

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MCDUGALL

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor D. Robinson
Councillor D. Adams
Councillor J. Johnson
Councillor K. Dixon
Councillor J. Gilchrist
and
Administrator G. Eaton
Public Works Supervisor T. Hunt
Deputy Clerk C. Vankoughnett

The General Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and was chaired by Councillor Dixon.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

2. DEPUTATIONS

i) Dave Brunton.

Re: Requesting a curfew extension at the Kinsmen Park the day of the benefit for Rachel Higgins.

Mr. Brunton was present to request a curfew extension for the fund raising event known as RACH (rallying against cancer hardcore). He explained the event and noted that all proceeds from this event will go to support brain tumour research at the Princess Margaret hospital.

The Committee expressed their heartfelt support with regard to this event and noted that they had no problem with approving this request. The Committee requested a resolution be brought forward.

ii) Gwen Bowman.

Re: Concerns regarding salt content in Mr. Kreiger's well, 5 Municipal Drive.

Ms. Bowman was present on behalf of her father, Vernon Kreiger, and noted that it was not salt content in her fathers well that she was concerned about, it was e-coli and coliform. She explained the results of water samples taken and expressed concerns regarding the source of these contaminates.

Ms. Bowman noted she would like the Municipality to provide a tank and keep it filled with water or purchase her father's property.

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The Committee noted her concerns and questioned if research had been done to determine where the contaminates were coming from, noting that there are circumstances in that area (not municipal related) which may contribute to the contamination. It was noted that this issue needs to be reviewed and that the Committee will look into this matter.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

3. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

- i) Correspondence from Joanne Higgins regarding the RACH baseball tournament.

This item was reviewed under deputations.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

4. PLANNING/BUILDING

- i) Glen Robinson, Parry Sound and Area Planning Board.
Re: Report on George Snizer's consent.

No information is available at this time.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

5. FIRE PROTECTION

- i) The CAO explained the Fire Chief's absence and reviewed his monthly report with the Committee. Councillor Dixon noted the amount of \$3,650.00 which was raised at the fire prevention fundraiser held on the May 24th long weekend.

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6. RECREATION

- i) The CAO reviewed with the Committee the monthly report prepared by the Director of Recreation noting the success of the fireworks this year.

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Nil

7. PUBLIC WORKS

- i) Copy of CAO's correspondence to N. Hurd.
Re: Service request dated May 17th, 2004, property concerns.
The CAO explained the concerns outlined in Mr. Hurd's letter as well as his follow-up. It was noted that the Public Works Supervisor will look at the erosion problem at Burnside Bridge.
The CAO also noted that the public works, with the help of the summer students, were going to try and get some of the ditches cleaned out.

- ii) John Salt, MultiSport Canada Inc.
Re: Requesting use of roads for the Parry Sound Triathlon.
The CAO reviewed this request with the Committee noting that they are requesting the use of McDougall Road. He also noted that this event would be on a Sunday which would harmonize with reduced traffic.
The Committee requested staff to contact them regarding insurance indemnification and the posting of people at the beginning and the end of the race route.

- iii) Correspondence from Tim and Tara Evershed.
Re: Supporting a stop sign at the corner of Oakridge Road and Fire Route 100.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

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- i) The Public Works Supervisor gave a report and distributed a draft by-law regarding the placement of signs within the municipality.
The CAO noted that this by-law will be brought forward on June 9, 2004.

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ii) The results of a scrap metal and household garbage tender were brought forward. It was the recommendation of the Public Works Supervisor to accept the tender from All Ontario Recycling for the removal of scrap metal, CFC,s and tires, and Muskoka Containerized for household waste and recyclable materials. The Committee requested a resolution be brought forward.

The Committee questioned when the Municipality would be able to move their own containers. It was noted that the leachate truck, which is to be used for this, will not be free for a year.

iii) The CAO noted that they are working on alternate disposal of tires located in the landfill site.

The Public Works Supervisor noted that he has a call into two blasting companies regarding these tires.

8. ENVIRONMENT

i) Frank Driscoll, Ministry of the Environment.

Re: Compliance inspection of the landfill site.

The CAO reviewed this correspondence with the Committee.

ii) Transfer Station Report.

This report was reviewed by the Committee noting that these statistics will be compiled for future information regarding hours of operation.

iii) Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Re: MOE announces extension of regulation 170 deadlines.

This correspondence was reviewed by the Committee noting that this will impact the Waubamik Hall.

iv) Ministry of the Environment.

Re: Application for Approval of Municipal Drinking Water Systems
Extended Deadline for upgrading.

The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

v) Announcement from Environment Minister Dombrowsky.

Re: New regulation to ensure tougher certification and training rules for system operators.

The CAO noted that staff were reviewing the implications of the new regulations.

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vi) Draft By-law on new water rates.

The CAO reviewed this by-law with the Committee noting the change in water rates and the regulations and new fees for water disconnect and reconnect.

The Committee requested that item No. six be changed to read "unless arrears have been paid in full".

Matters Arising.

Nil.

9. **FINANCE**

i) Belvedere Heights.

Re: Review of operating budget for 2004.

The Committee reviewed this budget and noted their previous concerns with regards to the vacant portion of the building. Mayor Robinson explained that the board was going to reword that particular item, but that it was not reflected in the above correspondence.

The Committee directed that payment for our portion of the levy be forwarded.

ii) Steven Gilchrist, Town of Parry Sound.

Re: Parry Sound Industrial Park audited financial statement.

The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

iii) Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Re: GST refund legislation passes.

