



**Policy Review Committee Action Report
for the January 31st, 2017 meeting held in the
Council Chambers following Council**

PRESENT: Mayor Antonakos, Councillor Black, Councillor Doucett, Councillor Redmond, Councillor Fritz, Councillor Trimble, Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer

- 1) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF** – now or anytime during the meeting
- 2) **PUBLIC MEETING – NONE THIS EVENING**
- 3) **REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK**
- 4) **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS**
- 5) **COMMUNICATION 128063 IS A CLOSED MEETING**
- 6) **IF THERE IS AN ADDENDUM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2.4 (OF THE STRIKING REPORT) DOES THE COMMITTEE WISH TO APPROVED THIS ADDENDUM**

TO BE DISCUSSED

COMMUNICATION 128063

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| Received from | Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer |
| Addressed to | Policy Review Committee |
| Date | January 26 th , 2017 |
| Topic | Closed Meetings |

SUMMARY

As authorized by the Municipal Act, Council should review selected items in closed session.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, that the meeting be closed to the public with the following agenda:

AGENDA

07-06-16-1 personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – General Nature - Staffing

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- 15-09-15-2 litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality of local boards; General Nature – Easement on McNeely
- 13-01-15-1 personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees – General Nature – Staffing
- 31-01-17-1 personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees – General Nature – Town Boards

REPORT TO COUNCIL

- 07-06-16-1 Receive and Record
- 15-09-15-1 Receive and Record
- 13-01-15-1 Bring forward
- 31-01-17-1 Receive and Record

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| Topic | Climate Change |

SUMMARY

The Province's Climate Change Action Plan explains the need for municipalities to work to;

- mitigate the community's impact on the environment (and thus on Climate Change)
- adapt the community to accommodate the changing climate

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The transportation sector is a major generator of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and changes to this sector are critical to achieve announced mitigation goals. Also, transportation infrastructure is vulnerable and needs to adapt to accommodate the impact of climate change. Beginning in 2017, the Province will have significant new funds available in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account (GGRA) to invest into initiatives that will reduce GHG and, it makes sense that a significant portion of these funds will be used to fund new transit. More transit riders (less cars) will reduce GHG with the added benefit of reducing traffic congestion in the urban areas. In the large metropolitan areas, the Province is working directly (for example Metrolinks) or directly with the municipalities to improve transit services. However, in the more rural areas of Ontario, municipalities must manage transportation services themselves.

The communities in these more rural areas of Ontario will be contributing revenues to the new “GFRA” funds and should have access to these funds for initiatives that will work locally to either mitigate or adapt to Climate Change. Examples of initiatives that could work in a more rural area are;

- organize ride sharing programs
- construct park and ride facilities
- construct cycle facilities – particular that connect to park and ride or commuter transit stops;
- highly encourage electric cars (Note – in an urban area, replacing a car with an electric car only addresses one half of the problem – congestion on the roads remain. In the rural areas there is no congestion so conversion to electric cars should be more highly encouraged); and
- reconstruct culverts, bridges, drainage systems to adapt to climate change

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

We ask that the Province to dedicate a proportionate share of the new “GFRA” funds for allocation to the rural areas of the province that are not serviced by transit that is directly supported by the Province so that these municipalities can design and implement a Climate Change Action Plan that will work for their community.

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AND THAT this position be distributed to appropriate groups in the province for support.



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