



General Committee Meeting Report
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Town Hall

Chair: Councillor J. Innis
Vice-Chair: Councillor R. Mezzapelli
Mayor A. Thompson
Councillor D. Beffort
Councillor N. deBoer
Councillor J. Downey
Councillor A. Groves (left the meeting at 4:17 p.m.)
Councillor G. McClure
Councillor B. Shaughnessy (left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.)

Chief Administrative Officer: M. Galloway
General Manager, Corporate Services/Town Clerk: C. deGorter
Treasurer: H. Haire
Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives: L. Johnston
Coordinator, Council Committee: D. Lobo
Executive Director, Human Resources: J. Porter
General Manager, Community Services: P. Tollett
Manager, Legal Services/Town Solicitor: K. Stavrakos
General Manager, Finance and Infrastructure Services: F. Wong

CALL TO ORDER

Chair J. Innis called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 1:08 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor B. Shaughnessy disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to the Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conduct Complaints, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy dated April 11, 2017 because she is the subject of the Integrity Commissioner's Report. She went onto to state that in her opinion, there are no exceptions provided in Section 4 of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, RSO 1990, c M.50, permitting the participation of a member who is subject to a Code of Conduct proceeding before a municipal council. Section 15 sets the primacy of the Act; "In the event of conflict between any provision of this Act and any provision of any general or special Act, the provision of this Act prevails. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 15."

Councillor B. Shaughnessy indicated that she will be recusing herself from the delegations related to the Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conduct Complaints.

CONSENT AGENDA

The General Committee reports that the following matters were dealt with on the consent portion of the agenda and recommended to Town Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on May 2, 2017:

STAFF REPORT 2017-12 REGARDING USE OF CORPORATE RESOURCES.

That the Policy for the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes, attached as Schedule A to Staff Report 2017-012, be approved.

STAFF REPORT 2017-50 REGARDING PROPOSED ON-STREET PARKING – WILLOW STREET.

That a by-law be enacted to amend Traffic By-law 2015-058, to repeal and replace Schedule "A" to update the No-Parking, Anytime restriction on the south side of Willow Street as outlined in Schedule A to Staff Report 2017-50.

STAFF REPORT 2017-55 REGARDING COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE, LANDSBRIDGE STREET SOUTH OF ALLAN DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 225 METRES (NORTH OF FOUNTAIN BRIDGE DRIVE).

That a by-law be enacted to amend Traffic By-law 2015-058 to repeal and replace Schedule "L" to include a Community Safety Zone on Landsbridge Street South of Allan Drive and North of Fountainbridge Drive for a distance of 225 meters.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MARCH 23, 2017.

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Report dated March 23, 2017, be received.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE TO CALEDON VILLAS PARK:

That an accessible parking space be included in the on-street parking on Hope Valley Avenue for access to the Caledon Villas Park.

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Whereas the beautification of a community helps tourism by attracting more visitors, creating an inviting environment, and creates community pride; and

Whereas community groups are seeking assistance on an annual basis for Holiday Celebrations held within their communities; and

Whereas funding is not annually awarded to local organizations; and

Whereas community groups require a consistent reliable means of obtaining funds for Holiday Celebrations

Now therefore be it resolved that staff develop a new service level for Council consideration as part of the 2018 budget process where the Town of Caledon funds the annual set-up and take down of holiday decorations on behalf of recognized community groups within the villages and hamlets in Caledon.

ALBION HILLS CONSERVATION AREA MASTER PLAN ENDORSEMENT

Whereas the Albion Hills Conservation Area is Ontario's first conservation park providing the community with over 40 km of trail, camping, fishing, picnicking, splash pad; and pool facility for the last 60 years; and

Whereas the Albion Hills Conservation Area is 495 ha outdoor recreation area just north of Bolton off Hwy 50; and

Whereas the Master Plan supports the optimization and restoration of existing features; the creation of new opportunities in emerging tourism markets, the provision of inclusive opportunities to a diverse audience, and improving capacity as a four season destination;

Now therefore be it resolved, that Council endorse the Albion Hills Conservation Areas Master Plan; and

That staff be directed to look for partnership opportunities with the TRCA regarding the Master Plan and report back to Council.

HEADWATERS FOOD CHARTER ENDORSEMENT

Whereas a Food Charter is a document shaped by community members that describes local values and priorities concerning food; and

Whereas a Food Charter can be used by producers, consumers, institutions, business and local governments to guide the development of local food policies and programs; and

Whereas Food Charters have been developed or are in development for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Guelph-Wellington, Sudbury, Kawartha Lakes, Toronto, and others;

Whereas Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance has created a Food Charter; and

Whereas the Food Charter aligns with Council Work Plan priority area "Protection of the Rural Environment";

Now therefore be it resolved, that Council endorse the Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance Food Charter.

CONFIDENTIAL STAFF REPORT 2017-10 REGARDING PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES – SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

That Alex Rodrigues be selected as the Town of Caledon's nomination for the 2017 Senior of the Year Award to the Province of Ontario's Honours and Awards Secretariat.

Chair J. Innis passed the role as Chair to Councillor R. Mezzapelli at 1:14 p.m.

Councillor B. Shaughnessy left the meeting at 1:14 p.m. She was not in attendance for the delegations regarding the Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conducts Complaints, dated April 11, 2017.

DELEGATIONS

The General Committee adopted the required procedural motion to waive the Procedural By-law permit two additional delegations.

