

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Via: ZOOM

Attending: Mayor R. Stephens, Councillors Diebolt, Johnston, Scott, Shaffer, D. Stephens, Tribinevicius, along with the CAO/Clerk, one member of the press and three members of the public.

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

80-2022 MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

81-2022 MOTION: Shaffer and Diebolt

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held on March 10, 2022 be approved.....carried.

There were no delegations/petitions.

82-2022 MOTION: D. Stephens and Shaffer

That Council approves the Provincial Offence Act letter from February 18th, 2022, and further that we pay our share of the projected 2022 deficit of \$ 3,715.69.....carried.

83-2022 MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

That Council accepts in principle the Ontario Provincial Police Project Lifesaver Programcarried.

84-2022 MOTION: Shaffer and Diebolt

That Council approves the Year-to-Date financial report ending February 28th 2022, for the Safety, Security and Health Committeecarried.

85-2022 MOTION: Scott and Tribinevicius

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

86-2022 MOTION: Tribinevicius and Scott

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

87-2022 MOTION: Diebolt and Johnston

That Council approves the cheque register for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$609,188.30.....carried.

88-2022 MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

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 of the POA and reimburse the Board of Management for current and past deficits.....carried.

89-2022 MOTION: Shaffer and Johnston

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.

90-2022 MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

That Council 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.

91-2022 MOTION: Scott and D. Stephens

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.

92-2022 MOTION: Diebolt and Shaffer

That Council approves the Donation financial report to March 18, 2022carried.

93-2022 MOTION: Tribinevicius and D. Stephens

That Council approves the year-to-date financial report for the Office and Administration Committee ending February 28, 2022carried.

94-2022 MOTION: Shaffer and Scott

That any action taken at tonight’s meeting which may require a by-law be so authorized by Council.....carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on motion made by Councillor Scott.

MAYOR

CLERK

I, _____, Clerk of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Clerk

