

Municipality of Central Manitoulin
Safety, Security and Health Committee
Teleconference Minutes
May 19th, 2020

Attending: Chairperson S. Shaffer, Mayor R. Stephens, Councillors R. Diebolt, D. Stephens, A. Johnston, D. Scott, Fire Chief J. Reid, R. McPherson, Chief Building Official & By-law Enforcement Officer, and staff person S. Bowerman.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: D. Stephens and R. Diebolt

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: D. Stephens and A. Johnston

That we recommend to Council, that the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Safety, Security and Health Committee held on March 19th, 2020 be approved as circulated.....carried.

There were no delegations.

There was no discussion regarding Strategic Plan Priorities.

The committee reviewed a letter from Manitoulin O.P.P. Constable Marie Ford, on behalf of the Manitoulin Injury Prevention Coalition. The letter was an update and thank you for the one-time, monetary donation towards Cannabis Education Awareness.

The committee reviewed an email update from Robert Smith, Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services, who is working with the local Community Safety and Wellness Committee on the plan. Because of COVID-19, the Province of Ontario has postponed the implementation dates. There is no action at this time, as the committee work has been put on hold.

The committee received correspondence from Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, regarding Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB). The letter outlines the postponement of the implementation date, as well as advising of new resources for municipalities to continue to work on their plans.

Chairperson S. Shaffer took a moment to thank all Municipal Staff and workers, at how well they have responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic Outbreak for the Municipality.

MOTION: D. Stephens and R. Stephens

That we recommend to Council to accept the Animal Control Reports from Jan, Feb, and March, 2020.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and A. Johnston

That we recommend to Council to accept to accept the CPAC (Community Policing Advisory Committee) minutes from March 11th, 2020.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and R. Diebolt

That we recommend to Council to accept the Municipal Emergency Control Group minutes of March 18th, 2020.....carried.

MOTION: R. Stephens and A. Johnston

That we recommend to Council to accept the Municipal Emergency Control Group minutes of May 4th, 2020.....carried.

The committee discussed a request from Dr. Shruti Sebastian, who is a Rural physician with the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team, as well as being an Associate Professor at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. The request was for a letter of support for a research project the School is working on entitled “ Co-creating Knowledge About Good Living During COVID-19: Building of First Nations and Rural Communities. CAO/ Clerk Ruth Frawley has already responded with a well written letter of support, which the committee accepted as information.

The committee accepted a letter of thank you from Lynn Foster, President & CEO, of the Manitoulin Health Centre, for a Council donation of \$1000.00, towards the MHC Ventilator Campaign. The fundraising goal was quickly achieved and that four ventilators have been ordered for the hospital. Staff will follow up on the “Tree of Life” program administered by the hospital as directed.

The Committee reviewed two updated draft By-Laws. R. McPherson, Chief Building Official & By-Law Enforcement Officer, was on hand to explain any updates and / or, revisions he had made to the By-Laws.

MOTION: D. Stephens and R. Diebolt

That we recommend to Council to give all three readings to By-Law # 2020-13 (A By-Law To Replace By-Law 2002-26) Being A By-Law To Prohibit and Regulate Noise.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and R. Diebolt

That we recommend to Council to give all three readings to By-Law # 2020-14 (A By-Law To Replace By-Law 2002-25) Being A By-Law To Provide For The Regulation Of Open-Air Burning And Precautions To Be Taken While Burning, on condition that section 5.3 (regarding camp fire size) is changed from 66 cm., to a residential Fire Pit size cannot exceed 48 inches (122 cm) in size, a non-residential Fire Pit cannot exceed 26 inches (66 cm)carried.

Mayor Stephens gave a verbal update on the Manitoulin Municipal Association to the committee. Mayor Stephens has been attending meetings with other Mayors, Reeve's and Chiefs of Manitoulin. This committee started out with 8 members but has now grown to 16 members. The goal of the Committee is to achieve dialogue between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous leadership, to find Island wide solutions, for Island wide problems, to protect the health and safety of all Manitoulin residents.

Mayor Stephens also thanked Councillor Shaffer for a letter he had posted on Facebook, regarding Municipal Council declaring an emergency. Mayor Stephens said the letter was well written and clearly stated the facts.

Fire Chief John Reid gave a Fire Report. It has been quiet for the Fire Department, only having to respond to a couple of incidents, one on Britainville Rd, and one on Hwy 542, both in Spring Bay. Currently one truck is out of commission, the 1979 International Truck – from the Providence Bay Station. The part is coming from the United States and could be a while. The fire department has not been doing any training because of COVID-19.

MOTION: D. Stephens and A. Johnston

That we recommend to Council to accept the Fire Chief's Report for the months of March and April 2020.carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and R. Stephens

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality approves the year to date financial report ending March 31st, 2020 for the Safety, Security, & Health Committee as presented.....carried.

MOTION: D. Stephens and R. Diebolt

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality approves the year to date financial report ending April 30th, 2020 for the Safety, Security, & Health Committee as presented.....carried.

The meeting was adjourned by D. Stephens at 2:46 p.m.