



Township of Georgian Bluffs

Recreation and Property Minutes

May 9, 2016, 3:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor - Alan Barfoot
Councillor - Sue Carleton
Councillor Ryan Thompson

Members Absent:

Councillor- Paul Sutherland

Staff Present:

Deputy Clerk – Christine Fraser-McDonald (Recording Secretary)
CAO/Clerk – Holly Morrison
Facilities Coordinator – Zach Carson

1. Call to Order

Chair Ryan Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM at the Shallow Lake Community Centre. A quorum was present.

There was a tour of the facility with the Committee and the Facilities Coordinator.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – April 11, 2016

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

That the Committee Minutes of April 11, 2016 be adopted as presented, including any revisions to be made.

Carried

4. Hearing of Delegations or Deputations:

3:00 PM – Brenda Fries – Bass Lake Stairs Closure

Mrs. Fries made a presentation to Council.

She is the president of the homeowner's association. Her concerns include the following:

How can the access be deemed public? Lakeview Drive is a private road that the residents pay to maintain. If the dock has public access, then the owners should not be responsible for the maintenance cost of the road due to the increase of traffic.

If the dock remains as public access, how do they address the safety concerns as well as parking? The road cannot handle parking along the shoulders.

There are five residents (122, 126, 128 134 and 139 Lakeview Drive) that are of the understanding that this access is for their exclusive use.

It is a unique situation. There was an access at the north which has been removed by a private resident. Were the 20' walkways for everyone in the public?

She is proposing the following:

The access point shall be designated exclusively for the residents located at 122, 126, 128 134 and 139 Lakeview Drive as well as 110, 106, 109 and 125 South Bass Lake Road.

The cost of bringing the access point up to code and its continued maintenance would be incurred by these residents as well as these residents could dock at the access point.

The Township would not have to pay to maintain the dock as well, the residents would not have to worry about increased traffic or the cost of road maintenance.

Mrs. Fries would like a copy of the CBO's report regarding the stairs. She is aware of, or seeking a document from another landowner that stipulates on their deed that they have deeded access to the water through that point.

Lance Holmes had a concern with parking on the shoulder of the road as well as access for emergency vehicles. If it is a private road, they would like a sign to this effect.

The Committee noted that there is a process for the Township to dispose of public assets. It has to be offered to everyone for sale. A legal opinion will be required regarding the ownership of the access point and if Lakeview Drive is a private road or a Township road. The Committee will stay in touch with Mrs. Fries.

The Committee thanked Mrs. Fries.

3:15 PM – Susan Watson – Rail Trail and ATV Usage

Miss Watson made a presentation to the Committee. She is a regular user of the trail for walking her dog.

She became concerned with the trees being cut down and the trail bed being widened. She feels it is more of a road rather than a trail now. Her main concern is the number of people that use that trail and do not have a voice with regards to the stewardship of the trail.

There is an increase in pedestrian traffic on the trail. They have been told that it is a safe place to walk their dogs. There is a large amount of motor vehicle traffic on the trail. The trail widening has made it more unsafe as the ATV's can drive faster now and pedestrians must get out their way. There is no enforcement. There are no plates on the vehicles.

There are also dirt bikes on the trail, with more on the weekends. There is a lack of signage to indicate no dirt bikes are allowed on the trail.

The trail bed has been scraped down so much that it is down to the rail bed. There are old rail spikes sticking out of the bed. This is unsafe for pedestrians and bikers. There is a large culvert between Range Road and Ben Allen where the dirt around the culvert is eroding away.

The Committee noted that this is a multi-use trail. They have placed stone dust in several areas and need to continue doing this. The OPP have ATV's and they can patrol the area.

The Committee thanked Miss Watson for her presentation.

5. For Committee's Information

a) May Action Item List

The Action Item list was presented to the Committee.

The contractor is willing to cut the grass at the Boyd cemetery at the same price as last year.

The agreement with the Rotary Club will be deferred until such time that the Committee makes a decision regarding the ice resurfacer room.

The following recommendation was made:

Motion No.: 29-2016

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

That the Recreation and Property Committee accepts the May 2016 Action Item Report.

Carried

6. Correspondence:

None received.

7. Staff Reports:

Building and By-law Enforcement

a) April 2016 Building Report

March will be deferred to the next month.

Motion No.: 30-2016

Moved by: Mayor Barfoot

That the Recreation and Property Committee accepts the April 2016 Building Reports.

