

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

Office and Administration Committee – June 25, 2019

Attending: Chairperson Councillor Farquhar, Mayor Richard Stephens, Councillors Johnston, Scott, Shaffer and D. Stephens, along with the CAO/Clerk, two members of the press, four guests and 22 members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION: R. Stephens and Scott**

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**MOTION: Tribinevicius and Scott**

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Office and Administration Committee held on May 28, 2019 be approved...carried.

Robert Barnett, representing the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC), next addressed the Committee. Mr. Barnett gave the background of the EBC and their wish to acquire Wagg's Woods from the Municipality. He stated that there are three options, in order of preference: a. EBC acquire title (with covenants) b. Conservation Easement c. Lease Agreement.

Jan McQuay, next addressed the Committee, expressing her concerns with the Municipality's continued ownership of Wagg's Woods and her wish that the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy take over the property.

Gail Meehan spoke next about her family's relationship to the Woods and the concerns that she has with the Municipality continued ownership of it. Ms. Meehan stated that her family would prefer to see Wagg's Woods be turned over to the EBC.

Wayne Legge, representing Manitoulin Chrysler, next spoke to Committee members. He would like to see Wagg's Woods remain in the Municipality's name.

The Chairperson thanked all in attendance and said there would not be a decision made today.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Assisted Living-The CAO updated the Committee on a conversation with Tony Nutt of Build North in which he discussed his continued desire to carry out an Assisted Living project in Mindemoya in collaboration with Autumn Wood.
- b. Strategic priorities were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The District Services Board survey was reviewed and completed regarding Affordable Housing.

**MOTION: Tribinevicius and Scott**

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality accept and sign off on the 2019-2024 Conservation and Demand Management Plan...carried.

**MOTION: Tribinevicius and Scott**

That we accept a letter from Jan McQuay regarding the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy desire to acquire Wagg's Woods, for information...carried.

**MOTION: Tribinevicius and Scott**

That we accept an email from Lynn and Blair Quesnel regarding the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy desire to acquire Wagg's Woods, for information...carried.

**MOTION: Tribinevicius and R. Stephens**

The we accept an email from Cynthia Townsend regarding her support of the Mayor's initiative to reduce the size of Council...carried.

**MOTION: Johnston and R. Stephens**

That we recommend to Council that the Donation record up to June 21, 2019 be approved...carried.

**MOTION: Scott and R. Stephens**

That we recommend to Council that the year to date financial report for the Office and Administration Committee ending May 31, 2018 be approved...carried.

**MOTION: Scott and R. Stephens**

That we now go in camera to discuss a staffing issue under the Municipal Act, Section 239 (2) b....carried.

**MOTION: R. Stephens and Scott**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. on a motion made by Councillor Scott.