

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

- Present** Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Gilbert Wall, Brian Nesbitt, Vonna Arsenault, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Dwain Wacko, Rico Damota, Peter Waterworth, Beryl Cahill, Christine Nadon, Bruce Thompson, Corky Green, Trevor Nichols – Fitzhugh
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 9:30 a.m.
- Approval of Agenda** Motion by Councillor Wall that Council approve the agenda for today's meeting with the following addition: 6.3 Cabin Lake Dam. Carried
- Approval of Minutes** Motion by Councillor Wacko that Council approve the minutes of the June 25, 2014 committee meeting as presented. Carried
- Business Arising** Pancake breakfast – final amount of proceeds will be known when all invoices have been received.
- Land Exchange w/GYPSD** Discussion on costs of turf and top soil for the site of the old high school. CAO Peter Waterworth advised Council that it needs to discuss land use for this area very soon. RFD at coming July 15th regular meeting.
- Weeds in Boulevards** A lengthy discussion ensued on the weeds on boulevards on Connaught Drive. Also included in the discussion was the manual removal of weeds, Parks research being done on steam application as an alternative method of eliminating non-native species. To date, research has had mixed results depending on the species of the weed.
- The Municipality's staff spend a great deal of time removing weeds manually and with weed-whippers, but this is not very effective. Estimate for a dedicated staff member to manually remove weeds from this area through the entire summer would be \$10,000+.
- Also discussed: herbicides policy D-002, soccer fields, artificial turf and cost options for consideration, use of whole brick, Greenspace Vision Plan, use of wildflowers, cedar chip use, hydraulic system, use of boulders, and Communities in Bloom.

Councillor Nesbitt will speak with the Greenspace Committee to discuss revisions to the Greenspace Plan re. evaluation of practices, and bring back to Council. Possible options:

1. Continue as we currently operate.
2. Hire a dedicated Casual Grounds staff member for full-time attention to this work.
3. Replant area with turf.
4. Consider revision to herbicide policy.
5. Brick work.

Cabin Lake
Dam

Council to speak with Parks Canada at the Intergovernmental meeting this afternoon about the Cabin Lake Dam.

Goals and
Objectives

Council to discuss the procedure for dealing with its Action Plan and how to launch it at the next committee meeting on July 22nd.

Council to receive a briefing on the Service and Structural Review, plus a post mortem on the CAO hiring process. Brenda Zinck will be invited to attend. July 22nd meeting will start at 8:30 am with the HR committee, and then the full committee meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m.

Council moves
in camera
10:47 a.m.

Council agreed to move in camera at this point to discuss matters concerning staffing and human resources issues.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 1:10 p.m.