

Councillor Ardiel then questioned if there was any reason for the leachate increase, Rob replying projected revenues are typically conservative.

Chair Halos then questioned if there was any way to identify the proportion of leachate brought from outside Town versus private waste from the Town, Rob replying the Town portion would be very small, perhaps 5%.

Rob then reviewed the Flash Reports, noting development charges are starting to flow in but it must be remembered they must fund growth-related projects, adding July was a good month.

Rob then noted Landfill fees are over those collected in 2012.

Rob then noted Building fees are having a good year and this will help offset a previous loan from Taxation. Joe then questioned how does the \$242,000 Building debt show in the Budget, Rob replying a line is shown in Building called Proceeds from Debt.

Joe then questioned how the \$109,000 Building fees collected in July would show in the Budget, Rob replying 80% of the Building Budget is salaries and projections will likely not change but Building will likely not require a loan.

Rob then noted regarding the OPP, the Town is currently 1,794 hours under contract and if this trend continues we will be looking at a credit. Joe then questioned what is the driver for this, Rob replying vacation, office availability and the elimination of the Federally – Provincially funded officer, that position replaced in April.

Joe then noted it was a very impressive Report, particularly with Landfill and Building.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: Ellen Anderson Seconded By: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIT.13.48 “Monthly Financial Report – July 2013” for information purposes, unanimously Carried.

C.2 Semi- Annual Financial Report – June 30, 2013, FIT.13.43

Rob then reviewed the Report, noting staff forecast a \$145,000 favourable variance for Tax-Supported, a \$200,000 unfavourable balance for Water and Wastewater and on target Building and Harbour.

Regarding Tax-Supported, Rob noted savings in salaries with 4,000 unstaffed hours, noting staff have been able to make do and overtime costs will be up, adding this is not a long term service delivery solution.

Regarding User Fee Water and Wastewater, Rob noted consumption billings were at 38% of Budget, perhaps with less visitors and a wet summer.

Regarding User Fee Building, permit fees are at 62% of Budget and year-end forecast is on target. Regarding User Fee Harbour, revenue is \$10,000 over Budget and expenses are trending as expected.

Regarding Capital expenditures, Rob noted they are at 39% of the 2013 approved Budget, with some projects dependent on developers.

C.5 Moreau Park Dog Park Update

Rob then reported John Corrigan requested the Committee be advised that \$12,955 has been raised and after re-payment, \$1,028 remains which may be used for additional signage and memorials.

Councillor Ardiel then noted John has one a wonderful job in organizing and promoting the Dog Park, Joe noting it is a good example of Public Private Partnerships working well and if the Town can assist in helping community projects proceed it is good news.

D. Correspondence

D.1 Georgian Triangle Hospice, Annual Dinner Partnership / Sponsorship

Councillor Ardiel then noted this is an annual event this is another annual event and questioned if they applied through the Grant and Donation Program, Rob replying he was not sure.

Gail then reported she did advise the group of the Grant and Donation application process and advised them to submit, adding some groups may not see specific advertising for the program, further adding that previously, groups who had applied in the past but not in a subsequent year were contacted directly by the Communication and Economic Development Coordinator.

Chair Halos then questioned if Rob could have information on whether the group had received earlier funding for the next Council meeting, Rob replying yes.

Joe then noted all groups who apply to the Grant and Donation program receive correspondence in reply.

Rob then noted for the 2014 Budget process, the Grant and Donation Program will be operated by Finance staff.

Joe then noted there was \$5,000 remaining in the Council discretionary donation Budget, Rob replying yes.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: Ellen Anderson Seconded By: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive the Georgian Triangle Hospice correspondence and advise the group the Town is receiving applications to the 2014 Grants and Donations Program and encourage the group to apply to the Program, unanimously Carried.

D.2 Georgian Trail Invoice

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded By: Ellen Anderson

THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains provide payment of the July 31, 2013 Georgian Trail Invoice, being the 2013 Contribution to Georgian Trail Board of Management, in the amount of \$23,024.00, unanimously Carried.

