

The Corporation of the Township of Tay
Special Committee of all Council Meeting
General Government & Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Ted Walker
Deputy Mayor Gerard LaChapelle
Councillor Paul Raymond
Councillor Sandy Talbot
Councillor Jeff Bumstead
Councillor Mary Warnock
Councillor Barry Norris

Staff Present: Joanne Sanders, Director of Finance/Deputy Clerk
Alison Gray, Clerk
Steve Farquharson, Director of Planning & Development
Daryl O'Shea, Director of Technology & Communications
Peter Dance, Director of Public Works
Brian Thomas, Fire Chief
Lindsay Barron, Financial Analyst

1. Call to Order

Mayor Walker called the special meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Disclosure of Interest

None were presented.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Walker inquired as to any additions, deletions or amendments to the agenda.

After discussion and consideration the following motion was moved by Councillor Norris and seconded by Councillor Raymond recommending the following to Council for consideration:

That the February 5, 2020 agenda be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

4. Staff Reports / Other Business

4.1 Workshop on the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan

Council and staff reviewed the 19 Strategic Plan Actions that were developed from the recent Strategic Plan.

Individual Council members identified their various priorities, and following discussion Council agreed on the following six priorities:

#6 - Review planning and development policies (including partnerships) with a view to encourage increased development of housing and, specifically, affordable housing

Action/Goal:

1. Comprehensive review of draft OP;
2. Discussions with developers/builders concerning planning policies;
3. Education of Council as to planning framework legislation;
4. Increase education respecting affordable units (accessory unit/basement apartments & secondary suites)

#3 - Establish guidelines for frequent communication about what is happening in Tay to increase transparency about decision-making that affects the community. Utilize the range/variety of channels available to a diversity of residents (electronic signs, direct mail, social media Township website)

Action/Goal:

1. Review/redesign of website to make more customer focus 'people friendly';
2. Develop way to communicate with more residents (quarterly council highlights mail out/distribution channels to residents, newspaper, etc.)

#1 - Review current recreational offerings to determine opportunities to introduce new programming for young residents (children/teens) and older (seniors) to ensure their recreational needs are met.

Action/Goal:

1. Review & inventory recreation programs offered by other municipalities, as well as internal groups & organizations (Library, Legions, Lions, Anglers & Hunters, etc.) to see what is being offered compared to Tay;
2. Volunteer recruitment campaign;
3. Identify gaps/partnerships with groups to increase recreation opportunities

#7 - Approve and implement a road maintenance strategy which ensures a timely, sustainable and economically responsible approach to maintaining and replacing local roadways throughout the municipality.

Action/Goal:

1. Underway - proceed with current roads program, continue to monitor and work with council working group

#7a - Traffic Safety Concerns -speed & signage on roads and develop guidelines/policies

Action/Goal:

1. Undertake review of speed limits & signage gaps in Tay (current limits, what needs to change), Director to work with PW Chair & Vice Chair;
2. Establish protocol to respond to speed & traffic complaints (monitor & measure & rotating radar sign)

*#12 - Undertake an economic impact study of the Victoria Harbour Boat Launch to bring evidence to the discussion regarding the future of the local asset. **AMENDED** - Resolve Victoria Harbour Boat Launch issues, no economic impact study.*

Action/Goal:

1. Investigate increased parking (end of Waldie St, close Veterans Lane, etc.), how many new spots?;
2. Investigate whether or not use of launch should be open to all vs Tay residents & compare to what is available in other municipalities (fees, revenues, costs, tag program similar to Tiny?);
3. Report reviewing 2019 season (issues, concerns, revenues from increased fines)

It was noted that the following additional items are already in progress:

#2 - Empower the Seniors Committee of Council to develop a plan to support ageing in place strategies (including housing, transportation and recreational services)

Action/Goal:

1. RFP for consultant out February 7, 2020

#8 - Proceed with a formal assessment of the appropriate staff complement required for service delivery in Tay Township and align existing resources with prescribed staffing levels.

Action/Goal:

1. Draft Report to Special GGF Feb 13, inter-related to #16

Council requested that a follow up workshop be held in August or September 2020 to review progress made on the priorities, and if some had been completed new priorities may be identified.

Council agreed that the Chair & Vice Chair of each Council Committee would meet with staff to work and develop each item before the item is reported back to Council, with the exception that Councilors' Raymond and Warnock would work with staff on recreation items rather than the Chair & Vice Chair of Public Works.

4. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Raymond and seconded by Deputy Mayor LaChapelle.

That this Special General Government & Finance Committee meeting adjourn at 1:02 p.m.

Carried.

Minutes Recorder – Alison Gray, Clerk