

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-3

Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, March 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.

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

Regrets: Mayor G. McKay and 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
T. Toole, Deputy Fire Chief
J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer*
K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk

*Arrived at 7:50 pm prior to discussion on Section C, Item 1.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

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

1. ML-2015-3 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Investigative Report – February 2015

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 4, 2015, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, providing an update on departmental operations and street parking meter revenue.

2. Huron Animal Control Quarterly Report

Your Committee received as information the quarterly report for the months of October, November and December 2014.

3. CL-2015-14 Farmers' Market Application

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 26, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO, recommending that staff be directed to review the application to ensure all necessary requirements are met; and further that staff be directed to prepare a by-law and related Farmers' Market Agreement for consideration of Council during their March Council meeting.

Following discussion on the potential negative effect of a second “Farmers’ Market on the existing market operated by the Karma Project, your Committee did not support the application. Accordingly, staff was directed to advise the applicant of the option of holding the event on private property should they wish to proceed.

Your Committee further recommended:

That By-law 2010-28 be amended to permit only one Farmers’ Market per season on municipal property;

And further that all Farmers’ Markets within the Town be required to operate in accordance with the criteria established by Farmers’ Markets’ Ontario.

4. Farmers’ Market Request

Your Committee received as information an email dated March 4, 2015, from S. Barber, Chair, Midland Business Improvement Area, providing comment regarding a Farmers’ Market request.

5. Farmers’ Market Application

Your Committee received as information an email dated February 23, 2015, from Ms. L. McConnell, The Penetang Community Market Manager, on behalf of various concerned market vendors and managers, advocating that the Midland Town Council not grant a second Farmers’ Market license.

6. CL-2015-15 344 Gloucester Street

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 13, 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-2015-15 dated February 13, 2015, 344 Gloucester Street be declared surplus to the needs of the Town; and further that staff be directed to proceed with the sale of said lands in accordance with the Town’s land sale by-law.

7. CL-2015-16 Animal Control Contract Renewal

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 26, 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-2015-16 dated February 26, 2015, staff be directed to bring forward the appropriate by-law authorizing the entering into of an agreement with Huronia Animal Control for a period of three years ending March 31, 2018.

8. CL-2015-18 Ingram Crescent Encroachments

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 26, 2015, from K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report CL-2015-18 dated February 26, 2015, a portion of Town owned land being 36 feet from the property line of 973 and 979 Ingram Crescent be declared surplus to the needs of the Town;

And further that staff be directed to proceed with the sale of the said lands in accordance with the Town's Land Sale By-law.

9. MAAC-2015-1 Accessibility Plan and Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Progress Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 2, 2015, from K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk/Senior Executive Assistant.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report MAAC-2015-1 dated March 2, 2015, staff be directed to bring forward the appropriate by-law providing for the adoption of the 2014/2015 Accessibility Plan and Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Progress Report for the Town of Midland;

And that the Accessibility Plan and Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Progress Report be posted on the Town's website as required under Section 4 of Ontario Regulation 191/11.

10. TR-2015-2 2015 Public Sector Salary Disclosure – Disclosure for 2014

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 5, 2015, from T. Leonard, Executive Assistant, Treasury.

11. TR-2015-3 Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Local Boards – 2014 Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 3, 2015, from J. Gagnon, Accounting Coordinator.

12. TR-2015-4 2014 Building Department Financial Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated February 26, 2015, from J. Hancock, Deputy Treasurer. The report will be posted on the Town's website.

13. Move To Give Event – April 25, 2015

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated February 27, 2015, from Ms. C. Casey, Supervisor of Adult Fitness, YMCA Simcoe Muskoka Midland.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That letter dated February 27, 2015, from YMCA Simcoe Muskoka Midland, requesting permission to conduct their annual "Move To Give" event (formally the Huronia 1/2 Marathon) on Saturday, April 25, 2015, be supported, in principle, subject to staff approval of the related Special Events Application.

14. IESO – FIT 4 PV Solar Program Release – Blanket Support Resolution for Rooftop Solar Projects

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated March 2, 2015, from Ms. S. Lawson, Sales & Marketing Administration Supervisor, Ethosolar Inc., requesting a Blanket Support Resolution for rooftop solar projects for the upcoming FIT 4 Program.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That whereas capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the FIT Rules, Version 4.0;

And whereas the Province's Fit Program encourages the construction and operation of roof top solar generation projects (The "Projects");

And whereas one or more projects may be constructed and operated in the Town of Midland;

And whereas pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 4.0, applications whose projects receive the formal support of local municipalities will be awarded priority points, which may result in these applications being offered a FIT contract prior to other persons applying for FIT contracts;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Midland supports the construction and operation of projects anywhere in the Town of Midland;

That this resolution's sole purpose be to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive priority points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the application or projects or any other purpose.

