

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 22, 2020

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

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

251-2020 MOTION: Scott and Diebolt

That the agenda be approved with the addition of item 8.a. Court closure in Gore Bay.....carried.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

252-2020 MOTION: Tribinevicius and D. Stephens

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held on October 8, 2020 be approved.....carried.

253-2020 MOTION: Scott and D. Stephens

That Council accepts the resignation of the Chair of the Climate Action Committee (CAC) Jan McQuay and directs the CAC that the new Chair be chosen from among the current members.....carried.

254-2020 MOTION: Tribinevicius and Shaffer

That Council approves that the Municipality advertise for an additional part time/temporary (20-25hr/week) Arena worker for the winter season to start as soon as **possible**...carried.

255-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

That Council approves that adult hockey be allowed a 30-minute dressing and 30-minute undressing time in the change rooms and that the public showers in the Providence Bay arena be disconnected...carried.

256-2020 MOTION: Johnston and Diebolt

That we recommend to Council that skating schedule be set as follows:

Mindemoya

Public Skating - 2-hour block on Saturday

Providence Bay

Public Skating - 2-hour block on Sunday

Moms and Tots – 1-hour block on Sunday

Either in Mindemoya or Providence Bay – an extra 2-hour block-Public Skating - provided it can be successfully scheduled during a week - day.

and further that the arena doors be open for only the first 45 minutes, and further that Providence Bay Arena be closed on Monday and the Mindemoya Arena be closed on Sunday.....carried.

257-2020 MOTION: Scott and D. Stephens

That Council advertize for community members to sit on the Central Manitoulin Recreation Infrastructure Committee to help determine and direct how Municipal Recreation Infrastructure will be developed.....carried.

Staff was asked to advertize for new members for the Providence Bay Community Centre Board also.

258-2020 MOTION: Tribinevicius and Johnston

That Council approves the year to date financial report ending September 30, 2020 for the Property Committee as presented...carried.

259-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Shaffer

That Council approves the following motion:

WHEREAS community social and economic well-being is dependent on fast, reliable, and affordable broadband connectivity and better cellular coverage;

AND WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as healthcare, education and other sectors will continue to depend on the internet to communicate, provide services and ensure accessibility to information;

AND WHEREAS digital literacy skills are essential to collaborate, innovate, and compete both regionally and globally and require appropriate and affordable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the availability of broadband that is on par with larger, urban areas in Canada is essential for Northern Ontario to achieve economic sustainability and social well-being;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the internet be designated as an essential service and those efforts are undertaken to ensure all municipalities have access to affordable, fast, and reliable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) agreed that an option to explore and hopefully support would be the Starlink Program, by SpaceX.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Central Manitoulin agrees that that Broadband is an essential service, and that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) should allow SpaceX and other private ventures to compete with those presently acting in the communication field, as they have the private financial ability to move forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Science, Innovation, and Economic Development, the Provincial Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.....carried.

260-2020 MOTION: Shaffer and Tribinevicius

That Council approves the year to date financial report ending September 30, 2020 for the Finance and Economic Development Committee.....carried.

261-2020 MOTION: Stephens and Scott

That Council approves the cheque register for the month of September 2020 in the amount of \$1,308,937.53.....carried.

262-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius

That Council supports the COOP 2021 Aerial Imagery program and to provide the MNRF with a Letter of Intent to participatecarried.

263-2020 MOTION: Johnston and Shaffer

That Council authorizes proceeding with the purchase of 4 "Neighbourhood Watch" signs at the lowest cost, provided the signs are an acceptable quality approved by the Roads Superintendentcarried.

264-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Shaffer

That Council accepts the 2021 O.P.P. Annual Billing Statement.....carried.

265-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Johnston

That Council approves proceeding with the Vulnerable Persons Registry, and further enter into any agreements applicable to this program.carried.

266-2020 MOTION: Shaffer and D. Stephens

That Council accepts the Manitoulin Island Clinician and Recruitment & Retention Committee Meeting minutes of September 23rd, 2020, and attached financial statements for March 31st, 2020 and August 31st, 2020.....carried.

267-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Johnston

That Council approves the year to date financial report for the Safety, Security and Health Committee covering the period ending September 30th, 2020.....carried.

268-2020 MOTION: Scott and D. Stephens

That Council strongly opposes any closures of Courts on Manitoulin Island for whatever reason and further that a letter of protest be forwarded to the Solicitor General and that it be forwarded to all appropriate MPP's and agencies.....carried.

269-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott

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

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Councillor Scott at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor - Richard Stephens

Clerk – Ruth Frawley

I, _____, Clerk of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of a meeting of Council held on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

Clerk