

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES – November 21, 2024**

A hybrid meeting of the Finance & Economic Development Committee was held on November 21, 2024 with the following in attendance:

Chair Councillor Mitchell, Mayor R. Stephens, Councillors Bisailon, Diebolt, Farquhar, Scott, and D. Stephens, CFO/Treasurer A. Slee, CAO/Clerk D. Deforge, By-Law Officer S. Meert, Chief Building Official R. McPherson, Roads Superintendent R. Klingenberg and four members of the public on Zoom.

The meeting was recorded.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: R. STEPHENS AND D. STEPHENS

That the agenda be approved with the following changes:

Additions:

9b. Letter from the Town of Aurora requesting additional Provincial and Federal funding...carried.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: SCOTT AND D. STEPHENS

That the minutes of the last regular Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of October 17, 2024 be approved as presented...carried.

MOTION: DIEBOLT AND SCOTT

That we recommend to Council that By-law 2024-13 Reduced Load be given its 3 readings and be duly passed...carried.

MOTION: DIEBOLT AND R. STEPHENS

That the Draft By-law 2024-14 Entrance Permit System have the permit fee be set to \$150,00...carried

Staff was directed to provide a clear definition of the various types of entrances and to research whether or not building permits should be tied to entrance permits.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND R. STEPHENS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee accepts the Tax Arrears List as of November 15, 2024...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND DIEBOLT

That we recommend to Council that the Year-to-Date Expense Report for the Finance and Economic Development Committee dated October 31, 2024 be approved as presented...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND SCOTT

That we recommend to Council that the Municipality proceed with the subdivision agreement with the changes as noted by the consultant and staff, and that the Municipality request changes to the Hydrogeological report as discussed in Committee...carried.

MOTION: DIEBOLT AND SCOTT

That we Pitcher’s Thistle Monitoring Report be accepted as information...carried.

MOTION: SCOTT AND DIEBOLT

That we recommend to Council to approve the cheque register for the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$1,052,998.40...carried.

MOTION: R. STEPHENS AND DEBOLT

That we recommend to Council that the draft 2025 Finance and Economic Development Operating budget be received AND FURTHER THAT it be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole meeting in January for further consideration...carried.

MOTION: R. STEPHENS AND SCOTT

That we recommend to Council to support the following motion from the Town of Aurora:

“Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a distribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Herby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That his redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MP’s) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s); and

5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.”...carried.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Diebolt at 8:15 p.m.