

## GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-7

Report of the General Committee of Council Meeting held Monday, September 14, 2015, at 7:08 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.

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

**Also Present:** C. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer  
M. Villeneuve, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO  
S. Berriault, Director of Operations  
J. Galloway, Town Engineer  
K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

### **SECTION A – FIRE / SPECIAL EVENTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM MATTERS** **(Referred to the Chair, Deputy Mayor M. Ross)**

1. **PR-2015-30 Tourism and Special Events Report**

Your Committee received as information a report dated September 9, 2015, from N. Major, Tourism and Special Events Manager, providing information regarding tourism and special events initiatives.

2. **High School Cross-Country Race**

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated September 4, 2015, from Mr. M. MacDonald, St. Theresa's High School.

Following review of the letter, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to letter dated September 4, 2015, from Mr. M. MacDonald, St. Theresa's High School, permission be granted, in principle, for the use of Little Lake Park to host a high school cross-country race on Thursday, October 8, 2015, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, including the closure of Little Lake Park Road from Yonge Street to the YMCA entrance, and use of the washrooms located at the Volleyball Court, subject to staff approval of the related Special Events Application.**

3. Cyclocross Bicycle Race

Your Committee reviewed a letter received August 21, 2015, from the Silver Goose Cyclocross Race Committee.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to letter received August 21, 2015, from the Silver Goose Cyclocross Race Committee, permission be granted, in principle, to hold a Cyclocross Bicycle Race event at Little Lake Park on November 1, 2015, including the closure of Little Lake Park Road for the day as the road is part of the race course, subject to staff approval of the related Special Events Application.**

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

1. ML-2015-15 Amend Composite Fees Schedule

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 8, 2015, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report ML-2015-15 dated September 8, 2015, Council approve Option B as indicated in ML-2015-15;**

Staff was directed to advertise for a Public Meeting to be held on September 28, 2015 related to the new fee.

2. ML-2015-16 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Investigative Report – August 2015

Your Committee received as information a report dated September 10, 2015, from J. Reichheld, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, providing an update on departmental operations and street parking meter revenue.

3. CL-2015-46 Indemnification By-law

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 3, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report CL-2015-46 dated September 3, 2015, staff be directed to bring forward this report to the October General Committee meeting for consideration pending receipt of a second legal opinion on the draft by-law.**

4. CL-2015-47 Encroachment Agreements for Patios in the Downtown

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 3, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report CL-2015-47 dated September 3, 2015, the concept of creating an Encroachment Agreement related specifically to patios within the downtown core as defined in the Zoning By-law be approved;**

**And further that staff be directed to advertise for a public meeting related to the Fees and Charges By-law to incorporate a fee for Encroachment Agreements and amendments related to patios in the downtown core;**

The public meeting will be held during the September Council meeting.

5. CL-2015-48 Council Meeting Review - 2015

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 9, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO, recommending a number of changes related to meetings of Council.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report CL-2015-48 dated September 9, 2015, during General Committee meetings the Department Heads and other applicable staff are only required to attend their specific section of the meeting;**

**And further that the order by which departmental sections appear on the General Committee Agenda be standardized with the Administrative Matters section being last on the agenda.**

6. CL-2015-43 Council Boards/Committees Review - 2015

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 9, 2015, from A. Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO, providing an overview of Midland's Council Boards/Committees and providing various recommendations for Council's consideration.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**1. That By-law 2003-3 be amended by removing the Council appointee to the Midland Accessibility Advisory Committee and increasing the number of public appointees to seven.**

And further that Schedule “C” to By-law 2014-96 be amended by removing the Council representative.

And further that Staff be directed to advertise for a public vacancy on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

2. That schedule “C” to By-law 2014-96 be amended by updating the members of the Midland Emergency Management Committee as follows:

Alt for CAO – A. Fay Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO

Member – M. Villeneuve Director of Finance/Treasurer

Alt for Treasurer – M. Farinha Financial Controller

Title for Director of Public Works to Director of Operations

Alt for Director of Operations – L. Bergstrom Operations Technician

Member – T. Toole, Deputy Fire Chief

Alt for Deputy Chief – R. Wheeldon, Inspector

replace Director of Parks and Recreation with D. Bressette NSSRC

Operations Manager

Alt for NSSRC Operations Manager –D. Hamelin, Manager of Parks and Harbour

Member – K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk

Alt for Deputy Clerk – C. LeMesurier, Executive Assistant to the Clerk, CAO & Mayor

3. That By-law 2009-3 be amended by removing the Council appointment to the Heritage Committee and reducing the composition to 9 members;

And further that Schedule “C” to by-law 2014-96 be amended by removing the Council Representative;

And further that Heritage Committee Meetings be moved to daytime.

