

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole Council – January 13, 2020

COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION NOTICE

Staff is proposing that a letter be sent to all commercial, industrial and institutional establishments in the Municipality informing them of what our limits are as it relates to the number of bags and weight of bags and advising them that in the near future we will be enforcing the rules.

It is recommended to Council that the proposed Commercial Waste Collection letter be amended to state that these are not new regulations and that the letter be sent to all commercial, industrial and institutional establishments in the Municipality.

APPLICATION FOR VENDING PERMIT - PUGGY'S KITCHEN

It is recommended to Council that the Vending Permit Application received from Laura Smith of Puggy's Kitchen, be approved, subject to all fees and documentation being received.

JANITORIAL CONTRACT

It is recommended to Council that the tender received from Enslow's Maintenance and Cleaning Services for janitorial services, for a three year period, excluding the arena and VIC, be accepted, as recommended by staff.

FUTURE VIC OPERATION

A drop in visitor numbers due to more people accessing destination information via their mobile phones and other devices has prompted staff to review future VIC operations.

It is recommended to Council that the Municipality cease operations of the VIC located at 2517 Highway 3, Barrington and focus the Municipality's attention to serving its visitors through its social media platforms, ShowMe Map and mobile VIC, as recommended by staff.

It is recommended to Council that the Municipality sell or lease long-term the VIC building located at 2517 Highway 3, Barrington, as recommended by staff.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

It is recommended to Council that after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, the salary for the Chief Administrative Officer be increased to the 3rd level on the Salary Band effective April 1, 2020.

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PROVINCIAL TREE HARVESTING PLANS

A letter has been drafted by the CAO in response to the proposed forest harvest in the Deception Lake area. The letter requests that harvesting plans be put on hold until the ecological forestry practices included in the Lahey Report are seriously considered and assessed for implementation. The letter further states the importance of the economic benefit of forest harvesting being properly balanced with the ecological sustainability and recreational uses of local residents.

It is recommended to Council that the letter drafted by the CAO regarding the proposed forest harvest in the Deception Lake area be accepted as presented and forwarded to the Minister of Lands and Forestry.

FIRE CAPITAL PURCHASING PLAN

It is recommended to Council that the Municipality set a Municipal Fire Capital Purchasing Tax Rate of 1.5 cents per \$100.00 of assessment and that the revenues accumulated from this rate be divided equally amongst the three fire departments and used for capital purchases.

It is recommended to Council that the Municipality set fire area rates every three (3) years rather than every year to help stabilize fire area rates and allow the Municipality and the fire departments to better plan financially for the future.

BILINGUAL STOP SIGN PROJECT

Correspondence has been received from a group of students from Ecole secondaire de Clare who is trying to change the law to bring bilingual stop signs to the Municipality of Clare. The group believes that a letter of support from an English-speaking region could bring a lot of strength to their request.

It is recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a letter in support of the student's request to bring bilingual stop signs to the Municipality of Clare.

TREATMENT PLANT ASSESSMENT RFP

It is recommended to Council that the proposal received from CBCL Limited for the evaluation of the current condition of the Brass Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility, in the amount of \$36,305.00 plus hst, be accepted as recommended by staff.

2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

It is recommended to Council that the Provincial list of electors be used for the upcoming Municipal Election.

It is recommended to Council that the following fees be paid for the upcoming Municipal Election:

Returning Officer - \$6,000.00

Deputy Returning Officer - \$200.00 per day

Poll Clerks - \$150.00 per day

Training Session - \$50.00 per session

Hall Rental - \$100.00