

**Minutes of Committee Meeting
of City Council
Held Monday, January 26, 2015**

Present:

Mayor McDonald, Councillors Forgette, Shogren, Vaillancourt, Maroosis, Bain, Anthony, King, Serran, Mayne, Vrebosch.

General Government Committee:

GG-2014-14 ***Public Meeting under the Municipal Act***

Report from Margaret Karpenko dated December 2, 2014 re User Fees – City Departments and North Bay Fire and Emergency Services.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that notice of the meeting was given by way of advertisements in the North Bay Nugget on Saturday, January 3, 2015 and Saturday, January 10, 2015.

Margaret Karpenko explained the proposed increases to the City Department and North Bay Fire and Emergency Services User Fees.

Councillor Forgette asked for public presentations.

Presentations:

1. Matthew Parfitt (Widdifield Ratepayers Association)
 - The discussions that staff had with the user groups addressed some of the concerns.
 - He only received the Report to Council late on Friday night.
 - He has sent a copy of the Extra Sewer Surcharge Report which is the only method he has faith in.
 - If you apply the method used in the Extra Sewer Surcharge Report the figure should be \$10.00. This Report is recognized by the Canadian Federation of Municipalities.
 - Does not believe that \$17.00 is reflective of the true recovery cost.
 - Costs have changed from the 2013 Report to the 2015 Report.
 - Northland Engineering prepared a Report in 1999 showing \$4.00 per cubic metre.
 - They should only be paying for receiving and treatment and not distribution.
 - If they have to pay for distribution they should only be paying .40¢.
 - \$17.00 is too high. It should be \$10.00 for treatment and they should be paying the same as everyone else for distribution.

2. Troy Seguin – Septivac
 - Wanted to know why the numbers from the 2013 Report, the Hemson Report and the 2015 Report keep changing.
 - In 2013 the suspended solids rate was \$247.00 per litre and in 2015 it was \$208.00 per litre.
 - The treatment cost percentages also keep changing 2013 the treatment was 25% of the cost and collection/distribution was 75%. In 2015 treatment was 45% of the cost and collection/distribution was 55%.
 - On Page 5 of the 2015 Report there is a septage tank rate review done in 2013 by Kawartha Lakes. Did staff call any of these Municipalities to verify these amounts.
 - Minden Hills Area Shepards Environmental in the study is an independent hauler and doesn't pay treatment costs because they have their own pits.

- 3. Bernard Benoit – Benoit Septic Services
 - Wanted to thank Council for the meeting.
 - He wanted to clarify that the business model that he was using the rates needed to stay between \$5.00 to \$10.00 to stay in business.

- 4. Myles Peters
 - Owns a rental property which needs to be pumped out 2 to 3 times per year.
 - This increase will mean that Septivac will have to increase their fees.
 - He has no recourse to recover these monies as he is bound by the Landlord Tenant Act.
 - Council should be considering the ramifications of this increase on the outlying areas.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on February 2, 2015.

Community Services Committee:

CS-2015-01 Report from Peter Carello dated January 6, 2015 re 2014 Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC) Annual Report.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Councillor Anthony declared a conflict of interest as his employer is mentioned in the Report.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on February 2, 2015.

CS-2015-02 Report from Kathleen Fralic dated January 12, 2015 re 2014 Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) Annual Report.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on February 2, 2015.

Engineering and Works Committee:

EW-2014-07 Report from Laura Boissonneault dated December 1, 2014 re 2015 Administration Water and Sewer Operating Budget.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on February 2, 2015.

Committee Meeting of Council adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Mayor Allan McDonald

Deputy City Clerk Karen McIsaac