



had essentially balanced out over the ten year period from 2000 to 2009, adding Department expenses had reduced by \$120,000 from 2007.

Councillor McGee then questioned if a break-even period was forecast, David replying he did not see it in 2010 or 2011, with an increase in revenue more likely in 2012.

David then noted it was important to retain a qualified workforce.

Chair Gamble then noted there was an accumulated deficit in Building and Cemetery of almost \$1 million and questioned how Staff might address it. Rob replied a deficit is expected in 2010 and the accumulated deficit may turn around in four to five years and any deficit remaining could be addressed at that time, adding Council could direct Staff to address the deficit earlier.

Bob then stated Council perhaps we did not manage the deficit as well as it could have been and perhaps the Committee could have a Staff Report for the next meeting so as to be able to address any questions on the matter, Rob replying a Report would be prepared.

David then noted the Town must operate a Building Code Program and the current Program is operated at 2003 service levels and Council could review the service levels, cautioning risk would increase with reduced staff levels in the office.

David further noted Council could direct that Staff not be available in the office for questions from the public.

Chair Gamble then noted concern with a legacy deficit in operating costs for future Councils and questioned at what point is the deficit placed on taxation or are revenues increased to address the deficit.

Councillor McKean then questioned if service levels were the same as during peak years, David replying staffing has been reduced and adjusted down to 3.5 employees.

Chair Gamble then noted concern with the general Budget deficit including the new Town Hall project, David noting interfunctional transfers have increase significantly over the last four years.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by: John McKean



Regarding the BVAA figure skating request for a one day rental subsidy for the Skating Carnival, Shawn noted minor figure skating and hockey traditionally received one free day each year.

Councillor McGee then questioned the original BVAA subsidy figure as well as the additional requests, Shawn noting all BVAA rental hours are shown at the 65% rate for 2010. Shawn further noted the \$38,000 subsidy is based on project hours of use including figure skating, John proposing the Carnival day be shown as zero hours, the Committee concurring.

Shawn then noted soccer was included in the 35% subsidy and shows as zero.

Regarding the BV Concert Society, a Society member spoke in support of the Society and its work in the Town. It was noted it was proposed to bring an operatic choir to Town in 2010, being the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society and it was hoped to increase membership to past levels.

Councillor McGee then questioned where concerts are presented, it being noted the one venue used is the Grace United Church, four events per year. It was further noted the \$5,000 request was based on bringing six singers and an accompanist and providing support, lodging and hall rental.

Councillor McGee then noted he could support a grant at the 2009 level of \$500, Councillor McKean concurring.

Liz then provided a breakdown of the BV Outreach request and costs of each event, a mix of grant, subsidy and in-kind support. Councillor McKean then questioned the total request, Liz replying \$11,886 with a request that some rental fees be considered in-kind.

Councillor McGee then noted if the Committee was more consistent in the 35% rental subsidy it would be easier, adding BVO was a significant supplier of social services in the Town.

Liz then noted a 35% subsidy would be \$2,530 in rental fees, with a 45,000 Emergency Services grant and in-kind radio advertising, Councillor McGee noting the Committee could at least consider the 2009 support of \$9,150, Councillor McKean proposing \$10,500, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the BV Pre-school, the applicant noted it is a non-profit organization and ran summer programs as well, it being further noted an additional room is required and programs for infant care are increasing in demand.

Councillor McGee then questioned if the application was one-time for the addition, it being noted yes, the facility built in 2005.

Councillor McKean then questioned if the operation was in competition with other area day cares, the applicant replying yes but all offer varying programs and styles of daycare.

Chair Gamble then questioned who owned the facility, the applicant replying they own the building and pay a nominal rent to the Bluewater District School Board. Bob then noted a \$25,000 request was significant and questioned if there were other government programs that might assist in funding.

Councillor McKean then noted the project was worthwhile but he could not consider public tax monies for an addition to a privately owned building.

Councillor McGee then noted he did not believe it was the kind of project that Grants and Donations would apply to, for example, the request for support for a medical clinic and perhaps this should be directed to Council, Chair Gamble confirming no support for the application at the Committee.

Liz then reviewed a breakdown of the \$20,450 request from The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce.

Chair Gamble then questioned status of the Clarksburg sesquicentennial celebration, Linda Wykes confirming it was under a separate application. Bob then noted the request was increased from 2009 and was the Information Centre going to continue to operate, Linda noting there will be a new proposal for that service, adding there was a snowplowing cost of \$2,500 since the OPP moved from the Centre and the Town stopped clearing the snow.

Councillor McKean then questioned if there was a staffing cost included, Liz noting \$7,800 for part-time staff, Linda noting this was intended for economic development and sustainability efforts to be partnered with the Town.