The Committee reviewed this correspondence.

iv) Accounts Payable listing.

The Committee approved this listing.

Councillor Adams declared a pecuniary interest with regard to a cheque on the payroll and did not participate in discussion or vote on the matter.

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10. **ADMINISTRATION**

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- i) Robert and Lynda Buchan.
Re: Application to purchase road allowance.
The CAO reviewed the particulars of this application with the Committee.
The Committee directed a resolution be brought forward.

- ii) Ken and Trudi Weeks.
Re: Application to purchase shore road allowance in front of part lot 16, concession A and in front of lot 15, concession A.
The CAO reviewed this application and noted that signatures from the abutting neighbours have not been obtained and that this is a policy requirement.
The Committee directed staff to notify Mr. Weeks that these signatures are a requirement.

- iii) Andrew and Lisa Koens.
Re: Application to purchase road allowance.
The CAO reviewed this application with the Committee noting that the closing of this road allowance may deny access to other ratepayers.
The Committee directed staff to respond to Mr. & Mrs. Koens noting that their application is denied due to the impediment of future development.

- iv) Proposed Change in Council/Committee Meeting Schedule.
Re: June 23 – Combined council/committee
June 30 – Cancel
Aug. 4 – Cancel
Aug. 11 – Combined council/committee.
The Committee reviewed the above meeting changes and directed a resolution to be brought forward as well as this change to be advertised in the local paper and on the Municipal Web Site.

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11. NOTICES AND INFORMATION

- i) Township of Seguin.
Re: Repeal of zoning by-law amendment.
The Committee reviewed this correspondence. Councillor Adams requested a copy of this.

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- ii) Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
Re: Election Alert.
This correspondence was reviewed by the Committee.
- iii) Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines.
Re: 2004 Provincial budget.
The CAO reviewed this budget with the Committee.
Councillor Dixon requested a copy of this budget.
- iv) West Parry Sound District Museum.
Re: Update and coming events at the museum.
Councillor Johnson requested time to speak on this matter at the Council meeting scheduled for June 9, 2004.
- v) Industrial Park Board.
Re: Minutes of a meeting held May 20, 2004.
Mayor Robinson and Councillor Dixon gave a brief update on the above meeting.
- vi) Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
 - a) Re: Employers raise concerns about "Ontario Health Premium"
 - b) Re: Province commits to strategy to reform and increase funding for long term care.
 - c) Re: First time ever that municipal Governments will contribute to an immigration agreement.The Committee reviewed the above information.
- vii) Township of Strong.
Re: Information regarding an alternate location for the POA administrative office.
The Committee reviewed the above information.

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12. **REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT**

Nil.

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13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

i) Ownership of Lock Erne Cemetery.
No Action indicated.

ii) Scars Family Cemetery.
No Action indicated.

iii) Hydro One pole rental agreement.
No Action indicated.

iv) Municipality of McDougall Strategic Plan.
No Action indicated.

v) John Jackson / Updated Zoning By-law
No Action indicated.

vi) Leachate Contract Town of Parry Sound.
The CAO noted that a letter had been sent to the Town of Parry Sound and to date the Municipality has not received a response. He noted that he would follow up with a phone call and if this did not produce results, he would look for another source.

vii) Report on proposed stop sign at the corner of Oakridge Rd. and Fire Route 100.

This item was reviewed under Public Works Matters Arising.

viii) Concerns regarding gravel pit on McDougall Road.

Re: Copy of administrative correspondence to Mr. Rosin.

The CAO reviewed this correspondence with the Committee noting that no further investigation is required.

Councillor Johnson noted that perhaps the Municipality could look at pits and quarries with regards to the implementation of the Official Plan that Mr. Jackson is working on.

The Committee directed staff to contact Mr. Jackson to schedule a meeting to review the Official Plan.

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- ix) Report on Driveway permits.
The CAO noted that he is working on this item.
- x) Report on Managed Forest Assessment.
On going.
- xi) McDougall Reeve/Mayor/ Council plaques for Office.
Staff indicated that they would look into this matter.

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- i) Mayor Robinson reported on the 75th Anniversary of the Parry Sound Golf Course. He noted that the Municipality supported this event.
- ii) Councilor Dixon reported on a tour he had taken of the new hospital. It was noted that the new hospital is on schedule and on budget.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

Nil.

15. **REPORT OF THE CAO**

- i) Report No. CAO 2004-35
Re: Group insurance program.
The CAO gave a report on the extra proposed coverage and noted the cost for this.
The Committee questioned if the group insurance had been tendered out recently and directed staff to bring this report forward to the next Committee meeting.
The Committee approved of the extra coverage.
- ii) Report No. CAO 2004-39
Re: MOE focus group Std. Of care under safe drinking water act (SWDA).
The CAO reviewed this report with the Committee.

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iii) Report No. CAO 2004-41

Re: Legal challenge tax sale.

The CAO reported on this legal action noting that the decision was not in the Municipality's favour. He also noted that when items are tendered the wording should be very clear.

iv) Report No. CAO 2004-42

Re: Property assessment changes.

The CAO reported on the assessment changes with regards to summer camps and that the Municipality has two camps that could fall under the new legislation. The CAO noted that he would look further into this legislation.

16. **BUDGET CHANGES AND REVISIONS**

The CAO reported that he had found a duplication in the capital requirements and requested direction from the Committee as to whether it should be put into reserves or be used as a capital expenditure.

After discussion of this matter it was the decision of the Committee to put this duplication into reserves for next years road capital requirements.

17. **CLOSED SESSION**

There were no items for closed session.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 9:20 p.m.