

Municipality of Central Manitoulin
Safety, Security and Health Committee Minutes
October 15th, 2019

Attending: Chairperson Councillor S. Shaffer, Mayor. R. Stephens, Councillors A. Johnston, D. Stephens and L. Farquhar, Fire Chief John Reid, one staff member and 2 invited guests.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: D. Stephens and L. Farquhar

That the agenda be approved as presented...carried.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: L. Farquhar and A. Johnston

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Safety, Security and Health Committee held on September 17th, 2019 be approved...carried.

Delegations

Zachary Corbiere - By-Law Enforcement Officer for the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising. Mr. Corbiere spoke on the letter from the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising regarding the By-law enforcement program – Dog Pound Proposal. As the Band is unable to find suitable facilities and lack funding to create one for their own purposes, they are requesting permission to use Central Manitoulin's Municipal Pound. Mr. Corbiere would accept all care and control of animals brought into the pound by himself. He foresees that initially the use would be high but hopes that as the by-law is enforced compliance will curb the usage. Mr. Corbiere also mentioned that the Band is not held to the Provincial standards that the Municipality must abide.

Paul Methner – Animal Control Officer for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin. Mr. Methner discussed his concerns regarding this request. His first concern was regarding the size and suitability of the pound itself. The pound is only equipped to hold 2 animals at any given time. He also stated that under Provincial standards there can be only 1 caretaker and that caretaker would be responsible for any and all animals. As the Animal Control Officer for the Municipality that the pound is associated with, Mr. Methner would be solely responsible for the animals up to and including after adoptions. Mr. Methner described several scenarios which confirmed that the request would be very complicated to accommodate.

Old Business

A question and answer segment followed the Delegations. After the conversation was concluded it was decided that the Municipality would be unable to assist Mr. Corbiere with his request. The discussion lead to the committee directing staff to speak to the Animal Control Officer and the Clerk/CAO regarding budgeting improvements to be made to the Pound in the next year.

The Strategic Plan Priorities were discussed. Nothing new arose from the discussion.

The Community Wellness and Safety Plan workshop that Mayor Stephens attended September 12th, 2019 was discussed. While he mentioned it was very well attended, he felt that the workshop could have benefitted from reaching out those enrolled regarding safety concerns in particular communities.

The proposal for a Stoop and scoop by-law was discussed. The committee felt that the situation is not serious, and it is not necessary at this time to pass an amendment to or a separate by-law.

New Business

The minutes from the Manitoulin Island Clinician Recruitment & Retention Committee – August 22nd, 2019. The benefits of the program were discussed at length.

MOTION: D. Stephens and L. Farquhar

That we accept the minutes of the Manitoulin Island Clinician Recruitment & Retention Committee – August 22nd, 2019...carried.

The request of a donation from Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club Inc. Regarding Funds for an Upgrade to the Emergency Communications Repeater and the need for this program were discussed.

MOTION: D. Stephens and R. Stephens

That we commend to Council to grant the request for a donation of \$1000 to the Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club Inc. for the purposes of an Upgrade to the Emergency Communications Repeater...carried

MOTION: R. Stephens and D. Stephens

That we accept the Minutes for the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board of Management meeting – July 18th, 2019...carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and L. Farquhar

That we accept the 2020 OPP Annual Billing statement...carried.

A request from OPP officer Marie Ford to have use of a facility donated for the purpose of a safe-guard presentation was brought forward by Chair S. Shaffer. Staff was directed to reach out to Ms. Ford and suggested the council chamber be offered.

The Fire Chief gave his fire report. He discussed 2 calls in the Municipality. Both calls were handled swiftly.

There was a letter from the Township of Tehkummah requesting the Municipality of Central Manitoulin donate the old fill station and canisters to the Township of Tehkummah. There was another letter requesting the assistance from the Municipality to fill those canisters from the new fill station. It was decided that the requests would not be granted, and staff was directed to draft a letter with the help from the Fire chief explaining the committee's concerns and decision.

MOTION: D. Stephens and A. Johnston

That we accept the Fire Chief's verbal report...carried.

Motion: D. Stephens and R. Stephens

That we recommend to Council that Anthony Young be appointed as a volunteer Fire Fighter...carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and L. Farquhar

That we recommend to Council to accept the year to date financial report for the Safety, Security and Health Committee for the period ending on September 30th, 2019...carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Councillor Derek Stephens at 8:45 p.m.