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TOWN OF MIDLAND**

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GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-3

**Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, March 7, 2016,
at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.**

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: M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer
A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO
S. Berriault, Director of Operations
G. Green, Director of Human Resources/Health and Safety
S. Cooper, Marketing & Communications Coordinator
J. Galloway, Town Engineer
N. Major, Culture, Tourism and Special Events Manager
K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Deputy Mayor M. Ross declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Section C, Item 4, CL-2016-9 Municipal Leases, as Midland Tours Inc. is a current customer of his.

Councillor Canning declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Section C, Item 14, Street Closures for Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival, as his business participates in the Butters Tart Festival.

Councillor S. Strathearn declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Section C, Item 17 Changes to Health Unit Operations in Response to provincial Grant Freeze, as a family member is employed by the Health Unit.

Council J. Contin declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Section C, Item 14, Street Closures for Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival, as his spouse is an employee of the Askennonia Senior Centre which is participating in the event.

SECTION A – FIRE /CULTURE, TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENTS MATTERS
(Referred to the Chair, Deputy Mayor M. Ross)

1. CTS-2016-4 Culture, Tourism and Special Events Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 7, 2016, 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. ENG-2016-16 Queen Street Reconstruction Tender – Yonge St. to Elizabeth St.

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 26, 2016, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report ENG-2016-16 dated February 26, 2016, Council accept the Proposal from C.C.H. Excavating Limited for the reconstruction of Queen Street from Yonge Street to Elizabeth Street in the amount of \$580,790.50, exclusive of all taxes.

2. OP-2016-007 Monthly Report on Waterworks February 2016

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 2, 2016, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, which included details on current water quality and production, distribution maintenance, training, sample results for the month of February 2016, and advising that the annual updated QMS Policy has been posted on the Town of Midland website in accordance with the Drinking Water Quality Management System.

3. OP-2016-008 2015 Midland Drinking Water - Annual Summary Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 2, 2016, from A. Pepin, Water Operator, and S. Berriault, Director of Operations.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report OP-2016-008 dated March 2, 2016, Council acknowledge being given a copy of the Midland Drinking Water System 2015 Summary Report.

4. OP-2016-009 2015 Wastewater - Annual Summary Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 2, 2016, from P. LeClair, Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations, and S. Berriault, Director of Operations, providing the above report for information.

5. OP-2016-010 2015 Hauled Sewage Summary Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 2, 2016, from P. LeClair, Manager, Water and Wastewater Operations.

6. OP-2016-011 Midland Transit – Regular Service - 2015 Year End Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 2, 2016, from S. Berriault, Director of Operations.

7. OP-2016-012 Pending Tenders - Various

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 2, 2016, from S. Berriault, Director of Operations.

8. SSS-2016-01 Sustainable Severn Sound's 2016-2018 Sustainability Action Plan and Project Overview

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 10, 2016, from the Sustainability Plan Steering Committee/Sustainable Severn Sound (SSS).

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report dated February 10, 2016, from the Sustainability Plan Steering Committee/Sustainable Severn Sound, the Town of Midland receive the 2016-2018 Sustainability Action Plan as the Strategic Plan for Sustainable Severn Sound and the Sustainability Plan Steering Committee,

And that staff be directed to publicly post the 2016-2018 Sustainability Action Plan on the Town's website, and to display the 2016-2018 Sustainability Action Plan within the Town's municipal office for municipal staff and public information.

SECTION C – ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(Referred to the Chair, Councillor J. Contin)

1. CTS-2016-3 Ontario Watercross Racing (OWR)

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 7, 2016, from N. Major, Tourism and Special Events Manager.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report CTS-2016-3 dated March 7, 2016, formal approval of the watercross event be granted;

And further that Ontario Watercross Racing be given permission to allow a maximum of 20 camping spots for campers and have a licensed area at the event to run from 11am – 5pm both days.

And further that Council authorize the usage of a 40 HP motor on Little Lake during the event. (current limit 10HP);

And further that Little Lake Park Road remain closed for the two day event.

