

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-2

Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, February 9, 2015, at 7:03 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.

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

Regrets: Councillor P. File

Also Present: C. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer
J. Galloway, Town Engineer
A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO
S. Berriault, Director of Public Works
B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation
K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

SECTION A – COMMUNITY SERVICES MATTERS **(Referred to the Chair, Deputy Mayor M. Ross)**

1. PR-2015-10 Emerald Ash Borer

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 29, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, highlighting the strategies being implemented as part of the Emerald Ash Borer Program to manage the spread of the invasive species.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That staff be directed to continue to implement the appropriate strategies as outlined in Report PR-2015-10 dated January 29, 2015, regarding the Emerald Ash Borer Program.

2. PR-2015-11 Parks Turf Maintenance Program

Your Committee reviewed a report dated January 28, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-11 dated January 28, 2015, Council approve the call for tenders for the 2015 Parks Turf Maintenance Program.

3. PR-2015-12 2015 Candlelight Tribute Ceremonies

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 2, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-12 dated February 2, 2015, Council approve the closure of King Street from Hannah Street to Colborne Street on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm to accommodate the Candlelight Tribute Ceremonies.

4. PR 2015-13 Information Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated February 3, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, providing an update on programs, events, committees, and departmental operations.

5. PR-2015-14 Seasonal Plus Rink Controller Tender

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 3, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report PR-2015-14 dated February 3, 2015, Council approve the tender from CIMCO Refrigeration in the amount of \$62,300, plus HST for the two seasonal controllers at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre.

6. PR-2015-15 Tourism and Special Events Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated February 3, 2015, from N. Hutton, Tourism and Special Events Manager, providing information regarding tourism and special events initiatives.

SECTION B – PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS
(Referred to the Vice-Chair, Councillor J. Main)

1. PW-2015-02 Monthly Report on Waterworks January 2015

Your Committee received as information a report dated February 4, 2015, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, which included details on current water quality, distribution maintenance, training, the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard, sustainability plan goals, and sample results for the month of January 2015.

2. PW-2015-03 Pending Tenders Supply and Delivery of Fuel

Council received as information a report dated February 4, 2015, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, providing information regarding pending tenders.

3. ENG-2015-02 Traffic Concern - Ontario Street and Sixth Street

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 4, 2015, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report ENG-2015-02 dated February 4, 2015, Staff be directed to send a letter to Adco Tire, the Town Public Works Department and Midland Police Service from the Town Engineering Department indicating that a concern regarding traffic on Ontario Street has been raised and requesting adherence to the signage and speed limitations already in place;

and further that Town vehicles use Sixth Street to/from Vindin Street as a main access to the Works Depot.

4. ENG-2015-3 Pedestrian Crossing Traffic Concern - Borsa Lane and Easy Street

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 4, 2015, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report ENG-2015-3 dated February 4, 2015, Staff be directed to put a 'Watch for Traffic' sign on the southeast corner of the Borsa Lane and Easy Street corner.

5. ENG-2015-04 Traffic Concern - King Street Pedestrians Crossing - Near Re/Max and Lot 012 and Tim Hortons

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 4, 2015, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer, recommending that staff be directed to approach the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board to encourage St. Theresa's School to embark upon an education campaign instructing students as to where to safely walk to get to 830 King Street (Tim Hortons).

Your Committee engaged in discussion regarding whether the proposed action was sufficient to alleviate the ongoing safety concerns.

Following discussion, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report ENG-2015-04 dated February 4, 2015, staff be directed to investigate further options and to contact the school board to obtain input on additional measures that could be implemented, with a report to be brought back to a future meeting.

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

1. ML-2015-2 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Investigative Report – January 2015

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 4, 2015, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, providing details with respect to the above and looking for direction on how to disperse the December 2014 meter revenue in the amount of \$3,104.20.

Deputy Mayor Ross invited members of Council to present the names of local charitable organizations for consideration as potential recipients of the funds.

The Deputy Mayor then called for a show of hands as each organization was named to determine the successful recipient.

Upon conclusion of the vote, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report ML-2015-2 dated February 4, 2015, the funds collected in the downtown parking meters during the month of December totalling \$3,104.20 be donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

A presentation will be made to the Boys and Girls Club at an upcoming Council meeting.

2. CL-2015-11 One-Third Tax Free Expense Allowance

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 2, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report CL-2015-11 dated February 2, 2015, the Council of the Town of Midland herein support the continuation of the one-third tax free expense allowance as provided through By-law 2002-84.

3. TR-2015-1 2014 Year End Report on Tax Arrears

Your Committee received as information a report dated January 29, 2015, from P. Wayne, Manager of Revenue and Taxation, providing details regarding outstanding taxes for 2014 and collection efforts to be undertaken.

4. CAO-2015-1 Management Study Opportunities

Your Committee received as information a report dated February 4, 2015, from K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk, providing an update on the status of the individual Management Study Opportunities.

5. Southern Georgian Bay Active Transportation Advocates (SGBATA)

Your Committee reviewed an email dated January 2, 2015, from Mr. J. Hauser, Chair, Southern Georgian Bay AT Advocates, providing information regarding a project being implemented in support of cycling in our region.

Following a review of the correspondence, your Committee recommended:

That, further to an email dated January 2, 2015, from Mr. J. Hauser, Chair, Southern Georgian Bay AT Advocates, Council confirms its support of the purchase of a medium advertisement at a cost of \$475 to assist the organization in its efforts to promote active and healthy lifestyle choices in our region.

6. Whispering Pines Area – Soapbox Races

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated January 12, 2015, from Mr. A. Seaborn, 4th Midland Scouting, Group Committee.

Following a review of the correspondence, your Committee recommended:

That the letter of request dated January 12, 2015, from the Midland Scouting Group Committee requesting Council's permission to close Hugel Avenue, between Third Street and Sixth Street, on Saturday, May 23, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to conduct their annual Soap Box Derby be supported;

And further that staff be directed to process the request in accordance with the Town's Special Events Policy.

7. Music Concert Program

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated January 14, 2015, Mr. M. Proulx, Event Chair, and Mr. J. MacMillan, Co-Chair, Rotary Club of Midland.

Following a review of the correspondence, your Committee recommended:

That the letter of request dated January 14, 2015, from the Rotary Club of Midland, requesting permission to conduct Sunday night music concerts from June 15 to August 30, 2015, and September, weather permitting, at Little Lake Park be supported;

And further that staff be directed to process the request in accordance with the Town's Special Events Policy.

8. Penetanguishene Transit Service

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated February 4, 2015, from Mr. T. Walker, Acting CAO/Clerk, Town of Penetanguishene, requesting that the Town of Midland consider being a partner in transit for the Town of Penetanguishene.

Following a review of the letter, your Committee recommended:

That, further to a letter dated February 4, 2015, from T. Walker, Acting CAO/Clerk, Town of Penetanguishene, CAO Tripp, Director of Public Works S. Berriault, Treasurer M. Villeneuve, Councillor P. File and Councillor J. Main be appointed as the Town of Midland's working group to consider the concept of being a partner in transit for the Town of Penetanguishene.

SECTION D – OTHER BUSINESS

1. Midland Public Library – Report to Council

Your Committee reviewed a report from B. Molesworth, CEO/Chief Librarian, providing an update on Library operations, activities and events for February 2015.

It was noted that tickets are on sale for this year's annual Books to Eat event being held March 29, 2015.

2. Deputy Mayor Ross advised that the Midland Cultural Centre will be featuring, "A Day in the Life of Paul Beeston" on March 10, 2015.

Moved by G. Canning
Seconded by G. MacDonald

THAT this General Committee Meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
CARRIED.

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