

Corporate Services Committee August 12, 2014 – 10:00 AM

The Corporate Services Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Bob Pringle; Councillors Dwight Burley, Wayne Fitzgerald, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Norman Jack, Ellen Anderson and Kevin Eccles; and Warden Brian Milne

Regrets: Councillor Arlene Wright

Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, County Clerk / Director of Council Services; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Sandra Shipley, Manager of Human Resources and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Pringle called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Corporate Services Committee minutes dated July 15, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on August 5, 2014.

Reports – Finance

FR-CS-30-14 Corporate Financial Update

Kevin Wepler presented the above report in order to provide the Committee with a corporate financial update and year end projection based on the departmental budgets

across the organization. Staff are anticipating a total deficit of \$665,300 based on figures up to May 31, 2014. Mr. Wepler detailed the sources of the anticipated deficit by providing an outline of the portfolios of each Committee.

The Committee discussed the sculpture at Grey Roots and concerns with the cost. Staff spoke to the difficulties in managing in kind contributions and the possibility for scope creep and noted that the reporting process going forward will be different when it comes to in kind contributions.

CS75-14 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT Report FR-CS-30-14 regarding the Corporate Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2014 be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Clerk's

CCR-CS-28-14 Updating of Delegation of Duties By-law

Sharon Vokes presented the above report regarding an update to the Delegation of Duties by-law. The amended by-law will consolidate and incorporate changes that have been approved by Council since the last revision, as well as additional revisions pertaining to agreements and agreement renewals.

Since the agenda has been published, another proposed amendment has come forward. Staff are recommending that the Committee endorse a further amendment to the policy regarding access agreements. When staff have to enter private property to access County owned property, an agreement is required and staff are recommending that approvals be delegated to staff for these types of agreements.

CS76-14 Moved by: Warden Milne Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS policies and procedures have been approved by County Council over the past several months delegating duties to staff that are seen as administrative in nature or ones that were an oversight in the previous revision to the Delegation of Duties By-law;

AND WHEREAS in order to streamline, consolidate these approvals, and provide for more efficient business continuity, revisions to the by-law are provided for consideration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-CS-28-14 be received;

AND THAT the Delegation of Duties Policy G-GEN-008 and Schedule “A” of the Delegation of Duties Policy be amended as recommended;

AND THAT Schedule “A” be further amended to delegate authority to staff to enter into agreements where access over private property is required to work on County owned property provided no compensation for usage is associated.

Carried

Reports – Information Technology

ITR-CS-04-14 Realty Association GIS Request

Geoff Hogan addressed the Committee on the above report, requesting authorization to post MLS property listings on the County’s GIS site. The request originated with the Southern Georgian Bay Association of Realtors (SGBAR). Staff have communicated with Simcoe County who currently provides the same service, and Simcoe County staff have indicated that the service is appreciated by GIS users.

CS77-14 CC123-14 THAT resolution CS77-4 regarding the Realty Association GIS request to post MLS listings on the County’s GIS site be amended to add an additional clause to request that staff bring back a report to the Committee regarding this request within one year to provide an update on this service.

CS77-14 Moved by: Warden Milne Seconded by: Councillor Burley

WHEREAS Grey County has been approached by the Southern Georgian Bay Association of REALTORS (SGBAR) with a request to display MLS® property listings on the County GIS site;

AND WHEREAS having the MLS® property listings available on the GIS site would be a service to the users of the GIS site;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report ITR-CS-04-14 be received;

AND THAT the MLS® property listings be displayed on the Grey County GIS site as requested by SGBAR;

AND FURTHER THAT other realtor associations and for sale by owner companies advertising property for sale in Grey County also be encouraged to list properties for sale on the Grey County GIS site;

AND FURTHER THAT only listings be displayed that do not require excess staff time to display.

Per CC123-14:

AND FURTHER THAT this be reviewed in one year with a staff report back to the Corporate Services Committee.

Carried

Correspondence

Halton Region – Protection of Public Participation Act

The Committee considered the above correspondence.

CS78-14 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the correspondence from Halton Region regarding support for the reintroduction of the Protection of Public Participation Act be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Discussion occurred on a recent report by the Fraser Institute which notes that citizens dedicate most of their income to taxes rather than shelter or food.

Warden Milne noted that he received correspondence from an anonymous individual criticizing the County's decision to provide funding for the Georgian College Marine Emergency Duties Training Centre. The author has taken up issue with the claim that Georgian College is the only facility that will provide this type of training in Ontario and indicates that other Ontario colleges provide marine training. Staff are awaiting a full response from Georgian College on the facts surrounding the training program.

The Committee inquired as to what the County has committed in funding for various groups and organizations for 2015. Potential timelines for budget discussions were outlined. Staff are anticipating that high level budget discussions will begin in December with possible approval in February or March of 2015.

Next Meeting Dates

Corporate Services Committee
August 12, 2014

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Anderson, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Bob Pringle, Chair