

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**January 12, 2010
2:30 p.m.**

Attendance:

Chairperson Robson, Mayor Kirkland, T. Thibeault, P. Cramp

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of November 10, 2009

Recommendation #1

THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of November 10, 2009, be approved.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Council Issues/Correspondence

None

New Business

- 2010 Insurance

Recommendation #2

THAT the 2010 Insurance for the Village of Point Edward, be approved.

- Scotiabank Bill Payment Remittance

The Committee was advised that Scotiabank was planning to begin charging the Village for bill payments when their customers use telebanking or online services to pay taxes or water bills.

Recommendation #3

THAT the Village continue to use the Bill Payment Remittance Reporting service and that the annual cost be paid as it is important to continue to offer Scotiabank customers alternative payment methods for their convenience; and further that Scotiabank be advised that the Village of Point Edward does not agree with their new fees and that they be requested to reconsider this change.

- Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,200

Recommendation #4

THAT the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund reduction, be received and filed.

- Sarnia & District Humane Society Telethon

Recommendation #5

THAT the request from the Sarnia & District Humane Society for a donation for their upcoming telethon, be denied.

- Letter from St. Clair Child & Youth Services re: funding crisis

Recommendation #6

THAT the Village of Point Edward Council support the concerns expressed by the St. Clair Child & Youth Services that the children's mental health services are underfunded and that more funds are urgently required to meet the growing needs in the community.

- Sign rental from BWBC at entrance to Village - \$1,100/yr.

Recommendation #7

THAT the request from Blue Water Bridge Canada to include the Village on the signs entering the Village from the U.S. at an annual cost of \$1,100, be referred to the Technical Liaison Committee for further discussion.

- Letter from Barb Grunte re: use of walkway for Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Recommendation #8

THAT the request from Lutheran Women's Missionary League to use the walkway in the Village for an organized walk by the participants of their conventions, be approved subject to no markings be placed on the walkway; and further that the request to distribute cards along the way, be denied as it is contrary to the Village by-law.

- Retirement Party for Earl Helps

Shelley Archer updated the Committee on the plans for the upcoming Retirement Party for Arena Supervisor Earl Helps to be held on January 22, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Point Edward Community Hall. It was noted that Earl Helps has served the Village for over 48 years.

- Arena Open House

Everything will be complete in the Arena by the end of January so it is recommended that the Open House for the Arena be scheduled in February. It is expected that it will be held on a Sunday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. subject to protocol of the federal and provincial governments. Following the formal opening, there will be public skating and refreshments will be available in the Community Hall. It will be catered by Village businesses.

- 2010 Borrowing By-law

Recommendation #9

THAT the 2010 borrowing by-law be brought forward to the next Council meeting for approval.

- Fundraising Events for 2010
 - VON Sarnia-Lambton Event
 - Bluewater Health Foundation

Recommendation #10

THAT the following fundraising events be supported for 2010:

- Bluewater Health Golf Tournament
 - Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
 - Diabetes Golf Tournament
 - VON Golf Tournament
 - VON Silent Auction and Gala
 - Bluewater Health Foundation Gala
- Transit Services

Jim Stevens is providing further information on costs and possible changes to the Point Edward Transit service prior to the next Council meeting. He will also include ridership numbers which continue to decline.

Review of Financial Statements

- For period ending November 30 and December 31, 2009

Recommendation #11

THAT the Financial Statements for the periods ending November 30 and December 31, 2009, be approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Chairperson Janice Robson

CAO/Clerk Peggy Cramp