Tim Forster, Resident, Town of Caledon provided a delegation regarding the Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conduct Complaints, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy, dated April 11, 2017. He expressed support for Councillor B. Shaughnessy's work ethic. Mr. Forster expressed concern with the particular complaints, the views of the Integrity Commissioner and procedures undertaken. He requested that Council refrain from receiving the Integrity Commissioner's Report.

Members of Council asked questions of Mr. Forster and staff and received responses.

Vice-Chair R. Mezzapelli thanked Mr. Forster for his delegation.

Ian Sinclair, Resident, Town of Caledon provided a delegation regarding Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conduct Complaints, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy, dated April 11, 2017. Mr. Sinclair expressed concern with the procedures of the Integrity Commissioner according to principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. He encouraged Council to consider referring matters of integrity to the provincial Ombudsman for future Code of Conduct complaints. Mr. Sinclair made a number of suggestions for Council to consider with respect to the complaints against Councillor B. Shaughnessy and sections of the Code of Conduct.

Vice-Chair R. Mezzapelli thanked Mr. Sinclair for his delegation.

John Rutter, Resident, Town of Caledon provided a delegation regarding Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conduct Complaints, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy, dated April 11, 2017. Mr. Rutter expressed support for Councillor B. Shaughnessy as a Council member.

Members of Council asked questions of Mr. Rutter and received responses.

Vice-Chair R. Mezzapelli thanked Mr. Rutter for his delegation.

Michael Ellis, Resident, Town of Caledon provided a delegation regarding Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conduct Complaints, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy, dated April 11, 2017. Mr. Ellis submitted a letter from Garth Turner, a local business owner, which outlined his interactions with Councillor B. Shaughnessy. He spoke against particular complaints in the report and made a number of suggestions for Council to consider with respect to the complaints against Councillor B. Shaughnessy. He encouraged Council to consider referring matters of integrity to the provincial Ombudsman for future Code of Conduct complaints.

Members of Council asked questions of Mr. Ellis and received responses.

Vice-Chair R. Mezzapelli thanked Mr. Ellis for his delegation.

Vice-Chair R. Mezzapelli called upon Ian MacCallum to provide a delegation, at which time Mr. MacCallum withdrew his delegation.

Karen Alison, Resident, Town of Caledon provided a delegation regarding Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conduct Complaints, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy, dated April 11, 2017. Ms. Alison provided information regarding a complaint letter previously submitted to the municipality. She expressed support for Councillor B. Shaughnessy. She made a number of suggestions for Council to consider with respect to the complaints against Councillor B. Shaughnessy and requested that a response be provided in regards to the complaint letter that was previously submitted.

Vice-Chair R. Mezzapelli thanked Mr. Alison for his delegation.

Councillor A. Groves left the meeting at 2:13 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Councillor B. Shaughnessy returned to the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Pat Coe, President, Terra Cotta Community Centre provided a delegation regarding High Street Parking. Ms. Coe expressed concern with the review and implementation of the one-way on High Street, indicating that vehicles are travelling in both directions causing a safety issue. Ms. Coe requested that the Town reconsider the one-way status. Members of Council asked questions of the delegate and received responses.

Vice-Chair R. Mezzapelli thanked Ms. Coe for her delegation.

John Rutter, Resident, Town of Caledon provided a delegation regarding High Street Parking. Mr. Rutter requested that the Notice of Motion be deferred to another meeting. Members of Council asked questions of the delegate and received responses.

Vice-Chair R. Mezzapelli thanked Mr. Rutter for his delegation.

The Committee recessed from 2:25 p.m. to 2:38 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

The General Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

STAFF REPORT 2017-54 REGARDING WAIVING OF 2017 FARMERS' MARKET FEES FOR THE BOLTON FARMERS' MARKET

That the 2017 Bolton Farmers Market Fee be waived in the Amount of \$1,002.60; and

That the 2017 Farmers Market Fees be waived for the Southfields Farmers Market and the Inglewood Farmers Market in the amount of \$1,070 and \$1,121 respectively; and

That staff be directed to review municipal support for farmer's markets in the Town on an ongoing basis and develop an equitable model and report back by September 27 budget process.

This matter was recommended to Town Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on May 2, 2017.

The General Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

STAFF REPORT 2017-57 REGARDING REVIEW OF THE CURRENT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SHRUBS AND HEDGES IN THE TOWN'S FENCE BY-LAW.

That Option 2 be selected - Remove Hedges and Shrubs from the Definition of a Fence in the Town's Fence By-law; and

That Fence By-law 2005-36 be amended to remove shrubs and hedges from the definition of a fence; and

That Staff be directed to conduct a full review of the Fence By-law and report back.

This matter was recommended to Town Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on May 2, 2017.

Councillor B. Shaughnessy left the meeting at 3:20 p.m. She did not participate in the debate and discussion of the Integrity Commissioner's Report Code of Conducts Complaints, dated April 11, 2017.

INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The General Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

That the Report from the Integrity Commissioner concerning Code of Conduct Complaints, Councillor Barb Shaughnessy dated April 11, 2017 be received.

This matter was recommended to Town Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on May 2, 2017.

Councillor D. Beffort left from 4:16 p.m. to 4:18 p.m.

Councillor A. Groves left the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION

HIGH STREET PARKING

That the Notice of Motion regarding the High Street Parking be deferred to the next General Committee Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A member of Council asked a question concerning the correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation dated April 13, 2017 regarding Draft Province-wide Cycling Network, and received a response.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4:19 p.m.