

MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Municipal Liaison Committee was held at 1:30 p.m. on December 5, 2013, Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Stratford: Mayor Dan Mathieson (Chairperson), Councillor Bonnie Henderson, Councillor Tom Clifford

County of Perth: Councillor Vince Judge, Warden Bob Wilhelm, Councillor Walter McKenzie

Town of St.Marys: Councillor Don Van Galen

STAFF PRESENT:

City of Stratford: Andre Morin – Director of Corporate Services, Bill Tigert – Director of Social Services, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary, Stephanie Potter

County of Perth: Bill Arthur – CAO, Renato Pullia – Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer, *Betty Jo Belton – Archivist, *Linda Rockwood – Director of Emergency Medical Services, *Linda Becker – POA Coordinator

Town of St.Marys: Kevin McIlwain - CAO

ALSO PRESENT: *Randy Brown – Business Administrator, PDHU, *Miriam Klassen – PDHU, *Julie Pauli – PDHU, *Lorraine Wheal – Spruce Lodge, *Peter Bolland – Spruce Lodge, *John Kastner – General Manager, Stratford-Perth Museum, *Howard Famme – Treasurer, Stratford-Perth Museum, *David Stones – Chair, Stratford-Perth Museum

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillor Lynn Hainer, St. Marys

MINUTES

Where appropriate, motions contained in the Municipal Liaison Committee Minutes are considered recommendations to the affected municipalities.

1.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Vince Judge, seconded by Bob Wilhelm, to adopt the December 5, 2013 Agenda and Addenda as printed. Carried.

2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3.0 Adoption of the Previous Minutes – July 18, 2013

Motion by Tom Clifford, seconded by Walter McKenzie to adopt the minutes of July 18, 2013 as presented. Carried.

4.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

None.

5.0 2014 Budget Presentations

5.1 Perth District Health Unit – Randy Brown, Miriam Klassen, Julie Pauli

Randy Brown, Business Administrator, presented the 2014 Perth District Health Unit Budget Report as circulated with the Agenda.

**Motion by Bonnie Henderson, seconded by Bob Wilhelm
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective
Councils the 2014 budget, as presented by the Perth District Health Unit.
Carried.**

**Randy Brown, Miriam Klassen and Julie Pauli are no longer present.*

5.2 Spruce Lodge – Lorraine Wheal, Peter Bolland

Peter Bolland presented the 2014 Spruce Lodge Budget Report as circulated with the Agenda.

**Motion by Don Van Galen, seconded by Bonnie Henderson
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective
Councils the 2014 budget, as presented by Spruce Lodge. Carried.**

**Lorraine Wheal and Peter Bolland are no longer present.*

5.3 Stratford-Perth Museum – John Kastner, David Stones, Howard Famme

John Kastner, David Stones and Howard Famme presented the 2014 Stratford-Perth Museum Budget Report as circulated with the Agenda, with an updated version circulated today at the meeting.

**Motion by Tom Clifford, seconded by Bob Wilhelm
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective
Councils the 2014 budget, as presented by the Stratford-Perth Museum.
Carried.**

Tom Clifford requested clarification on the significant increase of approximately \$500,000 as the assessed value of the property. John Kastner explained that the current re-assessment received this week, is only now reflecting the extensive renovation completed in 2008. Mayor Mathieson inquired if the Museum had an accrual plan in place for the increase in property taxes for the extensive renovation. He also inquired if they felt the assessment was accurate for their property. Howard Famme explained that, in his opinion, the assessment does not accurately reflect a realistic resale value. Mayor Mathieson suggested appealing the assessment and offered to help with the process. Initially a letter will need to be drafted to the township to begin the appeal process. The deadline for the appeal is December 20, 2013.

Vince Judge reported that the County is under pressure for the next few years with a 10% reduction from the Province and is currently reviewing their budgets and need to make drastic changes as they are now pressed for funds.

Mayor Mathieson requested that they schedule a future meeting between himself, Ron Shaw, Museum representatives and the County to discuss the appeal.

**John Kastner, David Stones and Howard Famme are no longer present.*

5.4 Stratford-Perth Archives – Betty Jo Belton

Betty Jo Belton presented the Draft 2014 Stratford-Perth Archives Budget Report as circulated with the Agenda.

She updated members that the new projected completion date for the new facility is Spring 2014 with occupancy by the Fall of 2014, as well, the original cost projected for the facility has been reduced from \$2.75M to \$2.5M.

**Motion by Bob Wilhelm, seconded by Bonnie Henderson
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective
Councils the 2014 budget, as presented by the Stratford-Perth Archives.
Carried.**

**Betty Jo Belton is no longer present.*

5.5 Provincial Offences – Linda Becker

Linda Becker presented the 2014 Provincial Offences Budget Report as circulated with the Agenda.

**Motion by Walter McKenzie, seconded by Don Van Galen
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective
Councils the 2014 budget, as presented by Provincial Offences Administration.
Carried.**

**Linda Becker is no longer present.*

5.6 Emergency Medical Services – Linda Rockwood

Linda Rockwood presented the 2014 Emergency Medical Services Budget Report as circulated with the Agenda.

It was noted that the 2014 Draft Budget has not yet been adopted by Perth County Council.

Motion by Tom Clifford, seconded by Bob Wilhelm

THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective Councils the 2014 Budget, as presented by Emergency Medical Services. Carried.

**Linda Rockwood is no longer present.*

5.7 Social Services – Bill Tigert, Andre Morin

Bill Tigert presented the 2014 Social Services Budget Report as circulated with the Agenda.

Motion by Bonnie Henderson, seconded by Bob Wilhelm

THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective Councils the 2014 Budget, as presented by Social Services. Carried.

Kevin McIlwain requested some clarification on the calculations regarding daycare. Mr. Tigert explained the breakdown and will forward Mr. McIlwain and Councillor Van Galen the specific numbers for St. Marys, as requested.

Bob Wilhelm asked for clarification regarding the OPM funding and contributions to Social Services. Mr. Tiger explained the main driver is the municipal costs of ODSP. All amounts are funded by matching funds.

6.0 New Business

None.

7.0 Proposed Dates for 2014 Quarterly Meetings & 2015 Budget Meeting

February 20, 2014	(County of Perth)
April 17, 2014	(City of Stratford)
July 17, 2014	(County of Perth)
October 16, 2014	(City of Stratford)
January 29, 2015	(County of Perth)

Motion by Vince Judge, seconded by Walter McKenzie

THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee adopt the proposed 2014 meeting dates, as well as the date of January 29, 2015 for the 2015 budget meeting . Carried.

8.0 Ex-Officio Municipal Representation on Huron-Perth Healthcare Alliance

Mayor Mathieson explained that the Huron-Perth Healthcare Alliance requested if a Municipal Liaison Committee member would serve on their local advisory committee. St. Marys, Seaforth, Clinton and Stratford make up the Alliance. Mayor Mathieson asked if the committee would like to identify a rep to attend the meetings. Kevin McIlwain reported that Councillor Lynn Hainer, who is a member of the MLC, currently represents St. Marys on the committee. Mayor Mathieson asked if there were any other members who wished to sit on the committee.

Motion by Bonnie Henderson, seconded by Don Van Galen

THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee endorses St. Marys Councillor Lynn Hainer as the MLC representative on the Huron-Perth Healthcare Alliance Local Advisory Committee for a one year term to November 30, 2014. Carried.

9.0 Other Business

None.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion by Tom Clifford, seconded by Bob Wilhelm that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Time: 2:50 p.m.