2. CL-2016-7 Midland Cultural Centre Insurance

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 25, 2016, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO, recommending that staff be directed to prepare an amending agreement to reflect the changes related to insurance coverage for the Midland Cultural Centre.

Your Committee recommended that the matter be deferred pending further information from staff regarding the approach used for other Town-owned buildings and pending a deputation from the Chair of the Midland Cultural Centre Board of Directors regarding the matter to be arranged for a future meeting.

3. CL-2016-8 Severn Sound Environmental Association Lease Agreement

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 17, 2016, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO, recommending that staff be directed to bring forward the draft lease with the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) and related By-law to the March Council Meeting for consideration.

Following discussion, your Committee referred the matter back to Administration for a further report providing additional details related to costs associated with the leasing of the Parks Depot facility to the SSEA.

4. CL-2016-9 Municipal Leases

Having previously declared a pecuniary interest, Deputy Mayor Ross vacated his seat.

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 29, 2016, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO, requesting direction with respect to various municipal leases.

As the time was approaching 11:00 pm, your Committee agreed to defer further discussion on the matter to the March Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Ross returned to his seat.

To ensure items requiring immediate attention were considered prior to adjournment of the General Committee Meeting, staff was requested to prioritize the remaining items.

5. CAO-2016-1 Process Improvement Initiatives

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 3, 2016, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Service/Clerk/Deputy CAO, recommending that Council authorize staff to proceed with a one-year contract position focused on Process Improvement Initiatives within the Town.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report CAO-2016-1 dated March 3, 2016, staff be directed to prepare a report detailing the capabilities of staff to engage in the Process Improvement Initiative, what can safely be accomplished within the next 3 to 4 months and expectations around process mapping, for consideration at a future meeting.

6. TR-2016-2 2016 Public Sector Salary Disclosure – Disclosure for 2015

Report dated March 1, 2016, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer, recommending that Council receive the above report as information.

Deferred to the March Council Meeting.

7. TR-2016-3 2015 Year End Report on Tax Arrears

Report dated February 29 2016, from P. Wayne, Manager of Revenue and Taxation, recommending that Council receive the above report as information.

Deferred to the March Council Meeting.

8. TR-2016-4 Fees By-law Prospect Boulevard

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 1, 2016, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report TR-2016-4 dated March 1, 2016, the proposed Fees By-law for the cost of capital works related to the construction of road improvements to extend Prospect Boulevard and installation of watermain and sanitary sewage services for those receiving a present or future benefit from the services and activities provided by the Town of Midland be adopted by Council.

9. TR-2016-5 Budgeted Salaries and Benefits

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 29, 2016, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report TR-2016-5 dated February 29, 2016, Council adopt Option#3 for budgeting for anticipated increases in wages and benefits;

That employee contracts that are settled prior to budget adoption be included in their respective wages and benefits lines;

That an amount be provided for in the Contingency Reserve to mitigate and fund any wage and benefit settlements that occur subsequent to the budget being adopted;

And further that staff be directed to prepare a list of items that could be considered to assist the Town in achieving a zero percent budget for consideration at a meeting to be convened on a day prior to the March Council meeting.

10. General Relationship Agreement with the Metis Nation of Ontario
Letter dated December 23, 2016, from Ms. P. Richardson, Chairperson, Georgian Bay Traditional Territory Consultation Committee (GBTTC), requesting that the Town enter into a General Relationship Agreement with the Metis Nation of Ontario.

Deferred to the March Council Meeting.

11. Borden Legacy Project
Letter dated January 25, 2016, from J.B.C. Doyon, Colonel, and J.G. Massie, Honorary Colonel, Canadian Forces Base Borden, requesting Midland's participation in their time capsule project.

Deferred to the March Council Meeting.

12. 1st Annual Neon Night 5k Fundraiser

Your Committee reviewed a letter received February 10, 2016, from Ms. K. Jessup, Community Fundraising Specialist, requesting permission to host the 1st Annual Neon Night 5k Fundraiser on Friday, September 23, 2016, at Little Lake Park.

That, further to letter dated February 10, 2016, from Ms. K. Jessup, Community Fundraising Specialist, permission be granted to the Canadian Cancer Society Simcoe-Muskoka Community Office, to host the 1st Annual Neon Night 5k Fundraiser on Friday, September 23, 2016 at Little Lake Park, from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm, subject to staff approval of the related Special Events Application.

