



**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

April 8, 2021

Via Zoom Meeting

9 James Street, Parry Sound, Ontario

Council Members Present: Reeve: Bert Liverance
Councillors: Greg Andrews Ward 1
Laurie Emery Ward 1
Peter Frost Ward 2
Earl Manners Ward 3
Scott Sheard Ward 3
David Ashley Ward 4
Alice Barton Ward 4
Rick Zanussi Ward 4
Ian Mead Ward 5
Grant Walker Ward 6

Staff Present: John Fior, Chief Administrative Officer
Maryann Weaver, Clerk
Joe Villeneuve – Manager of Corporate Services
Cale Henderson, Manager of Development & Environmental Services
Wendy Hawes, Treasurer
Greg Mariotti, Manager of Operational Services

1. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Introduction of new members of staff

John Fior provided Council with an introduction of the Township's new employees, Alison Scarrow, Operational Services Administrator and Alana Torresan, Executive Assistant.

2021 Budget Update

Councillor Ashley provided a brief update, reporting that the final budget resulted in a 1% increase in tax rate.

Vaccine Advocacy

Reeve Liverance provided an update and introduced the proposed resolution.

The Committee discussed the matter.

Staff was directed to bring forward the resolution to the April Council Meeting.

Land Acquisition – Hwy 69

Joe Villeneuve provided the Committee with a brief update, background and history on the project.

Staff was directed to bring a resolution forward to the April Council Meeting.

SMART Tower – Equipment Contract for the SPEEDIER micro-grid project with Lakeland Holding

Joe Villeneuve summarized his report for the Committee, and requested approval to execute the equipment agreement for a Tesla Powerwall with Lakeland Holding. Council was in agreement.

Staff was directed to bring a By-law forward to the April Council Meeting.

By-law Enforcement Contract

Joe Villeneuve provided a brief update, reporting that the contract is a one-year renewal and that there are no changes. Council was in agreement.

Staff was directed to bring the By-law forward to the April Council Meeting.

Legal Update – No updates to report

No issues were raised.

Ontario Medical Association. Doctors Day 2021

The Committee discussed the letter. Reeve Liverance summarized the letter requesting support for Doctors Day.

Staff directed to draft a message on behalf of Council to be posted on our website, and to include a message in the spring newsletter.

Decibel Project Coalition

Councillor Frost provided a brief update, and suggested that Council pass a resolution to show support.

Staff was directed to bring a resolution forward to the April Council Meeting.

COVID-19 Pandemic – Property Tax Support for Taxpayers

Councillor Ashley provided an update, reporting that a proposed resolution has been added to the April Council for Council's consideration.

2. PLANNING AND BUILDING

Zoning By-law Amendment Application-Z03-21 (McLennan)

Cale Henderson summarized the application.

The following is a statement that was made by Councillor Mead:

During the public meeting last month, one of the public attendees suggested that I have a conflict of interest in this application because I am a co-owner of a private marina on Crane. As I reported to staff and Council shortly after the meeting, I have no ownership at all in a private marina on Crane or anywhere else for that matter. I am however, a member, director and officer of a non-profit organization called Aga Ming Association which owns a landing on Crane. In order to make sure I was not in conflict, I asked for an opinion from our integrity commissioner on March 24th. I received a 4 page report from Harold Elston yesterday. At the end of the report he states, "I do not believe that you have a conflict under the code."

Staff was directed to bring the By-law forward to the April Council Meeting.

Zoning By-law Amendment Application-Z04-21 (Township/Healey Lake Property Owners Association)

Cale Henderson summarized the application. No issues were raised.

Staff was directed to bring the By-law forward to the April Council Meeting.

Closed Meeting

**Moved by Councillor Mead
Seconded by Councillor Frost**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning and Building Committee move into a CLOSED MEETING at 10:01 a.m., pursuant to Section 239(2)(e) (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, to deal with litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

- i) **LPAT Appeal to OPA No. 68, ZBLA No. Z02-20,
Consent Application Nos. B16-20, B17-20, B18-20, B19-20**

Carried.

Open Meeting

**Moved by Councillor Zanussi
Seconded by Councillor Sheard**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning and Building Committee move out of a CLOSED MEETING at 10:55 a.m.

Carried.

The Committee recessed for a break at 10:56 a.m. and resumed business at 11:07 a.m.

Building Permit Summary

Rob Farrow informed the Committee that the high price of lumber is not having a negative effect on the building industry, reporting that building permits were up last year, and are up again so far this year. Mr. Farrow further clarified how the value of the construction project are calculated.

3. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Councillor Barton provided a brief report on the Phragmites Conference, reporting that a summary of the webinar will be sent out to all of Council. Ms. Barton asked that everyone take the time to read it or watch the recording.

Councillor Barton presented a proposed resolution to come forward to the April Council Meeting. No issues were raised.

Unencapsulated Dock Foam

Reeve Liverance provided an update, reported that he had the opportunity to present to the Province on the dock foam initiative and that Bill 228 is now in its third reading.

Derelict Docks

The Committee discussed the issue.

Staff was directed to report back to the Committee with recommendations on how to deal with and dispose of derelict docks.

Greg Mariotti updated the Committee on the resolutions that were passed in 2019.

The Committee discussed options on how the Township can assist with the disposal and clean up of old docks.

Staff was directed to forward Council copies of the resolutions that were passed.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

Operational Services Update

Greg Mariotti provided updates on various public works activities and initiatives.

5. STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Fior provided an update, reporting that the Strategic Committee met with the consultant, who has submitted a proposal to facilitate the development of a new strategic plan.

Resolutions will come forward to the April Council Meeting to accept the consultant's proposal; and to adopt the Strategic Directions, 2020 and Beyond –Strategic Plan Review Background Document, and the Amalgamation Delegation Presentation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

Bert Liverance, Reeve

Maryann Weaver, Clerk