Township of Carling

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Council Chambers
2 West Carling Bay Rd., Nobel, ON
9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Attendance

Council Members Present
Deputy Mayor Lisa Cook
Councillor Doubrough
Councillor Kelly
Councillor Wing

Staff Present
Kevin McLlwain,CAO/Clerk
Mackenzie Taylor, Records Clerk / Deputy Clerk
Gord Harrison, Fire Chief

Regrets
Mayor Murphy

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Deputy Mayor added an item to the agenda to discuss the West Parry Sound Economic Development Collaborative.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. DEPUTATIONS

(1) PHRAGMITES CONTROL – RICHARD WILSON (WEST CARLING ASSOCIATION) AND NICOLE CARPENTER (GEORGIAN BAY FOREVER)

Richard Wilson from the West Carling Association and Nicole Carpenter from Georgian Bay Forever made a presentation to council giving an overview of the Phragmites Control Program. They made a funding request for the 2024 year and requested permission to erect educational signs at some of the Township's access sites.

Resolution **Moved by Councillor Wing**
Seconded by Councillor Doubrough

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council gives staff permission to work with the West Carling Association to erect phragmites information signs at the water access points.

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. WEST PARRY SOUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE

Resolution **Moved by Councillor Kelly**
Seconded by Councillor Doubrough

WHEREAS Carling Township recognizes the benefit of having an Economic Development collaborative responsible for leading, coordinating and developing activities and initiatives that will attract investment, business opportunities and tourism development to West Parry Sound, including the Parry Sound Area Industrial Park and develop and lead a business retention and expansion program that will increase employment and business growth;

AND WHEREAS the seven municipalities within West Parry Sound joined in 2017 in establishing the West Parry Sound Economic Development Collaborative (the Collaborative) to drive collaborative economic development in the area;

AND WHEREAS since its inception, the Collaborative has been predominately funded through FedNor's Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario (CIINO) program;

AND WHEREAS the funding extended to the Collaborative came to an end in November 2023;

AND WHEREAS the seven West Parry Sound municipalities must now look at ways to grow and become sustainable using a self-funded model;

AND WHEREAS it is understood that having all seven municipalities working together is best for the entire area;

AND WHEREAS it would be detrimental to the area if this collaborate approach ceased to exist;

AND WHEREAS there is a strong need for this type of area collaborative to assist with business attraction and retention, sustainable employment with the attraction of high skilled labour and environmentally friendly business development;

AND WHEREAS the Collaborative has indicated that there are sufficient funds in an amount of approximately $19,000 available to undertake a Strategic Plan process to determine a long-term vision,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Carling hereby supports the continuation of a collaborative approach to economic development in the West Parry Sound area, pending the implementation of a Strategic Planning process to establish a long-term vision for the provision of efficient and effective economic development services.

Carried

6. MONTHLY REPORTS

The Fire Chief reported on by-law enforcement complaints, emergency management compliance and the number of fire calls.

The CAO reported on playground equipment and on the West Parry Sound Recreation and Culture Centre information session and fundraising.

7. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Fire Chief gave Council an overview of the Emergency Management Plan and provided them with an update on compliance. He noted the areas he is going to be focusing on over the next year.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL- BEING PLAN

Resolution **Moved by Councillor Kelly**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

WHEREAS the Police Service Act, 1990 was amended to include new requirements for the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

AND WEHREAS all municipalities across Ontario were instructed to develop and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan in partnership with stakeholders and groups that are active in delivering services within their community;

AND WHEREAS complex social problems cannot be addressed by police services alone and that local service providers, working in areas such as health, mental health, education, community service, social service, children services and youth services play an integral role;

AND WHEREAS, too often, information and service silos are created which limit response effectiveness, providing an inadequate service that does not take full advantage of resources;

AND WHEREAS an advisory committee was formed in the West Parry Sound area that included various agencies and community organizations to understand the issues that residents of the West Parry Sound area are facing with regards to safety and wellbeing;

AND WHEREAS the committee developed a West Parry Sound Area Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, a multi-sector approach to community safety and wellbeing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Council for the Township of Carling adopt the West Parry Sound Area Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Carried

9. 2024 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Resolution **Moved by Councillor Doubrough**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council adopt the 2024 Council Meeting dates as amended.

Carried

10. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution **Moved by Councillor Wing**
Seconded by Councillor Doubrough

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council move into a CLOSED SESSION at 11:44 a.m., pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, for reasons pertaining to identifiable individuals in relations to a by-law matter .

Carried

Resolution **Moved by Councillor Doubrough**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council move out of a CLOSED SESSION at 12:50 p.m.

Carried

Council discussed a by-law related mater and possible resolutions.

Resolution **Moved by Councillor Wing**
Seconded by Councillor Doubrough

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Whole on behalf of Council authorizes staff to proceed as directed in closed session.

Carried

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Lisa Cook, Deputy Mayor

Kevin McIlwain, CAO/Clerk