

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 28, 2022

4:00 P.M.

Attending: Chair person Councillor Diebolt, Mayor R. Stephens, Councillors Scott, D. Stephens and Tribinevicius, along with the CAO/Clerk and one member of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius

That the agenda be approved.....carried.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Office and Administration Committee held on April 26, 2022 be approved.....carried.

There were no delegations/petitions.

Old Business: Assisted Living

Strategic Priorities

MOTION: R. Stephens and Diebolt

That we recommend to Council that the chat feature on the ZOOM platform be shut off during Committee and Council meetings.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius

That we recommend to Council that By-law 2022-13, being a by-law to establish a Right to Disconnect Policy for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, be given its three readings and be duly passed.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius

That we recommend to Council that By-law 2022-14, being a by-law to delegate certain authorities during a restricted authority "Lame Duck" Council period, be given its three readings and be duly passed.....carried.

The Committee reviewed the three tax sales that are currently active.

The Committee reviewed a thank you letter from Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services regarding the Project Life Saver donation from the Municipality.

An invitation from the Township of Assiginack inviting municipal representatives to the renaming of the municipal marina in memory of PC Marc Hovingh.

MOTION: R. Stephens and D. Stephens

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality endorse the following motion from the City of Cambridge:

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase with especially large increases going into 2022; and

WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property tax payers to carry the lion's share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and

WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. That the Provincial Government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General, all Ontario municipalities.....carried.

MOTION: Scott and Tribinevicius

That we recommend to Council that the Donation record up to June 22, 2022 be approved.....carried.

MOTION: Scott and D. Stephens

That we recommend to Council that the year to date financial report of the Office and Administration Committee ending May 31, 2022 be approved.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

That we now go in camera to consider the following:

- a. Municipal Act, Section 29(2) (c)-Big Lake School Association – Offer to Purchase
- b. Municipal Act, Section 29(2) (e)– update on legal issues
- c. Municipal Act, Section 29(2)(d) – Hiring – CAO/Clerkcarried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

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

MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius

That the CAO/Clerk is authorized to proceed with sale of the Big Lake School property to the Big Lake Community Association as long as all the conditions as discussed in camera are officially agreed to by both parties.....carried.

MOTION: Scott and Diebolt

That we recommend to Council that the CAO/Clerk is authorized to sign a letter of offer of employment, as directed by the CAO/Clerk hiring Committee, on behalf of the Municipal Council.....carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. on a motion made by Councillor Scott.