13. Midland Ribfest

Your Committee reviewed a letter received February 10, 2016, from Mr. G. Moffatt, Event Coordinator, advising Council of a date change associated with the upcoming Ribfest event. The event will now be on August 4-8, 2016, in the Town Dock parking lot.

Following a review of the letter, your Committee recommended:

That, further to letter dated February 10, 2016, from Mr. G. Moffatt, Event Coordinator, Council support the request to hold the Ribfest event on August 4-8, 2016 instead of July 14 to 17, 2016 as originally proposed.

14. Street Closures for Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival

Having previously declared a pecuniary interest, Councillors Contin and Canning vacated their seats.

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated February 18, 2016, from Ms. B. Rowlandson, Festival Manager, requesting various street and parking lot closures, for the event on Saturday, June 11, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., together with a request for additional festival parking at Midland Bay Landing.

Following a review of the letter, your Committee recommended:

That, further to letter dated February 18, 2016, from Ms. B. Rowlandson, Festival Manager, Council herein supports the following street and parking lot closures:

- **King Street from Yonge Street to Bayshore Drive**
- **Elizabeth Street from First Street to Bourgeois Lane**
- **Hugel Avenue, Dominion Avenue and Bay Street from Borsa Lane to Bourgeois Lane**
- **Outside lanes of Bayshore Drive, First Street to Midland Avenue, to accommodate festival parking**
- **Parking lot at 509 King Street (beside Lighthouse mural)**
- **2/3 of the Harbourfront Lots**

with cross streets remaining open, on Saturday, June 11, 2016, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., with the placement of barricades, to accommodate the upcoming Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival; subject to staff approval of the related Special Events Application.

15. Invitation to Attend Sustainable Severn Sound's 'Sustainability Speaker Series' Event

Your Committee received as information a letter dated February 8, 2016, from Ms. T. Roxborough, Sustainability Coordinator, Sustainable Severn Sound, regarding the above event on March 22, 2016, at the Midland Cultural Centre.

16. Request Approval of Friends of the OPP Museum 2016 Pedal for the Past (P4P)
Letter dated February 22, 2016, from Mr. D. Osborne, Chair, 2016 Pedal for the Past Committee, requesting permission to hold their 6th Annual Pedal for the Past (P4P) on September 9, 2016, as per the route provided.

Deferred to the March Council Meeting.

17. Changes to Health Unit Operations in Response to provincial Grant Freeze
Letter dated February 17, 2016, from Mr. B. Ward, Chair of the Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, providing information regarding the above.

Deferred to the March Council Meeting.

18. 2016 Senior of the Year Award
Letter dated March 2016, from The Honourable Mario Sergio, Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs, requesting the nomination of an outstanding local senior.

Deferred to the March Council Meeting.

19. Third Annual Near North Classic Rowing Regatta

Your Committee reviewed a letter received March 1, 2016, from Ms. K. Rose, President, Georgian Bay Rowing Club.

Following a review of the letter, your Committee recommended:

That, further to letter dated March 1, 2016, from Ms. K. Rose, President, permission be granted to the Georgian Bay Rowing Club to conduct the third annual Near North Classic Rowing Regatta event on June 25, 2016, at Little Lake Park commencing at 9:00 am.

SECTION D – OTHER BUSINESS

1. Motion to rescind the 75th Percentile

Councillor S. Strathearn presented a motion proposing the rescinding of the resolution passed by Council on December 9, 2015, in support of the creation of a work plan to reduce the municipal operating budget to place Midland at the 75th

percentile of taxation amongst Simcoe County communities by 2018. Councillor Strathearn spoke to the motion and how the actions contained within relate to the strategic priorities identified by Council.

Following discussion on the matter, Council requested that Councillor Strathearn revise the motion to incorporate additional recommendations proposed by Council during this meeting.

Moved by C. Oschefski

Seconded by S. Strathearn

**That this General Committee Meeting of Council adjourn at
10:55 p.m.**

CARRIED.

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