

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 27, 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 Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**38-2020 MOTION: Scott and Tribinevicius**

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**39-2020 MOTION: Tribinevicius and Johnston**

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held on February 13, 2020 be approved.....carried.

There were no delegations or petitions.

**40-2020 MOTION: Scott and Tribinevicius**

That Council designates as a Community Festival event Central Manitoulin Lions Club “Taste of Homecoming” to be held July 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2020 in Mindemoya and further that Mindemoya “B” ball field be included as an allowable space under the Municipal Alcohol Policy for alcohol consumption for this event.....carried.

**41-2020 MOTION: Tribinevicius and D. Stephens**

That Council accepts the minutes of the Joint Health and Safety Committee from February 5th, 2020 ...carried.

**42-2020 MOTION: Tribinevicius and Diebolt**

That Council accepts the minutes from the Community Policing Advisory Committee Meeting from January 8th, 2020 .....carried.

**43-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Shaffer**

That Council approves the request of the Community Policing Advisory Committee to provide up to \$100/year to provide secretarial services to the Committee and further that the Municipality offer to collect and distribute any funds received from other municipalities..... carried.

**44-2020 MOTION: Shaffer and D. Stephens**

That Council accepts the letter from Emergency Management Ontario that states that the Municipality is in compliance with Emergency Planning for 2019.....carried.

**45-2020 MOTION: Shaffer and D. Stephens**

That Council accepts David Barnes’ applications to the Central Manitoulin Volunteer Fire Department.....carried.

**46-20 MOTION: Scott and Diebolt**

That Council approve the following:

Whereas access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development and;

Whereas communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing Internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain and;

Whereas we believe future ICT infrastructure investment in our community would benefit from a holistic model that takes into account the connectivity needs of regional community partnerships rather than just one community and;

Whereas this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs' analysis conducted by Blue Sky Net, a publicly funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and data-based mapping tool- (BAIMAP-- Broadband and Associated Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project) and;

Whereas from the analysis and public consultation Blue Sky Net will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps based on access to the closest ICT infrastructure like fiber or other existing network infrastructure and;

Whereas once we determine priority areas, we propose establishing three classes of gaps;

- 1) gaps in fiber/backbone infrastructure,
- 2) gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and
- 3) gaps in access in remote/very isolated area, and;

Whereas the Federal and Provincial governments are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require this in-depth information, we would propose;

Now Therefore be it resolved that, the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports Blue Sky Net leading a steering committee to which a representative from Central Manitoulin will be appointed and that Blue Sky Net work with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement and further that Councillor A. Tribinevicius be appointed to this steering committee to represent the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.....carried.

**47-2020 MOTION: Shaffer and Tribinevicius**

That Council approves the cheque register for the month of January 2020 in the amount of \$438,490.84...carried.

**48-2020 MOTION: Scott and D. Stephens**

That By-Law 2020-01, being a bylaw to authorize municipal borrowing for 2020, be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

**49-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott**

That By-Law 2020-02, being a bylaw to provide for the 2020 interim tax levy, be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

**50-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Diebolt**

That By-Law 2020-03, being a bylaw to allow for tax capping for 2020, be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

**51-2020 MOTION: Scott and D. Stephens**

That By-Law 2020-04, being a bylaw to establish 2020 Water and Sewer Rates for the Town of Mindemoya, be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

**52-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Shaffer**

That Council approves the Health and Safety Coordinator position be renewed for a one -year term, until April 2021.....carried.

**53-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Scott**

That Council approves Mayor R. Stephens and Councillor Diebolt attending the 2020 FONOM conference in Timmins, being held on May 13th to 15th, 2020.....carried.

**54-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Shaffer**

That Council approves the Municipality donating \$1,000.00 to the Angel Bus fund raising campaign for 2020.....carried.

**55-2020 MOTION: Scott and Johnston**

That Council approves the Municipality donating \$ 100.00 to the Manitoulin Secondary School Robotics Team and further that we request a presentation from representatives of team for the next Office and Administration committee meeting.....carried.

**56-2020 MOTION: Diebolt and D. Stephens**

That Council approves the Municipality donating \$250.00 to the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association to support the 26th Annual Manitoulin Art Tour to be held on July 17th, 18th and 19th, 2020.....carried.

**57-2020 MOTION: D. Stephens and Tribinevicius**

That Council approves the Municipality donating \$550.00 to the Send a Kid to Camp 2020 annual fundraising campaign.....carried.

**58-2020 MOTION: Scott and Shaffer**

That Council approves the donation record up to February 21, 2020 .....carried.

**59-2020 MOTION: Johnston and Tribinevicius**

That Council approves the year to date financial report ending December 31, 2019 for the Office and Administration Committee.....carried.

Councillor Scott read the following statement:

Sometime in the first week of February 2020 I was made aware of an inflammatory issue between a local business owner, a member of his staff and Mr. George Strain, municipal maintenance supervisor. I took this information as reliable and trustworthy.

I proceeded to contact the business owner in confidence, to see if I could be of help in de-escalating this issue. I listened to the transaction of events according to the business owner and offered different options that he could avail himself with, to find a satisfactory conclusion to the occurrences.

During the days that followed, this issue became public through hearsay and speculation. I am sorry that Mr. George Strain’s name became a topic of these events and as such his name and reputation may have been besmirched.

My sincere apology to Mr. George Strain if my actions have caused any undesired repercussions.

Signed.

Wm. Dale Scott

Councillor D. Stephens requested a recorded vote on the following motion.

**60-2020 MOTION: Scott and Tribinevicius**

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin ( MCM ) supports the Manitoulin Tourist Information Centre ( MTIC ) inter- municipal agreement between the participating Municipalities/Townships, the Town of Gore Bay and the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.....**failed.**

Yea: Scott  
R. Stephens  
Johnston

Nay: Tribinevicius  
Shaffer  
Diebolt  
D. Stephens

**61-2020 MOTION: Shaffer and Tribinevicius**

That any action taken at tonight'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 8:35 p.m.

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Mayor – Richard Stephens

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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, February 27, 2020.

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Clerk