

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES – February 20, 2025**

A hybrid meeting (in person and online) of the Finance & Economic Development Committee was held on February 20, 2023 with the following in attendance:

Chair Councilor Mitchell, Mayor R. Stephens, , Farquhar, Scott, and D. Stephens, CAO/Clerk D. Deforge, CFO/Treasurer A. Slee, Roads Superintendent R. Klingenberg, CBO R. McPherson, By-Law Officer S. Meert and 16 members of the public.

Regrets: Councilors Diebolt and Bisailon

The meeting was recorded.

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

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND SCOTT

That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

5b. Ben Lentir – Draft By-Law - 2024-13 Reduced Load

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

MOTION: SCOTT AND R. STEPHENS

That the minutes of the last regular Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of January 23, 2025 be approved as presented...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND R. STEPHENS

That the information presented by both Renee Cranston and Ben Lentir regarding By-Law 2024-13 – Reduced Load be accepted...carried.

MOTION: SCOTT AND R. STEPHENS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend to Council that By-law 2025-05, being a By-law to adopt the final tax rates for the current year, be given its three readings and be duly passed...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND R. STEPHENS

That the comments for the Draft By-Law - 2024-13 Reduced Load be accepted, as the comment period closed on February 16, 2025...carried.

MOTION: SCOTT AND R. STEPHENS

That the Draft By-Law - 2024-13 Reduced Load taken back for revision and to be brought to the next Finance and Economic Development meeting...carried.

MOTION: R. STEPHENS AND D. STEPHENS

That the the Draft By-Law - 2024-34 Short Term Accommodations be given its first reading and be opened up to the public for a 60 day comment period ...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND MITCHELL

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee accepts the Tax Arrears List as of February 17, 2025...carried.

MOTION: SCOTT AND D. STEPHENS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend to Council to approve the cheque register for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$447,441.49...carried.

MOTION: SCOTT AND R. STEPHENS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee accepts the January 28, 2025 minutes of the Manitoulin Planning Board Public Meeting...carried.

MOTION: SCOTT AND R. STEPHENS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee accepts the January 28, 2025 minutes of the Manitoulin Planning Board Regular Meeting...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND MITCHELL

That we go in camera to discuss two matters under the Municipal Act Section 239 2(d), "Labour Relations" ...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND SCOTT

That we come out of in camera...carried.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND SCOTT

That a public forum be opened, at the request of the public present, to discuss Draft By-Law - 2024-13 Reduced Load...carried.

There was open discussion between members of the public and Council regarding the content and interpretation of Draft By-Law - 2024-13 Reduced Load.

MOTION: D. STEPHENS AND R. STEPHENS

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m...carried.