

Minutes

Date:

January 13, 2015

Time:

6:00 pm

Location:

52 Seguin Street, Gibson Street entrance

Members Present:

Mayor Jamie McGarvey, Clr. Paul Borneman, Clr. Brad Horne, Clr. Bonnie Keith, Clr. Jim Marshall, Clr. Doug McCann, Clr. Keith Saulnier

Staff Present:

R. Mens, T. Pinn, L. Middaugh, P. Brown, D. Thompson, Rob Beaumont

Councillor Borneman acted as head of Council until the arrival of Mayor McGarvey.

1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

10.4.1 Tax Policies

10.4.2 Set Tax Ratios for 2015

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Saulnier

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Seconded by Councillor Keith

That the January 13, 2015 Special Meeting Agenda be approved.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Public Meeting

3. Minutes and Matters Arising From Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

3.2 Questions of Staff

4. Correspondence

4.1 Jason Rosewell, Silver Birch Resident

Re: Petition to Install Sidewalks to New Public School on Beatty Street - 24

Signatures

5. Deputations

5.1 Nadine Hammond, Curator/Manager, West Parry Sound District Museum

Re: West Parry Sound District Museum - Annual Review 2014

Glen Hodgson and Nadine Hammond spoke on behalf of the Museum first appreciating the Town's ongoing support. This was followed by highlights of [2014](#). Exhibits and fundraising efforts, as well as potential projects for 2015. A comprehensive strategic planning exercise has also been completed.

5.2 Anne Bossart

Re: Tower Hill Ranger Cabin

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Anne Bossart provided an update and presentation on the [ranger cabin restoration project](#). She is requesting a 2015 contribution of \$30,000 to fully complete the project assuming no donations of any kind. The future use of the finished cabin has not been determined but a partnership with the Museum was suggested. The long term goal is to develop the cabin and surrounding lands as cultural and tourism attractions.

5.3 Andrea Gaspar, CEO, Parry Sound Public Library

Re: Library Staffing

Andrea Gaspar provided an update on the library's recent activities including a statistical usage report. One hundred and forty programming events were held and participation doubled from 2013 to 5452 in 2014. Volunteer hours were equivalent to a half, full time staff person. Operating costs and municipal funding support comparative statistics were also provided. A grant increase of \$40,000 would allow the hiring of a half-time staff member.

5.4 Joe Bossart spoke in support of the library's funding request recognizing the increased participation and programming.

5.5 Wayne Loughen spoke on behalf of seniors who are benefitting from library programs.

6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports

7. Ratification of Matters From Closed Agenda

8. Consent Agenda

9. Resolutions and Direction To Staff

9.1 Development and Leisure Services

9.2 Emergency and Protective Services

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9.3 Administration

9.4 Finance and POA Court Services

9.4.1 Draft 2015 Budget

Spokesperson: Trevor Pinn, CPA, CA - Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Discussion by Council and staff.

9.5 Public Works

9.6 Other Business

10. By-laws

10.1 Development and Leisure Services

10.2 Emergency and Protective Services

10.3 Administration

10.4 Finance and POA Court Services

10.4.1 Tax Policies - Capping and New to Class / New Construction

Spokespersons: Trevor Pinn, CPA, CA - Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Rob Beaumont - Revenue and Taxation Supervisor

By-law 2015 - 6487

Being a by-law to specify the capping threshold parameters and the minimum tax level for new to class / new construction for the year 2015.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 13th day of January 2015.

10.4.2 Set tax ratios for 2015

Spokespersons: Trevor Pinn, CPA, CA - Director of Finance and POA Court Services

Rob Beaumont - Revenue and Taxation Supervisor

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By-law 2015 - 6488

Being a by-law to set Tax Ratios for Municipal purposes for the year 2015.

Read a First, Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed, this 13th day of January 2015.

10.5 Public Works

10.6 Other Business

11. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Rob Mens, CAO/Clerk

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