

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: November 15, 2005
LOCATION: The Blue Mountains Council Chamber
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Recommendations

THAT this Committee recommends:

1. THAT this Committee does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report CAO.05.37 and further does support the Recommendation contained therein, being that Council does take on the lead sponsorship role of the 2006 AMCTO Conference located in the Town of The Blue Mountains by sponsoring the main banquet, with a donation of \$5,000.00.
2. THAT this Committee does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report CAO.05.38 and further does support the Recommendation contained therein, being that this Committee and Council approve the following proposals and forwards the following recommendations to the Library Board for serious consideration and report back by December 31, 2005:
 1. Increase the number of opening hours per week by approximately 10% to reflect standards in similar libraries; and
 2. Establish staffing guidelines so that only 4 full time staff positions (at 40 hours per week) exist based on current service levels and that further staff increases be in the form of casual or student employees.
3. THAT this Committee does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report FD.05.09 and further does support the Recommendation contained therein, being that if JEPP funds are unavailable again for the year 2006 it is recommended that Council will authorize moving forward in partnership with the Town of Collingwood to purchase the Marine Rescue Unit through the Capital Budget, subject to final budget approval.
4. THAT this Committee does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report FD.05.10 and further does support the Recommendation contained therein, being that if JEPP funds are unavailable again for the year 2006 it is recommended that Council will authorize the purchase of the Portable Heavy Hydraulic Extrication Equipment through the Capital Budget, subject to final budget approval.
5. THAT this Committee does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report FD.05.12 and further does support the Recommendation contained therein, being that Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Agreement with the Town of Collingwood to rescind a previous Agreement and to detail the terms and conditions under which both municipalities will have the ability to share their aerial trucks with no monetary value attached to such use.

6. THAT this Committee does hereby receive and adopt Staff Report A.05.30 and further does support the Recommendation contained therein, being this Committee recommends that Council approve an Enterprise-Bulletin Community Page (weekly Town business half page with The Blue Mountains news coverage committed to the other half page) at a cost of \$488.00 per week for the next 52 weeks for publication in the Friday Enterprise-Bulletin and E-B This Week in addition to the Courier-Herald Community Page.

7. THAT this Committee recommends purchase of a full page, four colour ad in the "Georgian Triangle See and Do Visitor Guide 2006" at a cost of \$3,894.40 including GST as was done in 2004 for 2005 publication; and

THAT this Committee recommends purchase of a 1/4 page, additional colour ad in the "Ontario Bluewater Visitor Guide" at a cost of \$372.00 plus GST, reduced from the 2005 publication; and

THAT this Committee recommends purchase of a 1/4 page, colour ad in the "Grey Bruce Escape Tourism Magazine" at a cost of \$805.00 plus GST as was done in 2004 for 2005 publication;

It being further recommended a comprehensive advertising review and strategy be completed for future purchase of advertising in tourist and lifestyle publications.

B. Staff Reports

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| 1. C.1 Support for AMTO Conference , Staff Report CAO.05.37 | DC |
| 2. C.2 Library Staffing Staff Report CAO.05.38 | DC |
| 3. C.3 JEPP Applications , Staff Report FD.05.09, Marine Unit | RD |
| 4. C.4 JEPP Applications , Staff Report FD.05.10, Extrication Unit | RD |
| 5. C.5 Reciprocal Ladder Truck Agreement | RD |
| 6. C.6 Community Advertising , Staff Report A.05.30 | SK |

C. Background

None

D. Deputations/Presentations

None

E. Next Meeting Date

December 20, 2005, 2:00 pm, The Blue Mountains Council Chamber