

COW-038-2011

It was **MOVED** by M. Standen, **SECONDED** by J. Jackson and **CARRIED**

Recommendation: **THAT** the Draft Overview of a Community Plan Process be brought forward for budget debate with an upset limit of \$7,000;

AND FURTHER THAT the item be brought forward to an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion and consideration.

BREAK 10:44 AM
RECONVENE 10:50 AM

**16. DELEGATION – SHANE SARGANT AND BRUCE PARSONS, SAUBLE
CHAMBER 24 WEEKS OF SUMMER**

Shane Sargent and Bruce Parsons attended to represent the Sauble Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Parsons is the Chamber President. He gave a recap of the Event Manager position including the set up of the office, staff and equipment. He explained that the Events Office has become a major part of the Wiarton Willie Festival.

Councillor Standen declared a conflict with respect to the presentation due to the content dealing with a personal friend of his, Allison Taylor. Councillor Standen moved away from the Committee table and did not participate in discussions.

Mr. Parsons explained the \$60,000 payment by the Town to the Chambers under the MOU. The Chamber has entered into a contract with Allison Taylor for graphic design to produce guides and advertising. Shane Sargent's wages and office supplies have been paid by the Chambers. He has explained that the Chamber is in a deficit position and that the books of the Chamber are available for scrutiny. They believe that with some help from the Town, the 24 Weeks of Summer will be successful and grow this year. They believe that Shane has done a terrific job as Wiarton Willie and other events were not as successful before Mr. Sargent was hired.

Mr. Sargent explained that festivals and events are driven by the community. He explained that there is support from both Chambers as well as support in the form of many hours of volunteer dedication. He further indicated that there is support from all levels of governments for community festivals. The Chambers require the support of the Town. They are only as good as their last event and they need all events to be successful. Mr. Sargent explained that there are over \$300,000 in grant applications for the 24 Weeks of Summer. He stated that at this time, they don't know what they need for the festival so they have applied for marketing dollars. They want to be self sufficient in the future.

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It was **MOVED** by K. Klages, **SECONDED** by P. McKenzie and **CARRIED**

Recommendation: **THAT** Councillor Thomas, Councillor Bowman, Mayor Close and appropriate staff members meet with the Chambers and the BIA to discuss the presentation and the needs of the Chambers.

Councillor Standen returned to the Committee table.

17. DELEGATION – CARL NOBLE, SAUBLE MEDICAL CLINIC

Carl Noble congratulated Council members for their election successes. He indicated that he is here to ask the Town to act as guarantors for the Sauble Medical Clinic. He believes that the previous decision was made based upon partial information. He asks that a particular individual not be permitted to be a part of the decision as not all solicitors give the correct advice. He advised that if the Town acts as a guarantor, the Medical Clinic will realize a better interest rate and will have a 25 year amortization. This will give the Clinic operators an opportunity to get it off the ground. He indicated that the building was provided for the doctors to provide medical services to the community. The operation became a family health team which made it difficult for the people to operate the building. The clause on title to have only medical uses makes it difficult to obtain tenants. Originally, individuals put up monies to complete the building so that the family health team could move into the building. Mr. Noble confirmed that they are a not-for-profit corporation registered with the Federal government. He explained that no one owns the building, nine people hold the mortgage. Mr. Noble indicated that the not-for-profit status would not be hindered if non-medical uses would be permitted in the building. He did not understand why the medical use clause was placed on the title but was disappointed by the placement of the clause. He explained that when previously asked for guarantee, it was determined that the Town had asked to be issued a second mortgage. That could not be done by the bank but could be given by those holding the mortgage currently. The income from current rentals is holding the building. He indicated that not-for-profit organizations can only hold specific amounts of money and the remainder must be distributed to other organizations. He explained that the protocols are in place that the building could be returned to the Town should there be a default on the mortgage if the Town was a guarantor. He explained that Marj Lipka began the process to institute a Medical Clinic. Mr. Noble stated that they lost property to the County for drainage and road frontage and that they paid for all surveys and clean up of the land and that Council at the time would not allow free tipping fees.

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It was **MOVED** by J. Kirkland, **SECONDED** by K. Klages and **CARRIED**

Recommendation: **THAT** further discussion regarding the Medical Clinic be brought forward to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.