



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - March 09, 2023 Via: ZOOM

Attending: Mayor R. Stephens, Councillors Bisaillon, Diebolt, Farquhar, Mitchell, Scott and D. Stephens, along with the CAO/Clerk and four members of the public.

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

062-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND MITCHELL

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

063-2023 MOTION: SCOTT AND BISAILLON

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held on February 23, 2023 be approved...carried.

064-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND SCOTT

That Council approves that the Events Coordinator position be set to a 2-year part time (21hr/week) contract employee...carried.

065-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND BISAILLON

That Council supports the following resolution 45-23 by the Municipality of Shuniah and directs that it also be sent to Michael Mantha, MPP:

THAT Council support the resolution put forward by the Town of Cobourg and the Municipality of Greenstone;

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has enacted Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will initially apply to the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa but, according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference, will later be expanded to include other municipalities;

AND WHEREAS this will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will not take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. THAT these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah; and
2. THAT is the Ontario Government if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and
3. THAT the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and

4. THAT if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario...carried.

066-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND MITCHELL

That By-law 2023-08, being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk be given its three readings and be duly passed ...carried.

067-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND BISAILLON

That Council accepts the letters from the Township of Billings, the Township of Tehkummah and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands regarding the request to accept municipal waste from Central Manitoulin on a temporary basis...carried.

068-2023 MOTION: MITCHELL AND SCOTT

That Council approves the year-to-date financial report ending February 28, 2023 for the Water, Waste and Education Committee as presented ...carried.

069-2023 MOTION: SCOTT AND D. STEPHENS

That Council accepts the OCWA email response dated February 03, 2023 regarding the MOECP inspection report of the Mindemoya Water Treatment Plant ...carried.

070-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND FARQUHAR

That Council accepts the MOECP Inspection Rating Report for the Mindemoya Water Treatment Plant ...carried.

071-2023 MOTION: BISAILLON AND SCOTT

That Council accepts the 2022 Mindemoya Water Treatment Facility Summary Report as submitted by OCWA ...carried.

072-2023 MOTION: BISAILLON AND MITCHELL

That Council appoints M. Collins to the Library Board ...carried.

073-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND MITCHELL

That Council accepts the Library Board minutes dated November 24, 2022 and January 17, 2023...carried.

074-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND BISAILLON

That all closed proceedings be recorded...carried.

075-2023 MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND MITCHELL

That By-law 2023-09, being a By-law to amend the official plan for the District of Manitoulin be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

076-2023 MOTION: SCOTT AND D. STEPHENS

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 7:34 p.m. on motion made by Councillor Scott

MAYOR – Richard Stephens

CAO/CLERK – Denise Deforge

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 09, 2023.

Clerk