

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES – February 20, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Finance & Economic Development Committee was held on February 20, 2020 in the Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Chair Councillor Scott, Mayor R. Stephens, Councillors Diebolt, Shaffer, D. Stephens, Tribinevicius, Treasurer D. Deforge and CDCO Marcus Mohr.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and R. STEPHENS

That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

- 6. b. MMA Motion – Blue Sky Net
- 10. In Camera – Items under Municipal Act Section 239 e) Legal Matters...carried.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and R. STEPHENS

That the minutes of the last regular Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of January 16, 2020 be approved as presented...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and SHAFFER

That we accept the January report of the Community Development Outreach Coordinator ...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and SHAFFER

Whereas: access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development and;

Whereas: communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain and;

Whereas: we believe future ICT infrastructure investment in our community would benefit from a holistic model that takes into account the connectivity needs of regional community partnerships rather than just one community and;

Whereas: this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs analysis conducted by Blue Sky Net, a publicly funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and data based mapping tool- (BAIMAP-- Broadband and Associated Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project) and;

Whereas: from the analysis and public consultation Blue Sky Net will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps based on access to the closest ICT infrastructure like fibre or other existing network infrastructure and;

Whereas: once we determine priority areas, we propose establishing three classes of gaps;

- 1) gaps in fibre/backbone infrastructure,
- 2) gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and
- 3) gaps in access in remote/very isolated area, and;

Whereas: the Federal and Provincial governments are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require this in-depth information, we would propose;

Therefore: be it resolved that, the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports Blue Sky Net leading a steering committee to which a representative from Central Manitoulin will be appointed and that Blue Sky Net work with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement...carried.

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MOTION: R. STEPHENS and TRIBINEVICIUS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee accepts the Tax Arrears List as of February 23, 2020...carried.

The CDOC discussed trails within the municipality with the committee. The CDOC was directed to proceed with the funding application through OMRFA – Rural Economic Development stream for trail development.

The Committee discussed the municipal website and Municipal Capital Facilities Agreements.

MOTION: R. STEPHENS and TRIBINEVICIUS

That we recommend to Council that By-Law 2020-08 being a bylaw to amend the Mobile Vendor By-Law be given its three readings and be duly passes...Failed.

Staff is directed to utilize tiered rates and insert a new semi-mobile category for this amendment.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and SHAFFER

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality approves the cheque register for the month of January 2020 in the amount of \$438,490.84...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and SHAFFER

That we recommend to Council that By-Law 2020-01 being a bylaw to authorize borrowing be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

MOTION: R. STEPHENS and TRIBINEVICIUS

That we recommend to Council that By-Law 2010-02 being a bylaw to provide for the interim tax levy be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and SHAFFER

That we recommend to Council that By-Law 2020-03 being a bylaw to allow for tax capping be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and R. STEPHENS

That we recommend to Council that By-Law 2020-04 being a bylaw to establish Water and Sewer Rates for the Town of Mindemoya, be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried

MOTION: SHAFFER and TRIBINEVICIUS

That we accept the minutes of the Manitoulin Planning Board dated January 28, 2020...carried.

MOTION: SHAFFER and R. STEPHENS

That we go in camera to discuss matters under the Municipal Act Section 239 e) Legal Matters ...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and SHAFFER

That we come out of in camera...carried.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Councillor Tribinevicius at 8:25 p.m.