



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2024 In Person/Zoom Hybrid

Council Present Mayor, Richard Stephens
 Councillor Ward 1, Brian Mitchell
 Councillor Ward 1, Derek Stephens
 Councillor Ward 2, John Bisailon
 Councillor Ward 2, Dale Scott (v)
 Councillor Ward 3, Rose Diebolt
 Councillor Ward 3, Linda Farquhar

Council Absent

Staff Present CAO/Clerk Denise Deforge

Media Present 1 member (Video)

Public Present 1 member
 3 members (Video)

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

1. **Approval of Agenda**

314-2024

Moved by John Bisailon

Seconded by Brian Mitchell

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

2. **Pecuniary Interest**

None Declared.

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**

315-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That the minutes of the last Regular Council meeting of October 24, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

4. **Delegations and Petitions**

None

5. **Committees and other Reports**

a) Roads Committee – November 5, 2024

316-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Dale Scott

That we support the Ontario Good Roads – The Town of Blue Mountain motion in principle:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors Re: Request for Council Consideration of Support for Resolution regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;
AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;
AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;
and FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads;
and FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Motion Carried

317-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the report Seasonal Snowplow Operator 2024-11-02 be received AND FURTHER THAT Seasonal Snowplow Operator be added as a permanent yearly position.

Motion Carried

318-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by John Bisailon

That the report Municipal Snowplow 2024-10-29 be received AND FURTHER THAT Providence Bay Sidewalks and Mindemoya's Municipal Parking lots be added to the Roads winter maintenance routes from this point forward.

Motion Carried

319-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Brian Mitchell

That the Roads Committee 2025 draft operating budget be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole budget meeting at the end of January 2025 for further review.

Motion Carried

320-2024

Moved by John Bisailon

Seconded by Rose Diebolt

That the Year-to-Date Expense Report for the Road Committee dated October 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

321-2024

Moved by John Bisailon

Seconded by Rose Diebolt

That the letter from Weaver Simmons as discussed in camera under Section 239 (f) of the Municipal Act be received and that staff proceed as per the recommendation of the Committee.

Motion Carried

b) Water, Waste and Education Committee – November 7, 2024

322-2024

Moved by John Bisaillon

Seconded by Brian Mitchell

That Community Improvement Plan (CIP) application 2024-05 from Ravi Baniwal for Huron Sands Motel and Restaurant be approved for Program 1 in the amount of \$2500.00 for main signage improvements.

Motion Carried

323-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That Community Improvement Plan (CIP) application 2024-04 from Larry Moniz for the Manitoulin Inn be approved for Program 2 in the amount of \$6500.00 for electrical upgrades.

Motion Carried

324-2024

Moved by Dale Scott

Seconded by John Bisaillon

That Report WSI 24164 dated September 2024 entitled "Underwater Inspection of Water Intake Facilities" prepared by Watech Services Inc be received AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back with budgetary figures for any recommendations in the report.

Motion Carried

325-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That the Year-to-Date Expense Report for the Water, Waste and Education Committee dated October 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

326-2024

Moved by John Bisaillon

Seconded by Rose Diebolt

That the Draft 2025 WWE Operating Budget V2 be received AND FURTHER THAT it be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole budget meeting in January for consideration in the 2025 budget.

Motion Carried

327-2024

Moved by Brian Mitchell

Seconded by John Bisaillon

That the draft Library Board 2025 Budget be received AND FURTHER THAT a municipal grant of \$85,000.00 be approved for the 2025 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

c) Property Committee – November 12, 2024

328-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Dale Scott

That the following fees be set for the purchase of cemetery plots in all Central Manitoulin cemeteries:

Single plot – resident \$500.00

Double plot	- resident	\$1,000.00
Single plot	- non-resident	\$1,000.00
Double plot	- non-resident	\$2,000.00.

Motion Carried

329-2024

Moved by John Bisaillon

Seconded by Linda Farquhar

That the Year-to-Date Expense Report for the Property Committee dated October 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

330-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by Brian Mitchell

That the draft 2025 Property Operating budget be received AND FURTHER THAT it be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole meeting in January for further consideration.

Motion Carried

6. Unfinished Business:

7. Communication

8. New Business

9. Financial Business:

10. In Camera:

11. Confirming By-law

331-2024

Moved by Derek Stephens

Seconded by John Bisaillon

That any action taken at tonight's meeting which may require a by-law be so authorized by Council.

Motion Carried

12. Adjournment

332-2024

Moved by Dale Scott

Seconded by Rose Diebolt

Motion to adjourn the meeting of Council at 7:35 pm.

MAYOR – Richard Stephens

CAO/CLERK – Denise Deforge

I, _____, Clerk of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of Council held on November 14, 2024.

Clerk