Bob then noted any grants have to benefit 100% of the community, noting support for the Jazz by the Bay program and publishing of the Community Calendar and proposed support at the 2009 funding level, John McKean proposing \$13,000, John McGee concurring.

Bob then noted Town Parks Staff may be able to plow the parking area to allow access to the Georgian Trail, John McKean noting it was still a cost.

Liz then questioned if this support was specific or for general purposes, Bob noting it was just a grant.

Regarding the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, Bob noted concern with workshops offered by the Trust with two in Thornbury in 2009 with a contribution and several in Collingwood who do not contribute and proposed \$500. John McGee then questioned if this is an activity that Conservation Authorities should

offer, John McKean replying the NVCA offers excellent workshops and proposed zero funding, John McGee concurring.

Regarding Breaking Down Barriers, the Committee concurred to retain 2009 level funding.

Regarding Relay for Life, John McGee noted he would support the standard 35% subsidy, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Clarksburg Business Association, Linda Wykes reviewed the various events planned for the sesquicentennial celebration, Debbie Crosskill adding an expanded Canada Day parade is planned linking Thornbury and Clarksburg.

Councillor McGee then questioned the banners and flower baskets in Thornbury, Shawn replying the BIA purchased banners and 50% of the flower baskets in 2009 and paid for watering, adding the Town watered in Clarksburg but does not pay for flowers.

John McGee then questioned if the costs for each area would be comparable, Shawn noting it could be reviewed, adding the BIA used to pay for 100% of the flowers as well as watering, adding Clarksburg residents maintain the baskets on the bridge.

Bob then noted perhaps a one time increase above 2009 could be considered for the sesquicentennial, John McKean recommending the matter be set aside after the other requests have been considered.

Regarding the Duncan Community Centre, Bob noted the Town received no assistance with Heathcote Hall maintenance or demolition, John McKean acknowledging same, adding the Centre did serve some area Town residents, the Committee concurring there would be no contribution.

Regarding Elephant Thoughts, John McGee proposed a 35% subsidy and \$1,000, the Committee concurring.

Regarding Georgian Bay Animal Rescue, John McKean proposed zero, John McGee noting the Town had already waived a significant amount in Planning fees.

The Committee then concurred regarding Georgian Triangle Earth Day, zero, regarding the Housing Resource Centre, Girl Guides, Golden Beavers and Georgian Hospice, same as in 2009.

Regarding the Manito Shrine convention support request, Bob noted 2,800 people would be in Town for three days, Councillor McGee stating it was difficult

to support a convention at a resort, Councillor McKean noting he would not support such a grant, the Committee concurring not to support.

Regarding the Marsh Street Centre request for \$6,500 for a new commercial dishwasher, Councillor McGee questioned if there was any ongoing funding support, Chair Gamble replying no but there was significant support at the beginning. Bob then noted it would be difficult to support, the Committee concurring not to support.

The Committee then concurred regarding My Friend's Houes, \$5,000, Royal Astronomical Society, zero, Legion, \$250, Sweet Adelines, zero, Theatre Collingwood, zero.

Regarding the Thornbury BIA, Councillor McGee questioned the support in 2009, Liz replying zero, with a request for capital and administrator wages in 2010, Councillor McGee noting he would not support contributing to an administrator position, the Committee concurring zero donation.

Regarding the Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club request, Liz noted there was a request for \$2,000 for the Big Band Jazz Festival and \$2,500 for the Chili Cookoff which supports the Thornbury Medical Clinic.

Linda Wykes then noted the Rotary Club partnered with Georgian Sound for the 2009 Jazz Festival and is now the lead partner for the event.

Councillor McGee then noted he would support the Jazz Festival, Councillor McKean concurring.

The Committee then concurred to support the Thornbury Community Theatre in the amount of \$350 subject to the funding being available.

Regarding the Ontario Green Building Resource Centre, the Committee concurred on a zero donation and regarding the Grey County Farm Association, Councillor McKean note there were other organizations providing services.

Regarding Drive for Teens, the Committee concurred to provide the hall rental fees.

Regarding the L.E. Shore Memorial Library youth skating party, Councillor McGee noted he would not support it as we have just gone through Budget deliberations, the Committee concurring.

Regarding the Beaver Valley Open Door program, Councillor McGee noted the Grants and Donations Program did not seem to be proper for such a project, Chair Gamble noting the proponents could work through the program and the Town might assist if problems develop with funding.







Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council approve BDO Dunwoody be appointed to provide the necessary audit requirements for the 2009 PSAB 3150 audit, Carried.

**D.2** Beaver Valley Open Door, request for funding assistance

Addressed under Agenda Item C.3, Grants and Donations.

**D.3** Grey County Farm Safety Association request for funding assistance, member

Addressed under Agenda Item C.3, Grants and Donations.

## **F. Adjournment**

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

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this meeting does now adjourn to meet again on March 16, 2010 at 2:00 pm, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.