

Minutes - Finance and Administration Committee



MEETING DATE: February 17, 2009, 2:00 pm
LOCATION: The Blue Mountains Committee Room
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Call to Order

Chair Gamble called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.

Also in attendance was CAO Paul Graham, Director of Financial Services Rob Cummings, Deputy Treasurer Liz Thompson, Communications and Economic Development Director Lisa Kidd and Director of Building and By-law Enforcement David Finbow.

The Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT the Agenda of February 17, 2009 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, unanimous, Carried.

The Clerk noted Staff Report FIS.09.09, "Building Canada Fund – Unsuccessful Application" would be considered as an addition to the Agenda, Item C.12.

No member present declared a potential pecuniary Interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda

The Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of December 16, 2008 and Special Committee of the Whole meetings of December 4, 2008 and January 6, 8, 13 and 15, 2009 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made, unanimous, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations

None

C. Staff Reports

C.11 Community for Youth Coalition Teen Dance Funding, A.09.01

The Committee then concurred to hear Agenda Item C.11 first as Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Lisa Kidd had to retire early for a medical appointment.

Lisa then reviewed the Report, noting the grant funding in the amount of \$678.30 could come from the Grants and Donations program, adding \$85,000 was currently budgeted with \$152,000 in total requests having been received.

Chair Gamble then questioned if the event was to be run by an organization, Lisa noting the Community for Youth Coalition operated a similar event in late 2007.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report A.09.01, "Community for Youth Coalition Teen Dance Funding";

AND THAT Council authorize grant funding in the amount of \$678.30 in support of the March 13, 2009 Coalition teen dance event.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor McGee noted the differing amounts of funds available for Grants and Donations and funds requested to date and is the Committee considering the full amount requested in this case, Lisa replying that is the Recommendation but it is up to the Committee how it is be funded.

The Committee then voted on the Recommendation, Carried.

C.1 Monthly Financial Reports – January, 2009, FIS.09.07

Director of Financial and Information Services Rob Cummings then reviewed the Report, noting the first Report in 2009 does not yet feature any supplemental assessment.

Rob then noted interest income will be reduced in 2009, with 2009 Landfill revenues above Budget projections, Building revenue down 10%.

Councillor McGee then questioned value and revenue for Building permits to date, David clarifying one Permit with a value of \$3 million was issued in 2009 with review and revenue collected in 2008.

John then requested interdepartmental transfers be shown on a more regular basis, Rob replying that was possible.

Chair Gamble then questioned cemetery revenue so early in 2009, Rob replying it would have been a portion of 2008 revenue received in 2009.

C.4 Parking on Privately Owned Lands, SRB.09.01

Director of Building and By-law Enforcement David Finbow then reviewed the Report, noting the property manager of Grey Condo Corp 18 has requested the delegation of parking enforcement for the lands.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council enact an amendment to By-law No. 2008-92, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, so as to appoint additional persons as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purposes of enforcing specific parking related by-laws of the municipality at Grey Condominium Corporation No. 18 (Chateau Ridge), unanimous, Carried.

C.5 Draft Noise By-law, SRB.09.02

David then reviewed the Report, noting it was intended to provide the status of the draft Noise By-law review.

David then noted there needs to be more work done on detailing and clarifying exemptions noted to the By-law, with industrial uses continuing to be reviewed.

David then noted Council and Staff are invited to submit comments on the By-law.

David noted it is intended to have the By-law comply with Ministry of Environment publication NPC-205, addressing stationary noise sources in Class 1 and 2 areas.

Chair Gamble then noted a reference to domestic noise sources including mechanized toys limited to 7:00 pm, with perhaps 9:00 pm more reasonable.

Councillor Martin then questioned Schedule “B” and listed exemptions, David noting it is proposed to exempt certain areas other than between 11:00 pm and 8:00 am, Michael noting this could be clarified.

David noted he was continuing to review the By-law for any contradictory positions.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive Staff Report SRB.09.02 respecting Draft Noise By-law comments received during the public consultation process, Carried.

C.7 Draft Fortification By-law, SRB.09.04

David then reviewed the Report, noting the present lack of such a By-law was identified as an outstanding issue by By-law Enforcement, adding the matter was not an issue at present although the By-law was supported by The Blue Mountains OPP.

Councillor McGee then questioned reference to an observation tower being included, David to review.

Councillor Martin then questioned if any municipalities had convictions from such By-law, David noting the City of Toronto had such a By-law and the draft By-law was prepared by the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers of Ontario, CAO Paul Graham noting the Region of Sudbury may well have such a By-law.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council enact a By-law so as to regulate the fortification of land and to prohibit excessive fortification of land and to prohibit the application of excessive protective elements to land within the municipality, unanimous, Carried.

C.8 Draft Property Standards By-law, SRB.09.05

David then reviewed the Report, noting the proposed By-law is expanded in scope from present to include interior of residences arising from the review of Short Term Accommodation uses where it will be expected by the travelling public that such uses have been inspected if they represent a permitted use.

David further noted a more extensive Property Standards By-law would be part and parcel of any STA licencing regime.

David then noted it was proposed the revised Property Standards By-law would extend from the current area of regulation into the rural Hamlet areas but would not apply to Agricultural Zones where the Ontario Building Code would apply to any building or structure that is utilized or occupied.

Councillor McKean then noted he did not believe there were any unsafe homes or barns within existing Hamlet designation areas.

Councillor Martin then noted the By-law could apply to the whole Town with certain areas or uses exempted, rather than attempt to define areas where it would apply.

F. Next Meeting Date

March 17, 2009, 2:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

G. Adjournment

As there was nothing before the Chair the Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Michael Martin

That this meeting do now adjourn to meet again March 17, 2009, 2:00 pm or at the call of the Chair, Carried.