



Community Services Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, March 3, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: County of Brant Council Chambers, 7 Broadway Street West, Paris

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Atfield, Gatward, Miller, Simons and Wheat;
City of Brantford Mayor Friel and Councillor Neumann (2:05 p.m.)

Staff: Emerson, Reichheld, Temprile, Longeway, Papple, Durant, Ayres (2:15 p.m.)
Ballantyne (2:20 p.m.), Hayman-and Crozier

Councillor Atfield in the Chair.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by – Councillor Miller
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the Community Services Committee agenda for March 3, 2014 be approved.

Carried

Approval of Minutes

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the Community Services Committee minutes of February 3, 2014 be approved.

Carried

Ambulance Services

Consent Items to be Received as Information

Charles Longeway, Director of Ambulance Services, noted that call volumes for January 2014 were one of the highest experienced by Ambulance Services.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the following consent item be received as information:

1. Ambulance Services Call Statistics – January 2014.

Carried

Director's Update

Charles Longeway, Director of Ambulance Services, updated Committee on the following:

- The Advanced Care Paramedic students are preparing to write their final exams in March and April.
- Hillary Henderson, a paramedic who has volunteered time on humanitarian missions in Haiti has returned to Canada, and is prepared to speak to Committee or Council as Committee had requested.
- Staff are attempting to get a representative from the Heart and Stroke Foundation to speak to Committee regarding Public Access Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs).

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Paramedic Hillary Henderson be requested to present to the Community Services Committee regarding her experience in Haiti.

Carried

Mayor Friel and Councillor Neumann left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Police Services

Questions

Discussion was held on the potential to utilize living snow fences (trees planted away from the roadway) to minimize the amount of snow that blows onto a roadway, as this winter has seen significant amounts of drifting and blowing snow.

Inspector Durant noted that the Immediate Rapid Deployment (IRD) exercise will be held at Paris District High School on May 2, which is a joint effort between the OPP, and County Ambulance and Fire Services.

Fire Services

Business Arising from the Minutes

In response to a question, Geoff Hayman, Deputy Fire Chief, indicated that the Fire Chief will follow up with Committee regarding the appeal of an invoice for the usage of a fire suppression discussed at the February Committee meeting.

Consent Items to be Received as Information

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the following consent items be received as information:

1. Fire Services Call Statistics – January 2014.
2. Fire Prevention Activity Report – January 2014.

Carried

Fire Chief's Update

Deputy Fire Chief Hayman updated Committee on the following:

- Company officer training courses will be held in mid-March, noting that a newer standard has been implemented and the current training process will be replaced.
- The fire fighter recruitment process continues, with a session being held on the weekend of March 8-9.
- The Sunshine Foundation's Dreamlift will be occurring on April 22, lead by the Fire Chief, with representatives from the County participating.

Parks and Recreation

Consent Items to be Approved

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

1. Whereas the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provides a plan for building a sustainable public health care system in Ontario, which is based on helping people stay healthy, delivering good care when people need it, and protecting the health system for future generations;

And Whereas recent research from the Healthy Kids Panel Report indicates the Ontario children/youth are about 30% overweight or obese and there is need to get them active;

And Whereas the challenge is a new initiative that aims to help children be more active and healthy;

And Whereas each community must identify a leader who will support and promote the initiative and activities developed and implemented;

That the County of Brant support the Mayor as our designated champion;

And that the County of Brant Community Services Department move forward with the grant application to the Healthy Community Challenge in partnership with the City of Brantford, Six Nations, School Boards, Brant County Health Unit, Active Grand, Early Years and others.

Carried

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Miller

2. Whereas the County of Brant recognizes the benefits and values of recreation in everyday life;

And Whereas the County of Brant continues to provide activities, events, programs and services that encourage families in the County of Brant community to participate and be involved in recreation and parks;

And Whereas in an effort for the County of Brant to continue to bring awareness of recreation, parks, programs, services and facilities;

That the following proclamations be made by the County of Brant:

May 1-7, 2014 – “National Youth Week.”

June 2014 – “June is Recreation and Parks Month”

October 1, 2014 – “National Seniors Day.”

Carried

Consent Items to be Received as Information

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the following consent items be received as information:

1. PR-14-12 - Subsidized Transportation Program Quarterly Report - S. Dredge
2. PR-14-15 - Inspection Report, Burford Community Centre Update #2 - K. Reichheld
3. Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes – February 10, 2014
4. Brant West Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes –February 20, 2014
5. Brantford-Oakland-Onondaga Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes – January 23, 2014
6. Cemetery Advisory Committee Minutes – January 30, 2014

Carried

Advisory Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Committee to Review River Access Issues in the Paris Area Report and Minutes of February 18, 2014

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the following recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review River Access Issues in the Paris Area be approved:

1. That a Letter of Understanding between the County of Brant and Five Oaks Retreat & Learning Centre to facilitate a mutually beneficial river access partnership be approved.

Carried

PR-14-16 – Appointments to Advisory Committees

Moved by – Councillor Wheat

Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Donn Bailey, Edith Stone, and Virga Baltrusiusas be appointed to the Cemetery Advisory Committee for the term ending November 30, 2014;

And that Patrick Newstead and Paula Purvis be appointed to the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the term ending November 30, 2014;

And that Andrew Balog be appointed to the Brant West Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the term ending November 30, 2014.

Carried

General Manager's Update

Kelly Reichheld, General Manager of Community Services, updated Committee on the following:

- Family Day activities attracted over 600 participants to County recreation facilities.
- The consultation with stakeholders regarding modifications to the County's Ice Allocation Policy is nearing completion, with positive discussions having taken place. She noted that stakeholders have generally agreed with proposals to hold all hockey team try-outs at the Brant Sports Complex, and that the ice at the Burford, and South Dumfries Community Centres will not be installed until September 15.
- The Brantford & Area Sports Hall of Recognition has reached out to both the County and Six Nations regarding their plans to reconstruct the Hall at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre, and have requested that a member from the County be appointed. K. Reichheld suggested that Councillor Atfield be appointed as the County's representative.
- That in response to earlier discussions at the meeting, the Community Services Department does provide training for First Aid and CPR.
- That staff appreciate the support of Council during the recent budget deliberations.

In response to a question, Kathy Ballantyne, Director of Parks and Facilities, noted that repairs have been made to the turf at the Syl Apps Community Centre, with the repairer suggesting that walkers on the turf utilize different walking patterns to avoid wearing on the turf.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2:53 p.m. to meet again on Monday, April 7, 2014, 2:00 p.m. in the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary