

April 17, 2024

HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, April 17, 2024, the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Committee held a hybrid meeting following the Committee of Adjustment Committee Meeting.

In Chambers:

Mayor LaValley
Councillor Sandra Collins, Chair
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Joan Kuiack
Councillor Shawn Pigeon
Councillor Bill Rodnick
Councillor Laurie Siydock

Township Staff Present:

Bryan Martin, CAO, Clerk-Treasurer
Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator
Jennifer Baragar, Deputy-Treasurer
Steve Ronholm, Works Superintendent
Ian Collins, Fire Chief - Zoom
Charlene Alexander, CEO/Head Librarian - Zoom

Guests: Holly Hayes, Joe Avery, Gloria Beauclair, Whitney Recreation Committee Members

OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Councillor Collins called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Unfinished Business-Highway 60 Update

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Kuiack

Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick

To adopt the agenda of April 17, 2024 as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST or a GENERAL NATURE THEREOF: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Raise the Roof Fund Discussion with Whitney Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee will hold a public meeting to update the public that a roof over the rink is not financially attainable. Once the committee has set a date for the public meeting, staff will assist with notice.

Optimization of Waste Services Report

S. Ronholm, Works Superintendent provided a written report for council consideration to optimize waste services. Consensus was to phase in Option 1 a) of the report for additional revenue options.

The committee took a short break.

2024 Budget

J. Baragar, Deputy Treasurer presented the proposed 2024 operating and capital budget with the revisions directed by the Committee at the February 28, 2024 meeting.

Consensus was to remove Custodian vehicle and work out a vehicle allowance for the employee.

Staff to adjust the tax rate to not more than 5.5% and phase in the commercial fee for commercial waste bins on a per pick up basis and include funds for physician recruitment and the hospital redevelopment.

Highway 60 Update

T. Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator provided the committee with an update pertaining to a conversation with MTO.

The maintenance team is working on missing signs that were reported missing on Highway 127.

A study in both villages will be conducted this Spring/Summer to analyse unsafe passing lanes, traffic counts, speed. A report will be provided to staff following the study.

In the winter months the sidewalk that crosses the Madawaska River Bridge in Whitney can get dangerous due to snow build up from the snowmobiles riding the sidewalk. To help reduce the snowmobilers from going on the sidewalk the MTO has recommended an amendment to their agreement with OFSC to include the requirement for snowmobilers to cross the bridge on the east side of the bridge. Staff will follow up with MTO to advise that the committee is in agreeance with the recommended amendment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Florent

Seconded by: Councillor Siydock

To adjourn the Human Resources, Administration & Public Relations Meeting of April 17, 2024, at 12:06 p.m.

Councillor S. Collins

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer