

Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, February 10, 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, 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
Town Engineer, J. Galloway
Director of Human Resources/Health and Safety, G. Green
Deputy Fire Chief T. Toole
Acting Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, L.S. Lee

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

1. Council Representatives on Midland Police Services Board – Item brought forward from the Closed Session which preceded this meeting.

Correspondence

- Confidential letters dated January 30, 2014, and February 3, 2014, from Douglas S. Christie, Barrister and Solicitor
- Confidential letter, dated January 23, 2014 from Deputy Mayor Kramp

Your Committee recommended that staff bring forward a motion to appoint a temporary replacement to the Midland Police Services Board, to replace Deputy Mayor Kramp, for a term to expire when the current Ontario Civilian Police Commission investigation is completed.

Councillors Canning, Attwood and Jeffery expressed interest in being the interim replacement on the Board.

The matter of appointing the replacement member will be placed on the next Regular Council Agenda.

SECTION A – 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 February 6, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, which included details on current water quality, distribution maintenance, and sample results.

2. Quit Claim – Sanitary and Storm Sewer Easements

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 5, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PW2014-004 dated February 5, 2014, staff be directed to have Quit Claims prepared and registered to remove the sanitary and storm sewer easements on lands between Ingram Crescent and Midland Secondary School, which lands are now owned by the Town of Midland, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the documents required to complete the Quit Claims.

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

1. Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Investigative Report – January 2014

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated February 5, 2014, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, providing an update on departmental operations, monthly ticket count and street parking meter revenue.

2. 2014 Election – Joint Compliance Audit Committee

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 3, 2014, from L. Lee, Acting Clerk.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

THAT, as recommended in Report CL-2014-1 dated February 3, 2014, Council re-establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and terms of reference, with the Town of Penetanguishene, the Township of Tay and the Township of Tiny, for the 2014-2018 Council term;

AND THAT a joint advertisement be developed, for the four municipalities, seeking interested applicants;

AND THAT staff report back once the applications have been received so that Council may appoint the representatives to this committee.

3. Management Study Opportunities

Report dated February 6, 2014, from C. Tripp, CAO, detailing the opportunities outstanding to date and progress being made towards implementation.

Your Committee referred the report to the February Council meeting for review.

4. Yonge and King Street Intersection

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 27 2014, from K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report MAAC 2014-1, dated January 27, 2014, the Accessible Pedestrian Signal be extended at the Yonge and King Street intersection to allow additional crossing time for pedestrians;

And that additional signage be installed to alert drivers to be cautious of pedestrian traffic;

And that the pedestrian crossing lines be repainted using a ladder or zebra crossing style to increase their visibility.

5. CAO Performance Evaluation Process

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 4, 2014, from G. Green, Director of Human Resources/Health and Safety.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report HR/H&S 2014-02 dated February 4, 2014, Council receive HR/H&S 2014-02 for information purposes and adopts the evaluation process described within the report.

6. Members of the Audit Committee

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 3, 2014, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

THAT the following two members of Council be appointed to the newly formed Audit Committee for the Town of Midland:

**Councillor B. Jeffery
Councillor G. Canning**

7. 2013 Year End Report on Tax Arrears

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated January 30, 2014, from P. Wayne, Manager of Revenue and Taxation, providing details regarding outstanding taxes for 2013 and collection efforts to be undertaken.

8. Tourism Summit Invitation

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a letter dated January 31, 2014, from Mr. B. Peter, Chair, Huronia Area Tourism Steering Committee, extending an invitation to Council to attend the Tourism Summit on Thursday, February 20, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Marie Among the Hurons.

9. Healthy Kids Community Challenge

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated February 3, 2014, from Mr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, providing details regarding the above and offering to provide support should the municipality wish to apply.

Your Committee expressed support of the Town's participation in the program and directed the Director of Parks and Recreation to prepare a proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

10. Request to Close Road Allowance to Vehicular Traffic: Wilson Road North of Golf Link Road

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated February 4, 2014, from Mr. G. Davis, County Forester, County of Simcoe, requesting that Wilson Road north of Golf Link Road be closed in order to control access to the County Forest, reduce dumping, and protect the young trees that will be planted in April 2014.

Your Committee referred the matter to the Director of Public Works for review with a report to be brought forward to a future meeting.

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

1. Fire Department Activity Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report for the month of January 2014 providing details on suppression, training, fire prevention and public education.

Meeting recessed - 9:02 p.m.

Meeting reassembled – 9:12 p.m.

2. Big Bike Event

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 4, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report 2014-4 Parks and Recreation, dated February 4, 2014, Council approve the Big Bike Event on June 10, 2014, provided all requirements of the Town's Special Events policies are followed.

2. YMCA ½ Marathon

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 4, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report 2014-5 Parks and Recreation dated February 4, 2014, Council approve the YMCA ½ Marathon event on April 27, 2014, provided all requirements of the Town's Special Events policies are followed.

3. Soapbox Races

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 3, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report 2014-6 Parks and Recreation, dated February 3, 2014, Council approve the Soapbox Races on May 10, 2014, provided all requirements of the Town's Special Events policies are followed.

4. Grass Cutting Tender

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 4, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in a Report 2014-9 dated February 4, 2014, the tender from PT Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$8,773.80, plus HST for the 2014 grass cutting contract be approved.

5. Active Transportation “Touchstone Midland” Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 29, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report 2014-1 Parks and Recreation, date January 29, 2014, Council receive the Touchstone Midland report as information and refer the report to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and the Midland Seniors Council.

6. Simcoe County Trails Strategy

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 29, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report 2014-2 Parks and Recreation, dated January 29, 2014, the Simcoe County Trails Strategy draft report be received as information and that staff work collaboratively with Simcoe County and neighbouring municipal staff to participate in the implementation of the pertinent recommendations as they pertain to the interests of the Town of Midland.

7. Information Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated January 29, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, providing an update on Skate Midland’s Huronia Fun Skate, the Ontario Winter Games, Wayfinding Signage Tenders, the Huronia Area Tourism Strategy, the Midland Cultural Plan, and Champlain Commemorations.

8. Tourism and Special Events Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated February 4, 2014, from N. Hutton, Tourism and Special Events Manager, providing information regarding tourism and special events initiatives.

SECTION D – OTHER BUSINESS

1. Midland Public Library – Report to Council

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

2. New Website

Councillor Ross commented on the Town's new website which was launched last week.

3. Winter Olympics 2014

Councillor Ross expressed his support for the Canadians participating in the Winter Olympic Games.

4. Chili Dinner – St. Paul's United Church

Councillor Pendlebury advised that the Order of the Eastern Star will be holding a Chili Dinner at St. Paul's United Church on February 21, 2014. All are welcome.

Moved by B. Jeffery
That this General Committee of Council Meeting adjourn at 9:37 p.m.
CARRIED.

Laura S. Lee, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk (A)
