

**Minutes of
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.**

Those in attendance were Mayor Donaldson, Councillors Cairns, Colhoun, Donoghue, Jorgensen, King, Lorenz and Watson.

Councillor Bratty had previously advised that she would be absent from the meeting.

Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer D. Weldon, Community Events Facilitator and Marketing Assistant A. Taylor, Director of Development Services S. Lucas, Director of Infrastructure and Community Services G. Carleton, Director of Human Resources Norma Bush, Manager of Recreation, Community Services & Centennial Centre Operations D. Broderick, Director of Economic Development and Communications R. Romanin and Executive Assistant and Communications Coordinator/Recording Secretary D. VanLanduyt.

I. Closed Session - Nil

II. Adoption of Agenda

Councillor Colhoun requested the addition of two matters under New Business pertaining to solid waste and additional parking spaces on Brock Street.

Committee agreed.

Moved by Councillor Watson
Seconded by Councillor Colhoun

Recommendation “A”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda as presented to Committee of the Whole on February 12th, 2013 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief introduction of the new Director of Economic Development and Communications, Renato Romanin and welcomed him to our Community.

In accordance with the new procedural By-law and Rotation Schedule, Councillor Watson assumed the Chair.

III. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest-Nil

IV. Working Session – Nil

V. Deputations

1. Terry Pilger and Judy Campbell, Ryde Community Co-op re: Ryde 135 & Upcoming Activities

Mr. Pilger and Ms. Campbell provided a summary of the planned activities for 2013 and advised that the community of Ryde would be celebrating the 135th Anniversary in 2014. They reviewed the celebration activities and requested that Committee consider setting aside funds to assist with the celebrations.

VI. Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Donoghue
Seconded by Councillor Cairns

Recommendation "B"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all items contained on the Consent Agenda as presented on February 12th, 2013 be approved:

1. Minutes of Gravenhurst Public Library Board – Sept. 12/12, Oct. 10/12, Nov. 14/12 & Dec. 11/12
2. Minutes of Municipal Heritage Committee – December 11, 2012
3. Minutes of Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee – December 21, 2012
4. Correspondence from Ministry of Finance re: Casino Sites
5. Correspondence from Canada Post re: Processing of Local Mail Change
6. SRC02-2011 – Carcone, Marion et al (South Morrison Lake Rd)
7. SRC11-2012 – Harms, Donna and Chambers, Brian (Severn River)
8. Gravenhurst Winter Carnival Noise Exemption Request
9. RE01-2012 – Proposed Purchase of Town Lands (Bennett, Deborah)
10. Municipal Office Christmas Holiday Closure 2013

CARRIED.

VII. Unfinished Business - Nil

VIII. New Business

1. Ryde 135 Celebrations

Staff provided an overview of the Ryde Co-op's request to implement a website for their anniversary celebrations in 2014. Following discussions it was decided that Staff should proceed to include the \$2000.00 allocated to the Ryde Anniversary Celebrations in the budget process.

2. One Kids Place-Waive of Fees

A lengthy discussion ensued with regards to fees being waived in previous years and the cost implications if approved. Concern was expressed with regard to the budget for One Kids Place in which there has not been an allocation of funding to cover rental costs.

Moved by Mayor Donaldson
Seconded by Councillor Cairns

Recommendation “C”

BE RESOLVED that Committee approve the waiving of fees for One Kids Place totaling \$8,432.06 for the rental of the Centennial Centre community meeting room once per week for seven hours per week for the year 2013.

CARRIED

3. Community Garden

Discussion ensued with regard to the benefits of the gardens to the community. Staff explained the purpose of the gardens being in boxes for accessibility and appearance within the localized area. The Community Garden project will allow families and individuals the ability to learn how to plant, maintain, harvest and cook garden crops.

Moved by Councillor Donoghue
Seconded by Mayor Donaldson

Recommendation “D”

WHEREAS the Town of Gravenhurst supports a community garden;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that Committee direct staff to proceed with the community garden project subject to the expenditures as described in the report being approved during the 2013 budget process.

CARRIED.

4. Addition of Parking Spaces on Brock Street

Staff indicated that they have met with the District to discuss the proposal and have received approval to proceed. The two (2) parking spaces will have a 2 hour parking limit in accordance with all other parking in the area.

Moved by Councillor Lorenz
Seconded by Councillor Colhoun

Recommendation “E”

BE RESOLVED that Committee request the District of Muskoka to amend its current no parking by-law to allow parking for up to two hours on the north side of Brock Street between a location approximately 15 m west of First Street and a location approximately 150 m east of Muskoka Road North.

CARRIED

5. Solid Waste Proposed Reductions

Discussion ensued with regard to the reduction of services that the District is considering in order to reduce the amount of garbage going into the landfills. Concern was expressed with regard to the proposed changes and it was requested that those concerns be shared with the District at a future meeting.

IX. Closed Session – Nil

X. Adjournment

On verbal motion by Councillors Donoghue and Colhoun, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Mayor

Acting Deputy Clerk