

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES – February 28, 2023**

A video meeting of the Office and Administration Committee was held on February 28, 2023 with the following in attendance:

Deputy Chair Councillor Scott, Mayor R. Stephens, Councilor's Bisailon, Diebolt, Farquhar, Mitchell, and D. Stephens, CAO/Clerk D. Deforge and 3 members of the public and one member of the press.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND BISAILLON

That the agenda be approved with following change:

Deletion

10 a ii Fire Chief

10 a iii Fire Department

Addition

10 a ii Treasurer...carried.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: R. STEPHENS AND BISAILLON

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Office and Administration Committee held on January 24,2023 be approved...carried.

There was no update for the following items:

- Assisted Living
- Providence Bay Post Office

The committee discussed the Events Coordinator position.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and SCOTT

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

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND BISAILLON

That we recommend to Council to support the following resolution 45-23 by the Municipality of Shuniah:

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 a 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 Premiere 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 COA, 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.

There were no donations in the month of January.

There was no financial report for the month of January.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and R. STEPHENS

That we now go in camera to consider an issue under section 239 (2) d of the Municipal Act...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and SCOTT

That we now come out of in camera...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS and BISAILLON

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m. on a motion made by Councillor Scott.