Carried

a) March By-law Enforcement Action Items Report

b) April By-law Enforcement Action Items Report

Motion No.: 31-2016

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

That the Recreation and Property Committee accepts the March and April, 2016 By-law Enforcement Action Items Reports.

Carried

Facilities

a) Report REC.16.02 – Compressor Overhaul

Staff noted that there has been a recommendation that the compressor at the Shallow Lake Community Centre be overhauled.

Service is recommended for every 24,000 hours of operation or four years.

Total Refrigeration has provided a quote of \$8,828.24 plus HST.

The following recommendation was made:

Motion No.: 32-2016

Moved by: Mayor Barfoot

That the Recreation and Property Committee accepts the quote from Total Refrigeration at a cost of \$8,828.24 plus HST for the overhaul of the Shallow Lake Community Centre compressor. This will be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

Carried

b) Report REC.16.03– Stop Work Order, Shallow Lake Community Centre

Staff noted that a Stop Work Order had been issued by the Ministry of Labour for the Shallow Lake Community Centre. There is insufficient head clearance when driving the Olympia ice resurfacers through the doors. Following the facility tour, the Committee looked at the option of building a new room or renovating the existing space. Committee is recommending renovating the existing space.

Motion No.: 33-2016

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

The Committee directed the Facilities Coordinator and the CBO to contact a structural engineer and to meet them on site and have them prepare a quote.

Carried

c) Report REC.16.04 - Facility Usage

Staff updated the Committee on Facility Usage. There has been an increase in usage due to Owen Sound Minor Sports utilizing the facilities. In 2015, the arena floor and ice floor surface were used for 86 hours.

The following recommendation was made:

Motion No.: 34-2016

Moved by: Mayor Barfoot

That the Recreation and Property Committee accepts Report REC.16.04 for information.

Carried

d) Report REC.16.05 – Roller Skating

Staff gave a report regarding Roller Skating at the Kemble Arena.

No representatives from the Kemble Arena Committee have been at the arena since the Township advertised Friday night roller skating beginning April 22nd. Staff has unlocked the building before 7:00 PM on both April 22nd and April 29th, no committee members or roller skaters have been there.

The Facilities Coordinator has to have staff unlock and lock the building for the roller skating.

The Committee directed staff to cancel roller skating at this time until there is a decision regarding the Kemble Arena governance.

e) Report REC.16.06 – Clavering Ball Field Shed Quotes

Following direction from the Committee, staff received three quotes for the delivery and installation of a shed at the Clavering Ball Field. The Township will pickup the shed.

The following recommendation was made:

Motion No.: 35-2016

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

That the Recreation and Property Committee directs staff to purchase the shed from Home Hardware at a price of \$2,439.67 plus HST and directs Facilities Staff, in conjunction with the Operations Department, to facilitate the move of the shed to the ball field.

Carried

Finance

a) Report FIN.16.11 – Rail Trail Budget Update

There was an update given in regards to the rail trail fence budget.

There was a discussion regarding rail trail fencing and an allocation of the budget to the farmers who had requested fencing.

Motion No.: 36-2016

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

That the Recreation and Property Committee accepts Report FIN.16.11 for information and further that \$1,750 be allocated to Ron Hilsden and Bill Turner respectively for rail trail fencing.

Carried

8. Unfinished Business:

1) Kemble Arena Governance

There will be a request for members to join the Kemble Arena committee. The Facilities Coordinator will place a sign at the arena indicating this.

If there is no response, then the Township will assume control of the arena.

The Facilities Coordinator has made himself as visible as possible to the community, but there was no communication from anyone.

2) Request for Rail Trail Fencing – Bill Turner

This was dealt with under the Rail Trail Budget.

3) Cedar Hill Park Improvement Opportunities – Island View Drive and Area Ratepayer's Association

Cal Confer noted that there is now a new flag at the park and the sign has been repaired. There needs to be a poison ivy control program. This is a public park and should be kept safe. The privies have been repaired and the garbage can has been placed. The Keppel sign is still there. This park is well used by the public.

The Facilities Coordinator will work with the Island View Ratepayers Association in this regard.

9. New Business:

- 1) Councillor Carleton requested that signage at the SLCC be used to advertise the Air and Auto event.

10. In Camera:

None.

11. Next Meeting:

June 13, 2016 @ 3:00 PM

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM by Mayor Barfoot to meet at the next regular Recreation and Property Committee meeting at the call of the Chair.

Chair Ryan Thompson

Deputy Clerk,
Christine Fraser-McDonald