

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the following additions be made to the agenda:

***Items Siii) Summer Student – Marina
iv) Group Benefits***

Carried

1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – none declared
2. **Adoption of the March 23, 2016 Meeting**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Goals of the Committee

The previous listing was circulated again. Committee agreed to use the document at Committee of the Whole level as part of the discussions re: strategic planning.

- ii) Strategic Planning

Annette advised that Stasia had developed the Strategic Plans (internal and external documents) with some assistance from Sylvie.

Committee discussed.

Need to determine priorities for action items relating to the Strategic Plan. Committee feels this should be a Committee of the Whole meeting to review and determine. Need to start at the top and work through. Prioritize over the five year period. Projects can be put over a longer period of time for budgetary purposes.

Agreed the next steps should be as follows:

1. Edit;
2. Create Final Draft and present to Council for approval;

3. Council meets as Committee of the Whole to prioritize projects from the Strategic Plan and refer back to General Government Committee for further research and development.
4. Committee finalizes and presents plan to Council for approval.

Committee members are to review the plans, edit accordingly and send their edits to Stasia by Monday, May 2nd for preparation and presentation at the May 9th Council meeting.

iii) Marina Visitor Packages

Annette advised that she had done the investigation into insurance for a courtesy car. It can be done at minimal cost provided the Town does not charge for the service.

Lee submitted an email outlining his concerns regarding administration of the package.

Discussion ensued.

Courtesy car would be required for golf package. Would not be advantageous without a driver. Would need to utilize existing staff to make it feasible. It was agreed that the golf package was not feasible without a driver and courtesy car. Given the fact, there is a lack of time to work out these details prior to boating season, it was agreed to move forward with the initial Cultural package and see what the response is.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT we recommend to Council that we offer a Marina Visitor Package to transient boaters that includes a 10% Dockage Discount, minimum two night stay, Free Pumpout, Free Museum Admission and \$8.00 Theatre Admission.

Carried

- iv) Manitouslin Official Plan Final Draft - No comments. Need to inquire regarding Zoning By-law timing requirements after the passing of the Official Plan.
- v) Partnership with Rainbow District School Board re: Utilization of CC McLean Public School

Annette advised that she has been working with a representative of the Rainbow Board. The amount of space required for a Seniors Centre has been submitted to the Board. The Seniors Centre representative, Peter Fletcher has been communicating with Annette and advised that they would like to attend a site visit. He said the members were quite receptive to the move provided there were no barriers to accessibility and the centre was open and available to them as required.

vi) Website

- a) Update - Robert Maxwell has provided the committee/staff with a link to the draft website so far. Committee members agreed that it is not what the town is looking for. Discussion ensued. Annette was given direction to instruct that the site needs to be more similar to sites such as Leamington, Parry Sound and Gravenhurst. Very important to have Municipal Logo/heading at top of page. Would also like a link for Harbour Days with Logo at top of page. Pics in centre, less time between changes, banner style.

vii) Committee Membership

Advertised, deadline is Friday. No interest as of yet.

viii) Proposal to Stop Up & Sell a Portion of Park Street

- a) Update – Annette gave a verbal update with respect to the status of the stop up and sale of a portion of Park Street. She has heard from all three property owners. Two of the three are interested in purchasing their share. The Public Works Committee has stated that an easement is required through the centre of the road allowance to allow for the possibility of future sewer development to upper Park Street. Details with respect to easements, surveys, etc have to be worked out.

4. Correspondence

- i) Bluegrass in the Country – request for donation
Does not qualify according to Town’s donation policy.

5. New Business

- i) Shelf Ready Projects – Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding projects the committee felt were important to get “shelf ready” for the purpose of applying for funding. Shelf ready meaning any engineering/consulting work is done in advance and is ready. To be eligible for most funding, this is a requirement.

Projects identified were as follows:

- i) Arena
- ii) Downtown Revitalization
- iii) Pavilion
- iv) Drainage

Annette advised that the Public Works Department is going through the same exercise. This will also form part of the Strategic Planning process.

- ii) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT we accept the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2016 as amended.

Carried

- iii) Summer Students Marina

Annette advised that one of the summer students hired at Marina has advised they no longer can take the position. Annette spoke with Harbour Master Lee Hayden and he was advised of the remaining candidates and provided a recommendation to the Committee for hiring.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT WHEREAS Elizabeth Bell has notified she will not be taking the summer student position at the Gore Bay Marina;

AND WHEREAS the Harbour Master was consulted with respect to hiring from the remaining candidates;

AND WHEREAS Kai Saunders has previously worked at the Marina and is recommended by the Harbour Master;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kai Saunders be awarded the summer student position at the Gore Bay Marina.

Carried

- iv) Group Benefits

Annette advised she had ascertained a quotation from Mosey & Mosey (LAS) for Employee Group Benefit Plan including extended health and dental. She advised that the costs associated with the entire package is \$37,258.80 per year, an increase of \$31,644.24 over current costs. She also indicated that the extended health and dental benefits are mandatory for all employees despite the fact most have benefits with spouses. Annette advised that the basic Group Benefit Plan package of Life, AD & D, Long Term Disability was cheaper than our current package by approximately 11.6% and recommended changing to Mosey & Mosey for the basic package.

Committee agreed the cost was too high and not feasible to the municipality.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Group Benefit Plan package of Basic Life, AD & D, and Long Term Disability be switched from the Cooperators to Mosey & Mosey at an estimated cost savings of 11.6% per year.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Adjourn at 10:25 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer