

Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, May 12, 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, and G. Canning

Regrets: Councillor B. Jeffery

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
Compliance Officer, J. Beauchamp (arrive at 8:00 p.m.)
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 on the following three items of correspondence which were discussed in his absence at the April 28, 2014, Regular Meeting of Council. He stated, by reason of the proponents being clients

- 9i) VQA Wines – Farmers’ Markets;
- 9j) Vintner’s Quality Alliance (“VQA”) Wine; and
- By-law 2014-17 – Lease Agreement with Midland Tours.

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

1. Midland Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) Terms of Reference

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

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report PR 2014-31 dated April 25, 2014, Council approve the Terms of Reference included in the Report with respect to the establishment of the Midland Cultural Advisory Committee, with the following changes:

- **That the membership term be two years in lieu of four years**
- **That the membership of the Committee be expanded as the need arises, subject to Council approval.**

2. Active Transportation Plan

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 22, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the Midland Active Transportation Advisory Committee, recommending to Council that funds be provided in the 2015 budget to retain a consultant to undertake an Active Transportation Plan.

Following discussion on the matter, your Committee concurred that alternate options should be considered and referred the matter back to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for a further report.

3. Georgian Bay Trails

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 22, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR 2014-28, dated April 22, 2014, Council appoint Dave Hamelin, Parks and Harbour Manager, as the staff representative to liaise with and provide support and expertise related to the initiatives of the Georgian Bay Trails Committee.

4. Geese Management Plan

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 28, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report 2014-32 dated April 28, 2014, Council authorize staff to prepare an agreement with Mr. Bob Caley to provide services to control Canada Geese in Little Lake Park.

5. February 12, 2014 – Letter from Pat Murray

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 28, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That Report PR-2014-33 dated April 28, 2014, regarding a portion of the Georgian Bay Snowriders Club Trail at Recycling Specialties Inc. be received as information and that staff notify Mr. Murray of the findings.

6. Proposed 5km Run

Your Committee reviewed a report dated May 6, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2014-36 dated May 6, 2014, Council approve the 5Km run hosted by No Borders Fitness for June 30, 2014, with the alternate route in lieu of William Street; provided a certificate of insurance for two million dollars liability insurance naming the Town of Midland as an additional named insured is provided.

7. Ontario Watercross 1st Annual Midland Race

Your Committee reviewed a report dated May 6, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommending that Council approve the proposed Ontario Watercross 1st Annual Midland Race for Saturday, July 26, 2014, in Little Lake Park; provided all requirements of the Town's Special Events policies are followed.

Your Committee raised concern regarding certain aspects of the event, and directed the Director of Parks and Recreation to convene a meeting with SSEA and Health Unit representatives and event organizers to address the concerns with a new proposal to be brought forward to the May Council meeting for Council's consideration.

8. Information Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated May 6, 2014, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation, providing an update on Parks operations, the Summer Camps and Events Guide, the Tourism Action Plan Committee, Party on the Dock, and the status of agreements with the Pepsi Bottling Group, the Simcoe County District School Board and Bell Canada.

9. Tourism and Special Events Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated May 6, 2014, from N. Hutton, Tourism and Special Events Manager, providing information regarding tourism and special events initiatives.

SECTION B – ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
(Referred to the Vice-Chair, Councillor P. File)

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

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated May 8, 2014, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, providing an update on departmental operations and street parking meter revenue.

2. Bike Week – July 11-20, 2014

Your Committee reviewed a report dated May 6, 2014, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, and L. Lee, Acting Clerk, recommending that Council provide direction regarding the options presented in the above report with respect to the request of the Southern Georgian Bay Bike Week coordinators for free parking in conjunction with Bike Week.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report ML-2014-3 dated May 6, 2014, free on-street parking be permitted for motorcycles from July 11 to 20, 2014, in conjunction with Bike Week.

3. Streamlining Council Agendas

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 28, 2014, from L. Lee, Acting Clerk, recommending that Council adopt the various streamlining measures outlined in the above report, to ensure that correspondence addressed to Council is appropriately directed and recorded.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report CL-2014-11 dated April 28, 2014, Council adopt the Tag Day Policy set out in Schedule "A" of the Report as amended to incorporate the requirement of a monthly report from the Clerk.

That, further to Report CL-2014-11 dated April 28, 2014, Council adopt the Proclamations and Flag Raisings Policy set out in Schedule "B" of Report CL-2014-11 as amended to incorporate the requirement of a monthly report from the Clerk.

That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-11 dated April 28, 2014, Council adopt the Direct Response Policy set out in Schedule "D" of Report CL-2014-11, as amended to include the addition of consent correspondence.

That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-11 dated April 28, 2014, staff be directed to review current and proposed delegation opportunities and to report back to Council.

That, as recommended in Report CL-2014-11 dated April 28, 2014, Council consider the following in the 2015 budget process:

- a. review of Council Procedure By-law;
- b. implementation of a Corporate Policy Manual;
- c. enhancements to the current agenda preparation and records management software.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Council Information Package Process policy, following which your Committee referred the matter to Administration for further modification.

SECTION C – PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

(Referred to the Chair, Deputy Mayor S. Kramp)

1. Report on Waterworks

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated May 7, 2014, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, which included details on current water quality, distribution maintenance, training, water conservation, the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard, and sample results for the month of April 2014.

2. Backflow and Cross-Connection Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated May 7, 2014, from Shawn Berriault, C. Tech., Director of Public Works and Jeff Beauchamp, Compliance Officer.

3. Pending Tenders Various

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated May 7, 2014, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works.

Meeting recessed - 9:05 p.m.

Meeting reassembled - 9:13 p.m.

SECTION B – ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (continued...)

4. Joint Compliance Audit Committee 2014

Your Committee reviewed a report dated May 5, 2014, from K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report CL-2014-10 dated May 5, 2014, staff bring forward the appointment by-law for the Joint Compliance Audit Committee to the May Council Meeting for consideration.

5. Revised 2013 Surplus Allocation

Your Committee reviewed a report dated April 29, 2014, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasure.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, further to Report TR-2014-21 dated April 29, 2014, the 2013 Year End Position be allocated as follows:

- \$ 97,030 from Tax Stabilization Reserve**
- \$ 25,000 to General Operating Reserve**
- \$ 52,416 to Office Equipment Reserve**
- \$ 37,423 from Planning Operating Reserve**
- \$ 20,000 to Fire Rescue Grant Reserve**
- \$ 36,169 to Fire Equipment/Vehicle Reserve**
- \$ 20,000 to NSSRC Facility Reserve**
- \$ 8,279 to NSSRC Equipment Reserve**
- \$ 19,784 from Library Capital Reserve**
- \$250,000 to Winter Maintenance Reserve**
- \$ 6,152 to Building Department Reserve**
- \$ 20,554 from Waterfront Operating Reserve**
- \$186,983 from Wastewater Reserve**
- \$571,820 to Water Reserve**

That the 2013 Police Year End Position of \$63,188 be used to reduce the 2014 budgeted tax requirement;

That \$170,000 of the town-wide 2013 surplus be used to reduce the 2014 budgeted tax requirement;

That \$30,000 be allocated to:

- \$5000 Street Outreach**
- \$7000 Affordable Recreation**
- \$500 Seniors Council**
- \$10,000 Trails**
- \$7,500 Library Collection**

And that the 2014 budget by-law be brought to May 26, 2014 Council with the above noted changes for final passage.

6. Ontario Civilian Police Commission (OCPC) Legal Fees

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated May 5, 2014, from M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer, providing a summary of legal fees paid to date as the result of a complaint filed against the Deputy Mayor.

7. 2014 1st Quarter Financial Report

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a report dated May 2, 2014, from J. Robitaille, Deputy Treasurer.

8. Midland Police Service Board

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated April 20, 2014, from Mr. S. R. Ogden, regarding his request to access the Midland Police Service Board Policies.

Staff was directed to report to Mr. Ogden that the policies are available on the website and that there are no restrictions on accessing information based on residency.

9. Midland Police Service Board Budget

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a letter dated April 29, 2014, from Ms. K. Willis, Chair, regarding the 2014 MPSB budget.

The Clerk will provide details concerning the history of the Midland Police Service Board composition.

10. Council Award

Your Committee reviewed and received as information a letter received April 22, 2014, from The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, requesting nominations for the Council Award to honour outstanding Ontario physicians.

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

2. Councillor Ross advised that Midland's Connor Dorion and Tracey Ormiston will be representing Ontario in the 2014 Canadian Five-Pin Bowling Championships.

3. Deputy Mayor Kramp questioned when the goal posts at the soccer fields will be installed. The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that the posts are not in this year's budget.
4. Deputy Mayor Kramp raised a question regarding the Director of Finance/Treasurer's report regarding the 2013 Sunshine List. The Director of Finance advised that complete details are available on the Ministry of Finance website.
5. Deputy Mayor Kramp questioned whether the Town had received a letter from the County of Simcoe seeking support of a resolution regarding the proposed expansion of the Ombudsman's powers. The acting Clerk will contact the County of Simcoe to obtain a copy.

Moved by G. McKay

**That this General Committee of Council Meeting adjourn at 10:03 p.m.
CARRIED.**

Laura S. Lee, Acting Clerk
