

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 22, 2022

VIA: ZOOM

Attending: Chairperson Councillor Diebolt, Mayor R. Stephens, Councillors Scott, Shaffer, D. Stephens and Tribinevicius, along with the CAO/Clerk. There were three members of the public also present.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

That the agenda be approved with the addition of item 7.b. Letter from concerned citizens-Policing.....carried.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: Tribinevicius and R. Stephens

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Office and Administration Committee held on February 22, 2022 be approved.....carried.

There were no delegations.

Old Business: a. Assisted Living-no updates

b. Strategic Priorities – no updates

c. ZOOM meetings-it was the consensus that the Municipality continue with electronic meetings for the coming month and revisit the issue at the April committee meeting.

d. Staffing-CAO/Clerk Job Ad-the example provided was reviewed and the committee was in agreement with it.

-Climate Change Implementation Coordinator-Billings Twp. continues to want this position to be a permanent position in their municipality. Central Manitoulin still wants it to be a one- year contract. It was suggested by committee that when advertising the position that it state “ with the possibility for further employment.”

e. Acquisition of the water rights/attenuation zone for the Providence Bay Landfill has been completed.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius

That we recommend to Council that By-law 20-2022, being a By-law to authorize Vote by Mail for the 2022 Municipal election, be given its three readings and be duly passed..... carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality endorses the letter/petition from Concerned Citizens of Central Manitoulin regarding a request for a greater police presence in our area and a satellite detachment.....carried.

MOTION: Scott and D. Stephens

That we recommend to Council that the following resolution be approved:

Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and

Whereas the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and

Whereas one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of ‘joint and several liability,’ which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and

Whereas, the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of ‘joint and several liability;’ and

Whereas the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards;

Now therefore be it resolved that the MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN does hereby support AMO’s recommendations; and

Further be it resolved that the MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN does hereby call on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address “joint and several liability” before the end of the government’s current term so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

That we recommend to Council that the Donation report to March 18, 2022 be approved.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius

That we recommend to Council that the year to date financial report for the Office and Administration Committee ending February 28, 2022 be approved.....carried.

MOTION: Tribinevicius and Scott

That we now go in camera to consider the following:

- a. Municipal Act, Section 29 (3)(b) Ombudsman Act
- b. Municipal Act, Section 29 (2) (e) Slip and Fall – 2
- c. Municipal Act, Section 29 (2) (c) Big Lake School negotiations.....carried.

MOTION: Scott and R. Stephens

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. on a motion made by Councillor Scott.