4. That Schedule “C” of By-law 2014-96 be amended by removing the Director of Parks and Recreation from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and inserting the Director of Operations or designate.

And further that the Terms of Reference for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee be amended to reflect the above change.

5. That Staff be directed to contact the following Committees and request that they provide their minutes for inclusion on the CIP as they are Committees with Council composition:
  - Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors;
  - Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe;
  - Midland Cultural Centre Inc. Board of Directors;
  - Huronia Museum Board;

- **Midland Power Utility Corporation;**
- **Physician Recruitment Steering Committee.**

Mayor McKay advised that he would bring the matter regarding the appointment of a member of Council to the Severn Sound Sustainability Plan Steering Committee in lieu of a staff representative to the next North Simcoe Heads of Council meeting and would provide a response to staff.

7. Food Entrepreneurs: Celebrating Growth

Your Committee reviewed a letter dated August 31, 2015, from Ms. L. Irvine, Community Development Coordinator, North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation, providing information regarding the above one-day event on October 28, 2015, and requesting financial sponsorship to support same.

Following discussions, staff was directed to forward the correspondence to the Tourism, Culture and Special Events Manager for consideration.

8. 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium of Ontario Archaeological Society

Your Committee received as information a letter dated August 24, 2015, from Mr. P. Thor, Conference Organizing Committee, Huronia Chapter of the OAS, providing information regarding the above conference being held on October 16-18, 2015, and requesting financial sponsorship to support same.

Staff was directed to forward a copy of the letter to the Heritage Committee and the Tourism, Culture and Special Events Manager for consideration.

9. Policing in Ontario – Budget Impacts

Your Committee received as information a letter received September 9, 2015, from M. Osborne, Chief of Police, outlining his concerns regarding downloading of costs.

**SECTION C – OPERATIONS / ENGINEERING MATTERS**  
**(Referred to the Chair, Councillor P. File)**

1. OP-2015-21 Monthly Report on Waterworks August 2015

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 9, 2015, from J. Beauchamp, Compliance Officer, which included details on current water quality, distribution maintenance, training, and sample results for the month of August 2015.

2. OP-2015-22 Snowmobiling in Midland

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 9, 2015, from S. Berriault, Director of Operations.

Following review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report OP-2015-22 dated September 9, 2015, Council direct staff to implement a public consultation process by way of an Ad Hoc Committee regarding Snowmobiling within the Town of Midland as outlined in the above report and to work with the Georgian Bay Snowriders Club to find solutions for the identified trail route challenges.**

3. PW-2015-23 Pending Tender – One-Ton Truck for Maintenance and Parks Departments

Your Committee received as information a report dated September 9, 2015, from S. Berriault, Director of Operations, providing information regarding the above tender.

4. ENG-2015-16 Small Communities Fund - Intake 2 - Expression of Interest - Queen Street Reconstruction

Your Committee reviewed a report dated September 9, 2015, from J. Galloway, Engineer.

Following a review of the report, your Committee recommended:

**That, further to Report ENG-2015-16 dated September 9, 2015, Council approve and support the application for funding from the Small Communities Fund (SCF) – Application Based Component – Intake 2 Expression of Interest (EOI).**

5. Community Energy Plan

The Town Engineer advised that discussions have occurred with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Operations/Engineering Matters regarding funding that is available for the establishment of a Community Energy Plan. The application process is complicated as it involves stakeholders. The Town Engineer advised that he is seeking Council's approval to have a guest speaker address the Town and potential stakeholders, i.e. MPUC, Enbridge, Sustainable Severn Sound, to highlight the program, gauge their interest in participating and to determine who the lead organization should be. Should sufficient interest be expressed, the Town would move ahead and include funds in the 2016 budget for the Plan.

Following discussion, your Committee recommended:

**That the Town Engineer be directed to secure a guest speaker to address the Town and potential stakeholders regarding the Community Energy Plan initiative and the funding application process.**

**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 September 2015.

2. Councillor Main spoke to an email regarding street parking issues near Mundy's Bay Public School on Seventh Street and safety concerns raised regarding same. The Town Engineer advised that staff are reviewing this matter and will bring a report forward proposing changes if warranted.

3. In response to a question raised by Councillor Main, CAO Tripp advised that the Town is continuing to reimburse residents for the cost of leaf bags upon presentation of a receipt.

4. In response to a question raised by Councillor Oschefski, CAO Tripp advised that she would consult with the Planning and Building Services Department regarding new provincial legislation for daycare providers and possible amendments required to the Town's related by-law as a result of same.

**Moved by J. Contin**

**Seconded by G. Canning**

**THAT this General Committee Meeting of Council adjourn at 9:58 p.m.**

**CARRIED.**

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

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