

**Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, March 3, 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
Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, J. Reichheld
Acting Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, L.S. Lee

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

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

1. Farmers' Market Operations

- a) Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 25, 2014, from J. Reichheld, Certified Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, and L. S. Lee, Acting Clerk, recommending that Council considers options for the operation of the indoor and outdoor farmers' markets during the 2014 – 2015 season.
- b) Your Committee reviewed a Farmers Market License Application and petition received March 3, 2014, from the Karma Project, regarding the 2014 Indoor Market.
- c) Your Committee reviewed emails dated February 26 and March 3, 2014, from Ms. A. Strimaitis, with enclosure.
- d) Your Committee reviewed an email dated March 3, 2014, from Ms. U. Schmid Jones, Et-tu Productions.

At 7:35 pm Deputy Mayor Kramp expressed his desire to speak to the matter and vacated his seat. Mayor McKay assumed the Chair.

At 7:37 pm, Deputy Mayor Kramp reassumed the Chair.

Following discussion, your Committee expressed support of both applications and directed the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to proceed with the process of issuing the Farmers' Market licenses, including Farmers' Market agreements.

2. County Council Designation on Ballots

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

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-3, dated March 3, 2014, the County of Simcoe be advised that the title "County Councillor" will not be included on the Town of Midland municipal elections ballot.

3. Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Local Boards – 2013 Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 21, 2014, from J. Gagnon, Accounting Coordinator.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report TR-2014-10 dated February 21, 2014, Council accept as information the 2013 report on Remuneration and Expenses paid to members of Council and local boards.

4. 2013 Building Department Financial Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 21, 2014, from J. Hancock, Deputy Treasurer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report TR-2014-11 dated February 21, 2014, the 2013 Building Department Financial report be received as information and posted on the Town's website.

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

1. Information Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated February 26, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, providing an update on tourism initiatives, the Bell tower proposal, and various agreements up for renewal.

2. Garbage Truck Tender

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 25, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in PR Report 2014-13 dated February 25, 2014, Council approve the tender submitted by NEXGEN Municipal Inc. in the amount of \$122,283.61, including HST and trade-in for the replacement of the Parks Garbage Truck.

3. NSSRC Floor Scrubber Tender

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 25, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in PR Report 2014-14 dated February 25, 2014, Council approve the tender submitted by Glen Martin Limited in the amount of \$13,125.00 for the replacement of the floor scrubber machine.

SECTION C – 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 27, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works and J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, which included details on current water quality, distribution maintenance, training water conservation and sample results.

2. Midland Drinking Water System – 2013 Summary Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 27, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, and J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PW2014-006 dated February 27, 2014, Council acknowledge being given a copy of the Midland Drinking Water System Report.

3. Midland Wastewater – 2013 Summary Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 27, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, highlighting the main points of interest from the 2013 Wastewater Annual Operations Report.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report PW2014-007(a) dated February 27, 2014, Council acknowledge being given a copy of the 2013 Wastewater Annual Operations Report.

4. Hauled Sewage – Annual Summary Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated February 5, 2014, from P. LeClair, Manager, Water and Wastewater Operations, together with a spreadsheet summarizing the 2013 hauled sewage quantities.

5. Midland Transit – Regular Service – 2013 Year End Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated February 5, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, providing details with respect to the above, together with transit related comparison and statistics.

6. Transit Route – Request to Change Routes

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 2014-009 dated February 5, 2014, Midland Transit implement a change to the north route on a three month trial basis commencing March 1, 2014, to incorporate a stop at the Medical Centre at the Real Canadian Superstore, and a change in the south route to incorporate a stop at Javelin Co-operative Homes on William Street. Drivers will monitor ridership and staff will evaluate the route changes at the end of the trial period.

7. Water and Sewer Servicing – Township of Tay – Along Wye River Corridor

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 PW2014-014 dated February 5, 2014, staff be directed to prepare a draft agreement between the Town of Midland and the Township of Tay for the provision of water and sewer services to customers in the Township of Tay along the Wye River Corridor.

