



Policy Review Committee Action Report
for the March 28th, 2017 meeting held in
the Council Chambers following Council

PRESENT: Mayor Antonakos, Deputy-Mayor Flynn, Councillor Black, Councillor Doucett, Councillor Redmond, Councillor Fritz, Councillor Trimble, Phil Hogan, Treasurer, Duncan Rogers, Clerk

- 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 128172 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**

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COMMUNICATION 128146

Received from Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Addressed to Policy Review Committee
Date February 19th, 2017
Topic Interest Arbitration

SUMMARY

The Chamber of Commerce advises they are acutely aware of the impact that wage settlements, resulting from the provincial arbitration system, have on the municipality. The costs of emergency services have increased at over three times the rate of inflation annually since 2002.

128146 Continued

On February 28th, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and partner Chambers across the province will release an open letter to the Premier addressing deficiencies in the arbitration system. As recognized in the letter, the cost escalation resulting from settlements is unsustainable, particularly in an era of fiscal restraint generally, and especially in an environment where municipalities are greatly restricted in their options to raise new revenue.

In a nutshell, Chambers will be calling on the Ontario Government to take three important steps:

- 1) Reform the provincial interest arbitration system to reflect the current capacity of Ontario municipalities to pay for increased service costs.
- 2) Improve efficiency by requiring that arbitration decisions be delivered in less than 12 months.
- 3) Improve accountability and transparency for the taxpayer.

The Chamber will be taking part in a conference call next week to get further information on this file and will keep the Town updated.

COMMENT

Municipalities have been pushing for reform of the arbitration system for a number of year but to date little has been accomplished

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMMITTEE DECISION

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TO BE DISCUSSED

COMMUNICATION 128170

Received from	Deputy-Mayor Flynn
Addressed to	Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Date	March 21 st , 2017
Topic	2017 Annual Bunny Run

SUMMARY

Kory Earle would like to make a presentation to Committee concerning this year's Bunny Run.

128170 Continued

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council hear presentation.

COMMITTEE DECISION

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COMMUNICATION 128171

Received from	West Carleton Snowmobile Association
Addressed to	Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Date	March 7 th , 2017
Topic	Presentation

SUMMARY

West Carleton Snowmobile Association would like to make a formal presentation on snowmobiling and multi-use trails.

COMMENT

The County has now hosted four Open Houses to receive public input regarding development of the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail. As a result of these Open Houses, the Town has been copied with a number of emails from residents, all of which support designating the trail for non-motorized uses only. This input has been forwarded to the County as they are compiling all input.

Staff understand that there was significant input provided to the County and it reflects the two opposing views presented at the Open Houses – basically that motorized users be permitted or prohibited. Beckwith and Montague Townships have already adopted motions recommending that the OVR trail be a multi-use trail (which included motorized users).

Development of a multi-use corridor would be highly desirable for the community. However, it is important that the corridor be developed so that the multi-users are all accommodated safely with minimum impacts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council determine a position regarding uses for the OVR Trail at the April 4th, 2017 Physical Environment Committee. Bring forward

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COMMUNICATION 128172

Received from Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Addressed to Policy Review Committee
Date March 24th, 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

28-03-17-1 personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – General Nature – Striking Committee

COMMITTEE DECISION

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

28-03-17-1 THAT Council hereby instructs the Clerk to amend the Striking Committee Report to remove Robin Janfield and Claudia Wutherich from the Environmental Advisory Committee and to add Kayla Kazda to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

FURTHER THAT the Committee structure of the Environmental Advisory Committee be amended to read 8 – 10 members including 1 Councillor.

ALSO THAT Council appoints Amanda Charania, Communications Coordinator, Mayor Antonakos, Councillor Black and Jackie Kavanagh to represent the Town and participate in the process to develop a County wide economic development plan.

THAT Council hereby instructs the Clerk to remove Councillor Doucett as a Council representative on the MVCA Board and add Councillor Black as Council representative on the MVCA Board.



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