

**Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, April 14, 2014,  
at 9:52 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.**

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

Also Present: Director of Planning and Building Services/Deputy CAO, W. Crown  
Director of Public Works, S. Berriault  
Director of Parks and Recreation, B. Peter  
Director of Finance/Treasurer, M. Villeneuve  
Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, J. Reichheld  
Town Engineer, J. Galloway  
Director of Human Resources/Health and Safety, G. Green  
Director of Fire Services (Fire Chief) and Emergency Mgmt., K. Foster  
Acting Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, L.S. Lee  
Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant, K. Desroches

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Ross declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Section A, Item 3 - Midland Fish and Chips – Request for Reserved Parking Spaces – 311 King Street, and Section C, Item 4 - Midland Tours Inc. Lease Agreement, by reason that both businesses are customers of his.

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

1. MPUC Negotiations

Mayor G. McKay advised that discussions between the Municipality and Hydro One regarding the potential sale of Midland PUC have ended and no sale of the electricity utility will occur at this time.

Mayor McKay further noted that the Municipality is still bound by the terms of its negotiation agreement with Hydro One and cannot provide further information at this time. A media release with more detail will be provided in the near future.

2. Parking Permit Fees – Downtown Employees

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 1, 2014, from J. Reichheld, MLEO, and L. S. Lee, Acting Clerk, recommending that no action be taken on the request contained in a letter dated January 28, 2014, from the Midland Business Improvement Area for reduced parking permit fees for downtown employees.

Following a review of the report, your Committee referred the matter to the Administration Section for further investigation.

3. Midland Fish and Chips – Request for Reserved Parking Spaces – 311 King Street

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

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 1, 2014, from J. Reichheld, MLEO and L. Lee, Acting Clerk, recommending that no action be taken on the request contained in an email dated March 4, 2014, from Midland Fish & Chips for the provision of two reserved parking spaces in front of their establishment on King Street.

Following a review of the report, your Committee referred the matter to the Administration Section to investigate options.

Councillor Ross returned to his seat.

4. Emergency Response Plan – 2013 Update

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 28, 2014, from L. Lee, Acting Clerk.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report CL2014-4 dated March 28, 2014, By-law 2013-17, being a by-law to adopt an emergency management program for the Town of Midland, be amended by replacing the current Schedule “B” with a new Schedule “B”, being the updated Town of Midland 2013 Emergency Response Plan.**

5. Privacy Breach – Closed Meeting of Council – March 3, 2014

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 4, 2014, from L. Lee, Acting Clerk, recommending that Council acknowledge the actions taken, as required by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner/Ontario, with respect to the privacy breach that occurred during a closed meeting session of Council on Monday, March 3, 2014.

Mayor McKay noted one correction to the report. He did not speak to the subject individual. His only contact was via email.

Your Committee recommended that closed meetings continue to be held in the Council Chambers and that improvements be made to ensure privacy.

Your Committee expressed concern regarding ongoing sound system issues and referred the matter to Administration to investigate possible solutions.

6. Dominion Voting – Provision of Election Tabulators

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 4, 2014, from L. Lee, Acting Clerk.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-9 dated April 4, 2014, staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement with Dominion Voting to provide tabulators for the 2014 Municipal Elections.**

7. 2014 Municipal Elections - Vote by Mail Supplemental Option

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 7, 2014, from L. Lee, Acting Clerk, recommending that Council provide direction on the option of budgeting for an additional advance vote option to be held at the Town of Midland Municipal Offices during the 2014 Municipal Elections.

Following a review of the report, your Committee declined support of the additional advance vote option.

8. Request from County of Simcoe to Install a Gate on Unopened Road Allowance – Wilson Road North of Golf Link Road

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 4, 2014, from L. Lee, Acting Clerk.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-7 dated April 4, 2014, Council permit the County of Simcoe to install a heavy gate on the unopened portion of Wilson Road north of Golf Link Road to restrict vehicular traffic together with adequate parking and a turn-around area; and that permission be conditional on the County obtaining permission from the Township of Tiny as well, as this road allowance is a boundary road with the Township of Tiny.**

9. Naming of “Adam Dixon Way” – Entrance to Tiffin Park

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 4, 2014, from L. Lee, Acting Clerk.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-8 dated April 4, 2014, a by-law be passed to name the entrance to Tiffin Park as “Adam Dixon Way”, in honour of Adam Dixon, a Midlander who recently achieved a significant accomplishment as a member of Canada’s Sledge Hockey Team that won a bronze medal at the 2014 Sochi Games.**

10. Region of Huronia Environmental Services Ltd. – 2011 Biosolids Disposal Service Invoice

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 7, 2014, from W. Crown, Acting CAO.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-3 dated March 7, 2014, the Town offer ROHES Ltd. 50% of its invoice for work completed in 2011, subject to ROHES signing a release agreement.**

11. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan – Progress Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 8, 2014, from K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report 2014-2 dated April 8, 2014, the Town of Midland’s Multi-Year Accessibility Plan – Progress Report be received as information and posted on the Town’s website as required under section 4 of Ontario Regulation 191/11.**

12. Vacancy Rebates

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 24, 2014, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer, advising, in response to a request from the BIA, that municipalities are unable to rescind the reduction of taxes for vacant properties.

Your Committee received the report as information and directed staff to forward a letter of response to the BIA.

13. 2013 Carry Forward Project/Works

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated March 27, 2014, from J. Hancock, Deputy Treasurer.

14. 2013 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated March 20, 2014, from J. Hancock, Deputy Treasurer.

15. 2013 Surplus/Deficit Allocation

Your Committee deferred the report dated March 31, 2014, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer, to a future meeting.

16. Comparison to Simcoe County Lower Tier Municipalities Report and PowerPoint

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 3, 2014, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer, recommending that the above report be received as information.

Your Committee deferred review of the report to the May General Committee Meeting.

17. WSIB Neer Statement and Accident Summary

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated March 20, 2014, from C. LeBlanc, Health and Safety Coordinator, recommending that Council receives report HR/HA 2014-06 for information purposes.

**SECTION B – PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

**(Referred to the Vice-Chair, Councillor Z. Pendlebury)**

1. Report on Waterworks

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated April 9 2014, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, which included details on current water quality, distribution maintenance, training, water conservation and sample results.

2. Source Water Protection Plan - Proposed Partnership Continuation with Severn Sound Environmental Association

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 9, 2014, together with an addendum to the report dated April 9, 2014, each from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report PW2014-016 dated April 9, 2014, Council accept the proposal from Severn Sound Environmental Association to continue their partnership with the Town for the provision of Risk Management Services required under the Clean Water Act (Part IV) and under the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe (SGBLS) Source Protection Plan (SPP) for the sum of \$15,000 (exclusive of taxes);**

**And that Council consider a by-law to appoint Keith Sherman of Severn Sound Environmental Association as Risk Management Official (RMO) and a Risk Management Inspector (RSI) and Jeff Beauchamp, the Town's Compliance Officer, as a Risk Management Inspector (RSI) as required under the Clean Water Act (Part IV) (Reg.248/07).**

**And that, as recommended in Report PW2014-016A dated April 9, 2014, Council consider a By-law to Authorize the entering into of an Agreement with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Severn Sound Environmental Association for the sharing of data contained within the Assessment Report Database (ARDB) for the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region required to fulfill requirements of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.**

**And that Council consider a By-law to Authorize the entering into of an Agreement with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for the sharing of data contained within the Assessment Report Database (ARDB) for the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region required by the Municipality to fulfill requirements of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.**

3. Leaf Collection 2013 - Summary Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated April 9, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, providing information regarding the above report.

It was then,

**Moved by           S. Kramp  
Seconded by       P. File**

**That pursuant to Section D, Item 6, of By-law 2012-42, General Council Committee agrees to remain in session past 11:00 p.m. in order to deal with the matters included on the agenda.**

**DEFEATED.**

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

1. Bike Week Campfire Request

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 7, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, it was recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report PR 2014-21 dated April 7, 2014, Council approves an exception to By-law 2005-61 that would permit a maximum of ten campfires in the designated camping area and one main campfire by the main beach in Little Lake Park from July 11 - 20, 2014, provided all Town requirements are met.**

2. Lions Club “Walk for Dog Guides”

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 14, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, it was recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report PR 2014-20 dated April 14, 2014, Council approve the Midland Lions Club request to use Town property for their annual “Walk for Dog Guides” on May 25, 2014, provided all Town requirements are met.**

3. Seeking Approval for Street Closures

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 7, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, it was recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report PR 2014-23 dated April 7, 2014, Council approve the closure of King Street from Hannah Street to Colborne Street on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm to accommodate the Candlelight Tribute Ceremonies; and that Council approve the closure of King Street from Elizabeth Street to Hugel Avenue on Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm to accommodate the Neezohday Park Ceremonies.**

4. Midland Tours Inc. Lease Agreement

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 7, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, it was recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report PR 2014-24 dated April 7, 2014, Council approve the 2014 Lease for Midland Tours Inc. and that the appropriate by-law be brought forward for approval by Council.**

5. 2016 Ontario 55+ Summer Games Bid Proposal

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 7, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, it was recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report PR 2014-17 dated April 7, 2014, Council support and endorse the joint bid from the Town of Midland, the Town of Penetanguishene, the Township of Tay and the Township of Tiny for the 2016 Ontario 55+ Summer Games.**

6. Agreement Renewal for Sports Store

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 7, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, it was recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report PR 2014-17 dated April 7, 2014, Council approve the agreement renewal for the Sports Store operated by Mr. Dan Wood and Mr. Kevin Wood and that the appropriate by-law be presented to Council for approval.**

7. Little Lake Store Lease

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

Following a review of the report, it was recommended:

**That, as recommended in Report PR 2014-27 dated April 11, 2014, Council authorize a new lease for the Little Lake Park Store with new ownership and authorize staff to prepare the appropriate lease and by-law for the April 28, 2014, Council meeting.**



The remainder of the items listed on the agenda were deferred to the April 28, 2014, Council meeting.

**Moved by J. Charlebois**

**That this General Committee of Council Meeting adjourn at 11:00 p.m.  
CARRIED.**

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Laura S. Lee, Acting Clerk