

**VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**March 9, 2010  
2:30 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

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

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**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of February 2, 2010

**Recommendation #1**

THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of February 2, 2010, be approved.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Delegation**

Dave Schaller, Manager, Pathways Health Centre for Children re: assistance with Accessibility implementation requirements

Mr. Schaller presently assists Iron Works and the Soccer Club with their accessibility requirements. He is a Recreation Therapist. He also sits on the City of Sarnia Accessibility Committee.

Mr. Schaller noted that in 2001, the Act had no teeth. The new Act is being implemented with five standards. The Customer Service standard was the first one to be in place. There will be a major change to physical barriers. Programs must be inclusive and accessible for participants with a host of different abilities.

Mr. Schaller offered his assistance as a consultant for short or long term plans. Each municipality must consider how they fit into the new standards. If they receive criticism or complaints, it will be helpful to have talked to other organizations and consulted with others. He can also assist with the design of brochures and documents.

When problems do occur, he would be able to review the situation and propose short term and long term solutions. Sometimes signage or a buzzer is all that is needed to resolve a physical barrier for the short term. The next area will be a Communication standard which will include Braille and large print requirements.

Chairperson Robson thanked Mr. Schaller for his presentation and advised that this information will be forwarded to Council for their consideration.

**Council Issues/Correspondence**

Deputy Mayor Robson advised that the Figure Skaters are placing clothes racks in the main aisle at the Arena which is adding to the congestion. They are to be advised of the concern.

Deputy Mayor Robson noted that the Bridgeview School Newsletter is including a section regarding the subsidized cost for transit tickets.

**New Business**

- Letter from Sharon Haslip and Vickie Huggett re: request for \$400 donation towards Bridgeview School graduation

**Recommendation #2**

THAT the request from Sharon Haslip and Vickie Huggett for a donation in the amount of \$400 towards the Bridgeview School graduation, be approved for this year only due to the Community Hall renovations; and further that the funds be taken from the Donation Reserve.

- Letter from Dave Christensen re: Easter Sunrise Service – April 4, 2010 at 6:30 a.m.

**Recommendation #3**

THAT approval be granted for the Easter Sunrise Service to be held at the pergola on April 4, 2010 at 6:30 a.m.; and that arrangements be made to use the electrical outlets.

- Letter from Janet Love re: “Bridging you to your community” tag line

**Recommendation #4**

THAT Janet Love be thanked for her recommendation and be advised that Council does not wish to implement the request at this time.

- Letter from MTE and John Innes, County of Lambton re: Blue Water Bridge – Assessment Update

**Recommendation #5**

THAT the recommendation from MTE regarding the Blue Water Bridge Assessment Update, be accepted.

- Letter from MEPCO re: OMERS deficit

**Recommendation #6**

THAT the concerns regarding the funding of the OMERS Pension Fund, be received and filed.

- Letter from Grand River Occupational Health & Safety Consulting re: review of health and safety program

**Recommendation #7**

THAT the proposal submitted by Grand River Occupational Health & Safety to meet all requirements of the Workwell Audit, be accepted; and further that the costs be paid from the 2009 Operating Budget surplus.

- Information from Auditor Jim Dunlop re: Harmonized Sales Tax

It was noted that the Harmonized Sales tax is expected to add an additional 1.76% to most services used by the municipality.

**Recommendation #8**

THAT the overview provided by Collins Barrow for the Harmonized Sales tax as it affects Public Service bodies, be received and filed.

- Status of 2009 Capital Projects
  - o Resolutions re: Transfers to Reserves

**Recommendation #9**

THAT \$133,206.29 be transferred to the Emergency Fund Reserve, which represents the under spent 2009 Capital projects.

**Recommendation #10**

THAT \$271,628.99 be transferred to the Specified Project Reserve towards projects that will be continuing in 2010.

- o Resolution re: Transfer to Reserve relating to Bayview Storm Station

**Recommendation #11**

THAT \$19,272.58 be transferred to the Capital Expenditure Reserve to account for additional funding received for the Bayview Storm Station.

- 2010 Operating Budget

It was agreed to meet on Thursday, March 11 to review the entire 2010 Operating budget.

**Review of Financial Statements**

- For period ending February 28, 2010

**Recommendation #12**

THAT the Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2010, be approved.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Chairperson Janice Robson

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CAO/Clerk Peggy Cramp