

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF COUNCIL HELD ON TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY 2008 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 420 LESLIE AVENUE, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO AT THE HOUR OF 4:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Ab Covello, Chair
Councillor Alana Bishop
Councillor Donna Blunt
Councillor Ron Giardetti
Reeve Maria Harding

ALSO PRESENT: Wendy Hamlin, Clerk
Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations
Blair Arthur, Fire Chief
Alan Cooke, Chief Building Official
In Audience – Jo-Anne Hamelin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No.: 103/08	
Moved By:	Maria Harding
Seconded By:	Alana Bishop
THAT this meeting of the Committee of the Whole is hereby called to order at 4:00 pm. CARRIED	

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest by any member of the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Reeve Harding requested adding a discussion on education for the residents with respect to recycling and cardboard boxes brought to the landfill site. The Committee agreed.

Resolution No.: 104/08	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Maria Harding
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED	

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Bonnie and Brian Berezowski - Dogs running at Large

Mr. & Mrs. Berezowski were present. Mrs. Berezowski thanked the Committee for the opportunity to come forward and speak. She explained that she would like to address an ongoing dog problem being that dogs are roaming freely and do attack their dogs when walking. She reviewed some of the incidences and stated that they would like to walk the dogs without worry.

Mr. Berzowski spoke to the animal control by-laws and noted that they have made numerous complaints to the office over time and he is not sure at what point Shuniah would act.

There was a short discussion on ticketing, the current process and future plans. The By-law Enforcement Officer will meet with Mr. & Mrs. Berezowski to discuss the matter.

5. REPORTS OF OPERATING DEPARTMENTS

a) By-law Enforcement

b) Building and Planning

The Clerk informed the Committee that the appellant withdrew his appeal to the passing of Zoning By-law No. 2296-07, the by-law that would implement Official Plan Amendment No. Two.

c) Public Works

i) Manager of Operation's Report review Landfill Permit Fee System

The Manager of Operations gave an update on the funding initiative and explained that he would like to submit an application for replacement of the Compressor Station Road Bridge. The Committee concurred.

The Manager of Operations reviewed his request to modify the Landfill Fee System. After a lengthy discussion staff was directed to prepare a draft by-law that would put a punch card system in place with \$25 and \$50 cards offered.

d) Fire Department

e) Administration

i) Memo from Eric Collingwood re: Administrative policies

The CAO reviewed his report explaining the proposed policy would recognize employees' service at 5-year increments, along with resignations and retirements. After a lengthy discussion the Committee thought the policy should be for those employees who have worked 25 years and those retiring after a minimum of 10 years service and undertook to discuss it further at a future meeting.

f) Finance Department

i) Discussion possible future use McKenzie Inn.

The Chair requested that, rather than adjourning the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting and reconvening, the Committee consider allowing extra time to complete the meeting. Being there were no deputations at Council, the Committee agreed to extend its meeting.

The Committee noted that a resident was suggesting the Municipality consider the McKenzie Inn for a long-term care facility, however as the Municipality does not own the property, it was not discussed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Land Inventory - Municipal Shoreline Properties

Councillor Bishop brought forward a presentation on land ambulance services, which she read out. She was suggesting the Municipality pursue the EMS vigorously to ensure that the area ambulance is available to the residents 24/7. After discussion the Committee directed staff request statistics on the calls responded to both in and out of the Shuniah area and further to invite the Director of Superior North EMS to attend a future meeting to answer the Committee's concerns.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No.: 105/08	
Moved By:	Alana Bishop
Seconded By:	Maria Harding
THAT the hour of 5:15 having arrived the meeting adjourn. CARRIED	

CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED THIS

DAY OF

2008

Reeve

Clerk