking place on Saturday, September 13, 2014.
3. Councillor File highlighted some upcoming events taking place in Midland.
4. Councillor File reminded everyone of the upcoming municipal elections taking place October 27 and spoke to the options available with respect to voting.
5. Mayor McKay at the request of Deputy Mayor Kramp assumed the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Kramp spoke to the efforts of Mr. K. Woods to have Fuller Avenue linked to the Mid/Pen Trail. Deputy Mayor Kramp noted that work to complete the link is scheduled to commence in a few weeks. Since this work will not include a link between Fuller Avenue and Pete Pettersen Park, Deputy Mayor Kramp suggested that funds be allocated to allow for the completion of the link.

The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that staff will be assessing the trail and will be making recommendations to Council as to what needs to be done this year to make things safe and what can be deferred until next year.

6. Deputy Mayor Kramp spoke to the "Ice Bucket" Challenge currently underway to bring awareness about Lou Gehrig's Disease.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Laura S. Lee, Acting Clerk