

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN  
WATER, WASTE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES –February 6, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Water, Waste & Education Committee was held on December 5, 2019 in the Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Chair Councillor Tribinevicius, Mayor R. Stephens, Councillor Diebolt, Scott, Shaffer, D. Stephens, Treasurer D. Deforge, and one member of the press.

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

Rosemarie Diebolt spoke the oath of office for Councillor.

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

That the agenda be approved with the following addition

9. d. E-mail – AMO – Transition of Blue Box to Full Producer Responsibility  
...carried.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

**MOTION: D. STEPHENS and SHAFFER**

That the minutes of the last regular Water, Waste and Education meeting of December 5, 2019 be approved as presented...carried.

The committee discussed the Report regarding the Waste Characterization of the Spring Bay Waste Disposal Site as prepared by Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions and as there was no cost estimates in the report the committee deferred further discussion of the report to the next meeting.

The committee discussed recycling plastics/glass recycling and composting.

**MOTION: DIEBOLT and D. STEPHENS**

That we recommend to Council that a letter be written to local businesses to request the voluntary cessation of the use of plastic shopping bags ...carried.

Staff is to research the cost of back yard composters for sale/distribution to the public.

**MOTION: D. STEPHENS and SHAFFER**

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality pass the Municipal Utility Budget at a \$3/quarter increase...carried.

Staff is directed to prepare the Utility Bylaw for the Finance and Economic Development Committee.

**MOTION: R. STEPHENS and SHAFFER**

That we recommend to Council that By-Law 2020-07, being a bylaw to appoint a drainage superintendent, be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

**MOTION: R. STEPHENS and SHAFFER**

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality accepts the Library Board Minutes of November 7, 2019 and December 5, 2019...carried.

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The committee reviewed the letter from Sharon Stephens and directed staff to respond.

**MOTION: D. STEPHENS and SHAFFER**

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of public concern;

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Central Manitoulin is supportive of a timely, seamless and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Municipality of Central Manitoulin would like to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility January 1, 2025;

AND THAT this decision is based on the rationale that our collection contract for Blue Box material expires December 31, 2024,

AND THAT the Municipality of Central Manitoulin would be interested in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms;

AND FURTHER THAT any questions regarding this resolution can be directed to Ruth Frawley CAO/Clerk at 705-377-5726 or centralm@amtelecom.net;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks... carried.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Councillor D. Stephens at 7:50 p.m.