

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: March 16th, 2016
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Council Chambers

PRESENT: Chairperson Nunzio Scarfone, Mayor Leo Jobin, and
Councillors David Hodgins, Chris Jull and Walter Ross
Members from Public – Don Butterworth and Dave Dockendorff
Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringle

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Nunzio Scarfone called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In his opening remarks, Chairperson Scarfone congratulated all those involved in preparing the Strategic Plan, as he was of the opinion that it was very thorough and informative. He recommended that it be put on the Agenda for new Council orientation. The clear message from people seemed to be that the priorities were road maintenance, recreation, and the preservation of farming and natural resources.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2016-01 (SPC)

Leo Jobin – Chris Jull: Be it resolved that the Agenda be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2016-02 (SPC)

Don Butterworth – Walter Ross Be it resolved that the Minutes of the May 20th, 2013 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, and the June 27th, 2013 Public Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **‘Carried’**

4. REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN

The Committee proceeded to review the document, page by page, and recommended revisions to the following:

- Mission Statement;
- Strengths and Weaknesses;
- Threats;

- Increasing Pressures;
- A – Initiatives Already Started;
- B – Initiatives the Township should commence and will be completed within Council’s current term of office (four years);
- C – Long-term initiatives the Township would like to commence and complete within the next 5 – 10 years; and
- D – Initiatives that will not be pursued at this time as they are currently assigned a low priority or initiatives that have not yet been evaluated.
- Indicate on the map, the Leo Laporte Park boat launch, the road into the launch, and the hiking trail.

During the review of the Strategic Plan, the Committee discussed ways of improving citizen feedback, and questioned whether or not there was a need for a public meeting. Concern was expressed by Councillor Jull as to whether the survey numbers were an accurate reflection of the public’s wishes, given the nature of the survey. Councillor Jull suggested that a more accurate type of survey would be to conduct a random survey of every five persons. After some discussion, the Committee came to the consensus that a random survey should be conducted every five years to find out what the priorities are for the residents of the Township.

Suggestions put forward by the Committee, during the review of the Strategic Plan, included the following:

- Contact Trans Canada Trail to ascertain if the Township is able to hike and ATV on the former rail bed trail.
- What can be done about the high tax arrears?
- Offer to list businesses in the directory.
- Encourage people, in the Township’s Newsletter, to compost and recycle.
- Promote a cycling trail.
- Add some new projects.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2016-03 (SPC)

Walter Ross – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that we do now adjourn to meet again on Thursday, April 28th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. **‘Carried’**

Chairperson, Nunzio Scarfone

Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Ringler

