

Municipality of Central Manitoulin

COUNCIL AGENDA: THURSDAY – March 24, 2022

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Declarations of pecuniary interest.
3. Approval of previous Council minutes: March 10, 2022
4. Delegations and petitions:
5. Committee and other Reports:
 - a. Safety, Security and Health Committee-March 15, 2022

MOTION: R. Stephens & D. Stephens

That we recommend to Council that the Provincial Offence Act letter from February 18th, 2022, be approved and further that we pay our share of the deficit...carried

MOTION: R. Stephens & S. Shaffer

That we recommend to Council that the Project Lifesaver Program be accepted in principle....carried.

MOTION: A. Johnston and R. Diebolt

That we recommend to Council that the Year-to-Date financial report ending February 28th 2022, for the Safety, Security and Health Committee be approved...carried.

- b. Finance and Economic Development Committee-March 17/22

MOTION: R. STEPHENS and SCOTT

That we recommend to Council to void the contract with Manitoulin Timber Frames for the Lych gate project based on an unexpected increase in cost projections...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and R. STEPHENS

That we recommend to Council to approve the year-to-date financial report ending February 28, 2022 for the Finance and Economic Development Committee...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and R. STEPHENS

That we recommend to Council to approve the cheque register for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$609,188.30...carried.

MOTION: TRIBINEVICIUS and R. STEPHENS

That we recommend to Council to pass the following motion:

Whereas the Town of Gore Bay on behalf of the Board of Management known as the District of Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act (POA} Management Board has entered into an agreement with the Attorney General of Ontario to oversee the administration and prosecution relating to proceedings commenced under Parts I and II of the POA Act and the administration of Part III;

And whereas the cost of providing the service has outpaced the revenue generated from the services provided;

And whereas downward trends occurring in the balance between revenue and expenses stem from ongoing systemic issues in the tickets and court processes that were becoming evident prior to the advent of COVID-19 issues;

And whereas the administration and prosecution of Provincial Offences is a Provincial responsibility that should not be subsidized by the municipalities through local property taxation;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin petitions the Province of Ontario to adequately fund the operation the POA and reimburse the Board of Management for current and past deficits.....carried.

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c. Office and Administration Committee -March 22, 2022

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.

6. Unfinished Business:
7. Communication:
8. New Business:
9. Financial Business:
10. In Camera:
11. Confirming By-law
12. Adjournment.