

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN  
PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 09, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Property Committee was held on February 09, 2021 by video conference with the following in attendance:

Chair Councillor Scott, Mayor R. Stephens, Councillors Diebolt, Johnston, Shaffer, D. Stephens, Tribinevicius, Municipal Coordinator Patricia Mader, Maintenance Supervisor G. Strain. One member of the press, and approximately 35 members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**MOTION: D. STEPHENS and DIEBOLT**

That the agenda be approved with the following changes:

Add 8b. Discussion of Memo re: 'RFP for Demolition Mindemoya Old School – update dated Feb. 09 2021'

Add 8c) Discussion of requests outlined in the proposal from Friends of the Old School Group (FOTOS)....carried.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

**MOTION: JOHNSTON and R. STEPHENS**

That the minutes of the last regular Property Committee meeting of January 12, 2021 be approved....carried.

Delegations were received from the following members of the public:

Allison McAllister was a delegate to the Committee regarding the Mindemoya Old School Building outlining the recent incorporation of the Friends of the Old School (FOTOS) group through the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) and the resulting charitable status. They are now a legal entity with access to a support network through OHS, and would like Council to consider leasing or transferring ownership of the building to the group.

Rob Leverty was a delegate to the Committee on behalf of the OHS that outlined the role of the organization and some success stories related to historical buildings that have been saved from demolition.

Chair D. Scott opened the floor to questions from Councillors to delegates on the Mindemoya Old School item. Delegate R. Leverty responded briefly to two questions from Councillors regarding precedent for transfer of ownership and the feasibility study that was created for the Old School.

Dan Robillard, Owner/Operator of Idyll Glen was a delegate to Committee requesting that Council reconsider the proposal to create a public beach area at the Municipal Property in front of Idyll Glen.

Chair D. Scott opened the floor to questions from Councillors to the delegate on the Public Beach item. There was brief discussion about the potential to do further consultation before making final decisions on the public beach proposal.

G. Strain provided an update regarding Big Lake School. It will cost approx. \$400 for First General to do mold testing and an air quality test. It can not be done until spring. Temporary repairs to the roof have been completed. Staff requested further direction be provided regarding the testing, remediation, and permanent roof repair.

Chair D. Scott provided a brief update on Property Committee Strategic Priorities. No major updates, committee is working on items in the Plan as identified.

P. Mader provided an update on the letter that went out to landowners in the Dominion Bay Subdivision re: installing 'No Overnight Camping' signs.

**MOTION: D.STEPHENS and R.STEPHENS**

That we recommend to Council that staff proceed to install 'no overnight camping' signs on the municipal property in Dominion Bay Subdivision in the spring...carried.

G. Strain discussed the proposal for the public beach on municipal property in front of Idyll Glen and noted that the amount budgeted in 2021 for this project was reduced to \$5000.

Staff was directed to fine tune the proposal for the public beach area, consult with affected property owners including the owners of Idyll Glen, and to bring a modified proposal to the March property Committee meeting for consideration.

**MOTION: D. STEPHENS and DIEBOLT**

That we accept the combined minutes from the Climate Action Committee meetings on 12 January, 2021 and 28 January, 2021...carried.

**MOTION: R. STEPHENS and DIEBOLT**

That we recommend to Council that they approve a change order to the Ethelo survey contract to add a telephone service for an additional cost of \$1000 (50% of which is eligible to claim on the MEP grant)....carried.

G. Strain provided information regarding staffing implications for re-opening the Mindemoya Area if 'stay-at-home' order is lifted on Feb. 16. S. Shaffer provided an update that Manitoulin Minor Hockey league is officially ended for the season.

**MOTION: D. STEPHENS and DIEBOLT**

That we recommend to Council that the Mindemoya Arena remain closed for the remainder of the season due to COVID-19 restrictions, and that staff proceed with seasonal equipment shut down.....carried.

There was discussion related to the *Memo re: 'RFP for Demolition Mindemoya Old School – update'* that was circulated prior to the Committee meeting. Councillors discussed that they would like more time to consider the information in memo.

**MOTION: JOHNSTON and DIEBOLT**

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality postpone issuing RFP documents for the demolition of the Mindemoya Old School until at least September 2021, and that staff postpone any further work on preparation of these RFP documents until discussion occurs at the March 9, 2021 Property Committee meeting, and that staff are directed to communicate with the Friends of the Old School (FOTOS) group to consider options for leasing or transferring ownership....carried.

Chair D. Scott then opened the floor to discussion on any of the letters listed under correspondence in the agenda.

Mayor R. Stephens and Councillor Shaffer both noted that they have both received numerous further correspondence from the public in addition to the ones listed and circulated to full Council regarding the Old School item. Mayor Stephens noted that the majority of letters he received were supportive of keeping the building. Councillor Shaffer noted that the ones he had received were generally not supportive of spending any more municipal dollars on the building.

Councillor Johnston briefly spoke to the letter from Tanya Giles re: proposed public beach. G. Strain provided information about the current maintenance program for outdoor public spaces.

G. Strain requested that the Committee provide direction to staff about the Wi-Fi that was installed at the Mindemoya Arena at the request of Manitoulin Minor Hockey, given the update that was provided since their Jan. 14, 2021 correspondence, that they have ended the season.

**MOTION: JOHNSTON and DIEBOLT**

That we recommend to Council that they direct staff to cancel the Wi-Fi package at the Mindemoya Arena for the season and that staff is to bring information on the monthly cost as well as the cost for re-activating the service to the next Council meeting before the motion is ratified....carried.

**MOTION: JOHNSTON and DIEBOLT**

That we recommend to Council that the year-to-date expense report for the Property Committee dated 2021 01 31 be accepted as presented....carried.

There was discussion about the previous request that staff provide clarification on why the building maintenance budget lines are underspent for 2020.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Mayor R. Stephens at 9:08 p.m.