



Policy Review Committee Action Report for the January 26th, 2016 meeting held in the Council Chambers following Council

PRESENT: Mayor Antonakos, Deputy-Mayor Flynn, Councillor Black, Councillor Doucett, Councillor Redmond, Councillor Fritz, Councillor Trimble, Duncan Rogers, Clerk, 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) **COMMUNICATION 127048 IS A CLOSED MEETING**
- 5) **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS**
- 6) **IF THERE IS AN ADDENDUM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2.4 (OF THE STRIKING REPORT) DOES THE COMMITTEE WISH TO APPROVE THIS ADDENDUM**

TO BE DISCUSSED

COMMUNICATION 127026

Received from	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Addressed to	Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Date	January 4 th , 2016
Topic	2 nd Intake – Small Communities Fund (SCF)

SUMMARY

The Province has advised that the Town's application for Intake Two of the Small Communities Fund (SCF) was not selected because other municipalities have more challenging economic conditions and fiscal situations.

COMMENT

The rejection letter is identical to the rejection letter for our OCIF application and staff have obtained details of how OMAFRA scored Carleton Place (a score of 22 and a rank of 190) which means no funding. We should be concerned with the indicators used for the scoring.

There is some logic in the first two indicators – Median Household Income and Weighted Assessment per Household.

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However, with the Net Financial Assets per Household indicator, a municipality is rewarded if they have no reserves and instead have considerable debt, even if that debt is because of poor management or for say a new arena or city hall. This indicator actually penalizes municipalities that plan for infrastructure needs by building reserves to cover future infrastructure costs. The Town scored fairly well on the 4th indicator, partly because of the significant childcare and recreation user fees we collect, but is it really relevant?

Staff believe the last indicator is very relevant but it only has a weight of 3 instead of 10. This indicator (or some other indicator that actually measures and ensures a municipality is contributing a reasonable amount to their infrastructure) should be the most important indicator with the highest weighting.

If this criteria is not challenged it will no doubt continue to be used for the OCIF and SCF in future years, meaning the Town might as well not bother submitting an application. Perhaps more importantly, these criteria may be applied to future infrastructure programs that may be rolled out by the Federal government.

UPDATE – January 16th, 2016

The Ontario Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure (OCSI) is a group of provincial organizations (Municipal Engineers Association, Municipal Officers Association, Ontario Good Roads Association, Ontario Public Works Association, Ontario Water Works Association and Water Environment Association of Ontario). OCSI continues to encourage the province to distribute infrastructure funding fairly with a predictable long term commitment so municipalities can properly plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Town send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and OCSI, copied to all eligible municipalities asking that they encourage the Province to distribute predictable infrastructure grants utilizing a fair and equitable formula to all municipalities and discontinue using evaluation criteria that penalizes municipalities that plan for maintaining their infrastructure.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Staff are to draft wording of a letter and a motion that can be circulated. Bring forward.

COMMUNICATION 127046

Received from Deputy-Mayor Flynn
Addressed to Policy Review Committee
Date January 18th, 2016
Topic Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowlathon

SUMMARY

Deputy-Mayor Flynn would like to request a cheque as our donation for the Bowlathon on the 27th of February.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To be discussed.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The Town will provide a \$500.00 donation. Councillor Flynn will coordinate participation in the event.

COMMUNICATION 127047

Received from Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Addressed to Policy Review Committee
Date January 20th, 2016
Topic Meeting Cancellation

SUMMARY

The OGRA conference will be held February 21st – 24th, 2016 and meetings during this time have usually been cancelled as it is difficult to maintain a quorum.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meetings regularly scheduled for Tuesday February 23rd, 2016 be cancelled.

COMMITTEE DECISION

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COMMUNICATION 127048

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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

01-26-16-1 litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; General Nature – Legal Actions

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01-26-16-2 personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; General Nature - Staff

REPORT TO COUNCIL

01-26-16-1 Receive and Record

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