This resolution shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

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

1. PR-2015-16 Potential Park for Sunnyside Area

Your Committee reviewed a report dated February 26, 2015, from B. Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PR-2015-16 dated February 26, 2015, Council authorize staff to continue to research and develop alternatives and cost estimates for a new neighbourhood park in the Sunnyside area.

2. PR-2015-17 Information Report

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

3. PR-2015-18 Tourism and Special Events Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 4, 2015, from N. Hutton, Tourism and Special Events Manager, providing information regarding tourism and special events initiatives.

4. Fire Department Activity Reports

Your Committee received as information the Activity Reports for the months of January 2015 and February 2015.

5. FD-2015-02 Barrie Fire Dispatch

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 4, 2015, from T. Toole, Deputy Fire Chief.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report FD-2015-02 dated March 4, 2015, Council receive report FD-2015-02 Barrie Fire Dispatch and provide direction to start the process to move Midland Fire Department's dispatch requirements to Barrie.

SECTION C – PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

(Referred to the Vice-Chair, Councillor J. Main)

1. PW-2015-04 Monthly Report on Waterworks February 2015

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 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 February 2015.

2. PW-2015-005 Midland Drinking Water System - 2014 Summary Report

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 4, 2015, from A. Pepin, Water Operator and S. Berriault, Director of Public Works.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report PW-2015-005 dated March 4, 2015, Council acknowledge being given a copy of the Midland Drinking Water System 2014 Summary Report.

3. PW-2015-006(a) 2014 Wastewater Summary Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 4, 2015, from P. LeClair, Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations and S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, highlighting the main points of interest from the 2014 Wastewater Annual Operations Report.

4. PW-2015-006(b) 2014 Hauled Sewage Summary Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 4, 2015, from P. LeClair, Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations, together with a spreadsheet summarizing the 2014 hauled sewage quantities.

5. PW-2015-007 Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control - New By-Law to Replace By-law 2005-20

Your Committee reviewed a report dated March 4, 2015, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer and S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, recommending that Council consider a new 'Backflow Prevention' By-law to replace By-law

2005-20, which regulates the Town of Midland's Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program.

Your Committee recommended that consideration of the report and related by-law be deferred until the April General Committee meeting to permit the public additional opportunity for review and comment.

6. PW-2015-008 Midland Transit – Regular Service - 2014 Year End Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 4, 2015, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, providing details with respect to the above, together with transit related comparison and statistics.

7. PW-2015-009 Source Water Protection Risk Management Official's Annual Report 2014 Risk Management Services 2014 Report

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 4, 2015, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works.

8. PW-2015-010 Town of Midland Water System Council Responsibility

Your Committee received as information a report dated March 4, 2015, from S. Berriault, Director of Public Works, advising that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Control developed a guide for members of Municipal Council titled 'Taking Care of Your Drinking Water', and providing a copy of same.

9. ENG-2015-05 Manly Street Reconstruction Tender - Gloucester Street to Hugel Avenue

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

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report ENG-2015-05 dated March 4, 2015, the tender from C.C.H Excavating Ltd. for the reconstruction of Manly Street from Gloucester Street to Hugel Avenue in the amount of \$829,966.50 exclusive of all taxes, be accepted.

10. ENG-2015-06 Traffic Concern - King/Galloway Intersection

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

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report ENG-2015-06 dated March 4, 2015, staff be directed to implement the recommendation of the Traffic Concern Staff Working Group to adjust the signal controller at the King Street and Galloway Boulevard intersection such that there is no advanced green signal for either northbound or southbound traffic.

11. ENG-2015-07 Traffic Concern – King Street – Pedestrians Crossing near Re/Max and Lot 102 and Tim Hortons

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

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

That, as recommended in Report ENG-2015-07 dated March 4, 2015, staff be directed to implement the recommendation of the Traffic Concern Working Group 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).

SECTION D – OTHER BUSINESS

1. Midland Public Library – Report to Council

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

2. In response to a question raised by Councillor MacDonald, the Town Engineer advised that he has been in discussions with the Town's contractor regarding completion of the remaining work on Fifth Street this spring.

3. Councillor Strathearn advised that a public meeting regarding the outsourcing of the Police Dispatch is being held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre. Details are available on the Midland Police Service's website and the Town's website.

**Moved by J. Contin
Seconded by G. Canning**

****THAT this General Committee Meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m.
CARRIED.****

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