

## GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-8

Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 7:04 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.

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

**Also Present:** C. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer  
M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO  
S. Berriault, Director of Operations  
M. Farinas, Financial Controller  
P. Ryan, Fire Chief  
J. Galloway, Town Engineer  
K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

### **SECTION A – FIRE / SPECIAL EVENTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM MATTERS** **(Referred to the Vice Chair, Councillor C. Oschefski)**

1. **FS-2015-04 Tiered Response**

Council reviewed a report dated September 30, 2015, from P. Ryan, Fire Chief.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report FS-2015-04 dated September 30, 2015, Council authorize Midland Fire Services to continue to participate in the Emergency Response Agreement (Tiered Response) pending the completion of a review of service response, with a report detailing findings to be provided to Council by February/March 2016.**

The Fire Chief was also directed to prepare a report identifying his 28 priorities for the Midland Fire Department for Council's review at a future General Committee meeting.

2. a) Midland RIBFEST

Council reviewed letter received October 6, 2015, from Mr. G. Moffatt, Event Co-ordinator.

Following a review of the letter, your Committee recommended:

**That further to letter dated October 6, 2015, from Mr. G. Moffatt, permission be granted, in principle, to host the first annual Midland RIBFEST on July 14 to 17, 2016, at the Town Dock parking lot, from Thursday starting at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 a.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., subject to staff approval of the related Special Events Application.**

b) PR-2015-29 Tourism and Special Events Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated October 13, 2015, from N. Major, Tourism and Special Events Manager, providing information regarding tourism and special events initiatives.

**SECTION B – OPERATIONS / ENGINEERING MATTERS**

**(Referred to the Chair, Councillor P. File)**

1. OP-2015-024 Monthly Report on Waterworks September 2015

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 7, 2015, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, which included details on current water quality, distribution maintenance, training, and sample results for the month of September 2015.

2. OP-2015-025 Dump/Sander Box Tender

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 7, 2015, from S. Berriault, Director of Operations.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report OP-2015-025 dated October 7, 2015, the tender from Laroche Equipment Inc. for the supply of a combination dump/sander box, in the amount of \$25,930.00 exclusive of all taxes, be accepted.**

3. OP-2015-026 Proposed User Fees - NSSRC & Parks/Harbour

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 7, 2015, from S. Berriault, Director of Operations,

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report OP-2015-026 dated October 7, 2015, Council consider a new By-law for user fees for 2016 and 2017 for the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, Parks and Harbour facilities.**

4. OP-2015-027 Sunnyside Neighbourhood Park Request

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 7, 2015, from W. Crown, Director of Planning and Building Services, and S. Berriault, Director of Operations.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report OP-2015-027 dated October 7, 2015,**

- 1) Staff be directed to undertake a detailed cost estimate of the top three preferred sites for a new proposed Sunnyside Neighbourhood Park being: a) Everton Road/Hydro Line, b) Centennial Drive; c) Castle Road for further report to Council; and**
- 2) Preliminary costs be considered for inclusion in the 2017 Budget estimates.**

5. ENG-2015-17 New Operations Centre Site Preparation Tender

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 6, 2015, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report ENG-2015-17 dated October 6, 2015, the tender from Duivenvoorden Haulage Limited for the Site Preparation of the New Operations Centre in the amount of \$163,499.00 exclusive of all taxes, be accepted.**

6. ENG-2015-18 Tiffin Pond Concerns

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 9, 2015, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer, providing information regarding the above.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report ENG-2015-18 dated October 9, 2015, staff be directed to investigate options, in consultation with the Severn Sound Environmental Association, Sustainable Severn Sound and other applicable agencies, to resolve concerns respecting the Tiffin stormwater pond with a report to be forwarded to a future meeting for Council's consideration.**

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

1. ML-2015-14 December Parking

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 13, 2015, from K. Lacroix, Traffic By-law Officer.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report ML-2015-14 dated October 3, 2015, the Town of Midland provide Free Parking at the meters in the downtown during the month of December;**

**And further that staff be directed to provide notice of the free parking via the Town's website, Town Page, electronic notice boards and social media;**

**And further that any monies collected in the meters during that month be donated to a charity to be chosen by Council.**

2. ML-2015-18 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Investigative Report – September 2015

Your Committee received as information a report dated October 8, 2015, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, providing an update on departmental operations and street parking meter revenue.

3. CL-2015-52 Municipal Leases – Next Steps

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 7, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO,

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report CL-2015-52 dated October 7, 2015, Council supports the following key criteria for use as a tool in evaluating the potential terms and conditions of leases for Not-for-Profit and For-Profit organizations:**

1. **Are they non-profit? Then**
2. **Do they provide services provided by other organizations?**
3. **Do they contribute to the Town's residents?**
4. **Are the majority of the members residents of Midland?**
5. **What other contributions do they make, i.e. furnishings, building, etc.?**

**And further that the criteria be weighted;**

**That, further to Report CL-2015-52 dated October 7, 2015, partnership agreements be prepared in addition to the standard lease template moving forward.**

**That, further to Report CL-2015-52 dated October 7, 2015, staff consult with the Boys and Girls Club on a possible amendment to the existing lease agreement that would increase their eligibility for grant opportunities.**

4. TR-2015-25 Municipal Performance Dashboard for Town of Midland

Your Committee reviewed a report dated October 13, 2015, from M. Farinha, Financial Controller.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report TR-2015-25 dated October 13, 2015, staff be directed to prepare a report providing options/opportunities on how to reach the 75% percentile based on 3 year, 6 year and 10 year timelines.**

5. Youth Committee

Councillor C. Oschefski spoke to his efforts to establish a youth committee in the Town of Midland to engage youth in local government and increase their knowledge of opportunities available to help them progress in their education or careers. The Committee would focus on youth issues and related projects. Councillor Oschefski advised that he will be speaking at Midland Secondary School to generate interest. Councillor Main will be attending St. Theresa's High School. Councillor Oschefski noted that anyone interested in being involved may contact him through social media.

6. Construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository in the Great Lakes Basin

Your Committee reviewed an email dated October 1, 2015, from Mr. F. Fernandez, providing information regarding the above.

Following review of the correspondence, your Committee recommended that a motion opposing the construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository in the Great Lakes Basin be forwarded to the October Council Meeting for consideration.

## **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 October 2015.

2. In response to a question raised by Councillor MacDonald, the Clerk advised that a report will be brought forward to the November General Committee Meeting proposing options regarding a request to rename the banquet hall at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre “The Dan Wood Hall”.
3. Councillor Oschefski advised that he will be bringing a motion forward at the October Council Meeting proposing a wage freeze for Council for the remaining Council term.
4. In response to a question raised by Deputy Mayor Ross, the CAO advised that a report regarding traffic concerns on Aberdeen Boulevard will be brought forward to the November General Committee Meeting.

**Moved by G. Canning**

**Seconded by J. Contin**

**THAT this General Committee Meeting of Council adjourn at 10:37  
p.m.  
CARRIED.**

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

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