



The Corporation of the County of Bruce

Corporate Services Committee Finance and Property Division

Minutes

January 22, 2015
10:52 a.m.
Council Chambers
Walkerton, Ontario

Present: Warden Mitch Twolan (Chair)
Councillors Robert Buckle, Anne Eadie, Paul Eagleson, David Inglis,
Janice Jackson, Milt McIver and Mike Smith

Staff: Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer
Darlene Batte, Administrative Assistant
Bettyanne Cobean, Clerk-Treasurer
Chris LaForest, Director of Planning

1. Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Presentation

South Western Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Update

Geoff Hogan, SWIFT Network Lead provided an update on the SWIFT Initiative.

Each member municipality will be requested to appoint a representative to the SWIFT Steering Committee.

3. Action Items

A. Bail Hearings – Walkerton Court

On January 5th Regional Senior Justice of the Peace Forester, announced that commencing January 19, 2015 and until further notice, all Judicial Interim Release (Bail) matters for Walkerton would be heard by the Justice of the Peace at the Owen Sound Courthouse, a subsequent notice was issued on January 19th, 2015 as follows:
"Further to the notice of January 5, 2015, please be advised that all bail proceedings will return to Walkerton February 9, 2015."

The Clerk-Treasurer explained that following the initial announcement we learned that the reason for the temporary relocation of certain bail matters, but not all bail matters, was a result of a Court room space shortage due to the Superior Court Trials that were being held in Walkerton. It was intended as an interim measure only. Unfortunately the communication issued lacked details that had they been provided could have avoided the public outcry.

**Moved by Councillor David Inglis
Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie**

That a letter be sent under the Warden's signature to Bridget Forester, Regional Senior Justice of the Peace, West Region thanking her for the reinstatement of the bail hearings in Walkerton and requesting improved communication in order to ensure the stability of the court system in Walkerton (Bruce County) in the future.

Carried

**Moved by Councillor Robert Buckle
Seconded by Councillor Janice Jackson**

That a letter be sent under the Warden's signature to the Minister of the Attorney General requesting that stability of the Court System being maintained in Walkerton (Bruce County) in the future be reinforced.

Carried

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee – Finance and Property Division will take place on Thursday, February 5, 2015 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario.

5. Adjournment

**Moved by Councillor Milt McIver
Seconded by Councillor Mike Smith**

That the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee – Finance and Property Division adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

Carried

**Warden Mitch Twolan, Chair
Corporate Services Committee – Finance and Property Division**