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PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

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A regular meeting of the Property Committee was held on January 12, 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, Community Development and Outreach Coordinator M. Mohr, Climate Change Coordinator K. Neale, Maintenance Supervisor G. Strain, Chief Building Official Ray McPherson. Two members of the press, and twenty members of the public were also in Attendance.

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

MOTION: DIEBOLT and R.STEPHENS

That the agenda be approved with the following changes:

Add 8e. Discussion of COVID-19 related arena closures for the season.

Change Item 10a to 'Year to date expense report – 2020 12 31'carried.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and JOHNSTON

That the minutes of the last regular Property Committee meeting of December 08, 2020 be approved....carried.

Delegations were received from the following members of the public:

Jan McQuay made a delegation to the Committee regarding the Old School Building requesting that Council stay the decision to post an RFP for demolition and receive a proposal from Weengushk Film Institute to repurpose the building.

Lynn Quesnel made a delegation to the Committee regarding the Old School Building requesting that Council stay the decision to post an RFP for demolition and spoke about the history of the building and benefits of adaptive reuse.

Aaron Quesnel made a delegation to the Committee regarding the Old School Building requesting that Council stay the decision to post an RFP for demolition and presented on the possibility of working in partnership with the Ontario Historical Society to lease or sell the building and give over control to this provincial non-profit.

Kae Elgie, President of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario made a delegation to the Committee regarding the Old School Building requesting that Council stay the decision to post an RFP for demolition and made a presentation of case studies from adaptive reuse of historical buildings in other municipalities, and the value of

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Heritage-based tourism vs other types of tourism, and the positive impacts of conserving heritage spaces. K. Elgie cautioned that the municipality should not demolish the building until a formal plan is in place for how the space will be used instead.

Jim Smith made a delegation to the Committee regarding the Old School Building requesting that Council stay the decision to post an RFP for demolition and spoke about cost to taxpayers for demolishing versus maintaining 'as-is' until a possible reuse can be found.

Maja Mielonen made a delegation to Committee requesting that skating and skiing loop be installed on Lake Mindemoya and spoke about the benefits of winter tourism and outdoor recreation and the impact a loop could have on sense of place and community well-being.

Chair D. Scott opened the floor to questions from Committee to delegates. There were no questions from Committee members.

Chair D. Scott acknowledged that there were other requests to speak on the issue of the Old School that were not able to be accommodated on this agenda meeting and noted that in particular Allison McAllister would be added to February's agenda as a delegation.

G. Strain and P. Mader provided a brief update on the Providence Bay Boardwalk Assessment. Work can begin once the 2021 budget has been passed by Council.

G. Strain provided an update on temporary repairs to Big Lake School noting that temporary repairs will be completed by the contractor this week and will cost approx. \$1200.

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.

MOTION: JOHNSTON 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...carried.

There was discussion about whether all 34 property owners in the subdivision should be consulted prior to installing the signs. It was noted that a by-law exists already that prohibits overnight camping on municipal property.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and DIEBOLT

That we accept the minutes from the Climate Action Committee meeting on 16 December 2020...carried.

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MOTION: D. STEPHENS and DIEBOLT

That we recommend to Council that they approve an expenditure of up to \$200 (50% of which is eligible to claim on the MEP grant) to purchase a composter to give away in a draw for participating in the Climate Change committee survey....carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and DIEBOLT

That we recommend to Council that they approve an expenditure of up to \$400 (50% of which is eligible to claim on the MEP grant) to advertise for the community survey in the Manitoulin Expositor and Recorder....carried.

There was discussion about promotion of the survey. It was noted by K. Neale that the survey campaign is a collaborative effort between Billings and Central and that a similar request for funds will go before Billings Council.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and JOHNSTON

That we recommend to Council that staff prepare an estimate of total cost required to implement a public beach area at the Municipal Property located in front of Idyll Glen that includes parking spaces as pictured, picnic tables, garbage cans and any other necessary items, and that staff bring this estimate to Council for consideration at the January 2021 budget meeting....carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and ANGELA

That we recommend to Council to adopt the following resolution to allow staff to apply to FCM's MAMP funding stream:

Be it resolved that The Municipality of Central Manitoulin directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for ***Improving Asset Management Inventory and Condition data focussing on Central Manitoulin's Municipal roads (440 lane km's) and Building Infrastructure***. Be it therefore resolved that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- To hire an external contractor to update our asset inventory to address any gaps or missing asset classes, and to collect updated condition data, with a particular focus on Municipal road and building infrastructure.
- To have the same contractor assist staff to update existing Asset Management policies/ internal procedures, to create a consistent internal process across key staff in order to maintain updated data in future, and to create roadmap for future improvements.

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- To provide Introductory training for key municipal staff responsible for implementing Asset Management Strategies.

Be it further resolved that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin commits \$12,400 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative (20% of project costs) and that staff apply to FCM MAMP program for funds in the amount of \$49,600 (80% of project costs) to complete these activities.....carried.

P. Mader provided a brief update to Committee about the ICIP COVID-19 Resilience funding application that went in for the December 21 deadline. The application requested funds to rehabilitate a portion of the Providence Bay Boardwalk based on the results of the Assessment/ Masterplan process to be completed by Tulloch Engineering.

Staff was directed to re-route the memo regarding railings at Mindemoya Community Hall to the next Health and Safety Committee Meeting.

MOTION: JOHNSTON and DIEBOLT

That we recommend to Council to shut down the Providence Bay Arena and equipment and close it for the remainder of the season due to reduced use caused by COVID-19 restrictions.....carried.

Chair D. Scott acknowledged the correspondence that has come including two letters in support of the skate-ski loop on Lake Mindemoya and more than eight letters/notes about preventing demolition of the Old School Building.

There was a brief discussion related to correspondence that has occurred with Weengushk Film Institute about their interest in the Old School building. M. Mohr provided an update on the correspondence that has occurred and noted the Municipality had sent a letter to open discussions with Weengushk and that we are waiting until after their next regular Board meeting on January 13th to be provided a written response from their Board regarding next steps.

MOTION: R. STEPHENS and D. STEPHENS

That we recommend to Council to accept the year-to-date expense report 2020 12 31 as presented....carried.

Staff was directed to 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 8:55 p.m.