8. Tender for Supply and Delivery of Aluminum Sulphate – Three Year Contract – 2014, 2015 & 2016

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 5, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, recommending that the tender from General Chemical Performance Products Ltd. for the supply and delivery of Liquid Aluminum Sulphate (sewage treatment grade) for three years in the total amount of \$430,650, exclusive of taxes, be accepted.

Following a review of the report, your Committee directed the Director of Public Works to investigate alternative options with a report to be brought forward to the March Council meeting.

9. Tender for Supply and Delivery of Calcium Thiosulphate – Three Year Contract – 2014, 2015 & 2016

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 PW2014-11 dated February 5, 2014, the tender from Flochem Ltd. for the supply and delivery of Calcium Thiosulphate for three years in the total amount of \$22,692, exclusive of taxes, be accepted.

10. Tender for School Zone Signals – Various Locations

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 5, 2014, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report 2014-012 dated February 5, 2014, the tender from Walker's Electric 2000 for the supply and installation of six (6) Solar Powered School Zone Maximum Speed When Flashing Sign Systems for various locations in Midland in the amount of \$47,249, exclusive of all taxes, be accepted.

11. Pending Tender – Fifth Street Reconstruction

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated February 5, 2014, from J. Galloway, Town Engineer, providing information regarding the pending tender.

12. Transit Bus Route Request

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated February 21, 2014, from Ms. E. O'Connor, Chair, Midland Seniors Council, requesting that three changes to the transit bus route be considered.

Your Committee directed staff to forward a letter to the Midland Seniors Council acknowledging receipt of their letter and advising of changes to the Transit Bus Route which commenced March 1, 2014.

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 March 2014, providing an update on Library operations, activities and events.

Councillor P. File complimented the Midland Public Library and the Midland Cultural Centre on the success of the recent Midland Reads event.

Councillor Z. Pendlebury advised that the Midland Public Library will be holding their Annual Books 2 Eat Event on March 30. Tickets may be purchased at the Library.

2. Glen Howard – A Day in the Life

Councillor Ross advised that the Midland Cultural Centre will be featuring “A Day in the Life of Glen Howard” on March 26, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

2. Parking in the Downtown

Councillor M. Ross advised that the BIA has contacted him to express concern, on behalf of a local restaurateur, regarding insufficient parking to accommodate customers picking up take-out food orders. The business owner would like to be able to reserve two parking spots in front of their King Street establishment for customers.

The Clerk was directed to bring the matter to the attention of the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to investigate possible options.

Councillor P. File spoke to the lack of parking in the downtown area and suggested a subcommittee be formed to review ongoing concerns expressed by the BIA regarding staff and customer parking.

Your Committee referred the matter to the Clerk for review with a report to be brought forward to a future meeting.

3. 2014 Municipal Election

Councillor P. File suggested that further consideration be given to Vote by Mail as an additional means for constituents to vote during the 2014 Municipal Election.

Your Committee referred the matter to the Clerk for review with a report to be brought forward to the April General Committee meeting.

4. Committee Appointment Duration

Councillor P. File questioned whether Council Committee appointment terms could be reduced to two years.

Mayor McKay suggested that applicants be required to identify their skills when applying to participate on a committee or board.

Your Committee referred the matter to the Clerk for review with a report to be brought forward to a future meeting.

5. Police Services Board

Councillor P. File commented on issues related to the recent appointment of Councillor Canning to the Midland Police Services Board, the Police budget, as well as information that was to be provided to Council by the Board.

Deputy Mayor Kramp made reference to an inquiry made by Councillor Charlebois regarding the total cost of legal expenses related to the Police Services Board investigation and whether he would be pursuing the matter further. Councillor Charlebois confirmed that he would not be pursuing the matter.

Moved by B. Jeffery

That this General Committee of Council Meeting adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

CARRIED.

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