

Mayor Anderson then spoke, noting the lantern issue needs to be addressed, questioning if the Town should support the Kenora Resolution or draft our own Resolution, Troy replying he believed the Town should support the Kenora Resolution.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: Ellen Anderson Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains endorses the motion made by the City of Kenora requesting a Provincial Ban of Flying Lanterns and request the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department forward this motion to their Fire Department contacts.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Ardiel noted this matter was discussed at the OSUM Conference and all municipalities will likely support a ban.

Councillor Gamble then noted perhaps the issue should be placed in the newspaper noting the dangers involved.

The Committee then voted on the Recommendation, unanimously Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations

B.1 Steven Scofield, Meaford Hospital Foundation – The Hospital Campaign Request for Capital Funding

Steve then noted the volunteers for the Foundation have a mandate of raising funds to support the capital equipment needs of the Meaford Hospital, with other uses of funds raised include physician recruitment, staff education, **chaplains**, The Blue Mountains Health Centre, Meaford Health Centre, Grey Bruce Health Services and **regional needs**.

Steve then noted with the help of community leaders, the Foundation has raised more than \$4 million over 10 years to assist in achieving its goals.

Steve then spoke to the Meaford Hospital roles, including visits per year and procedures offered, including physiotherapy services, outpatient care, lab procedures and e-rays, adding the Hospital was one of the largest employers in the area.

Steve then noted the Hospital Campaign has now started and is proposed to end in 2018 or whenever \$2.8 million has been raised.

Steve then identified the location of Grey Bruce Health Services (GBHS) hospitals, with over 200 physicians available and being a key component of employment and the economy in the area.

Steve then reviewed the five Foundations within GBHS and their fundraising efforts, adding the Ministry of Health (MoH) funds 90% of major capital projects with the Hospital Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) providing a fixed annual amount for specific repairs or renovations.

Steve then noted the purpose of the Foundation was to keep the doors open at Meaford Hospital, adding the MoH funds the majority of operating costs with the current formula based on a fixed cost per procedure type budget.

Mayor Anderson then noted there were no funds available for Local Health Integration Networks so there are many people on waiting lists.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by:

Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive The Blue Mountains - KPMG Audit Engagement Letter for information purposes, Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Proposed Bus Service to Collingwood and Blue Mountain Resort

Councillor Gamble then questioned how Council will fund the \$18,000 for the proposed transit service to Collingwood and Blue Mountain Resort, Rob replying that there is \$6,000 unspent funds in Economic Development initiatives and that staff will be reviewing options for the remaining \$12,000.

F. Adjournment

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

Moved by: R.J Gamble

Seconded by:

Gail Ardiel

THAT this meeting does now adjourn to meet again in Committee of the Whole in the Town Hall Council Chambers on November 13, 2013 at 1:00 pm, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.