

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane, Mayor
Kevin Woestenenk, Councillor
Scott McDougall, Citizen Rep
Paul Flanagan, Citizen Rep

1. Additions to Agenda

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Paul Flanagan

THAT the following items be added to the April 16, 2015 General Government Agenda:

- Item 4 viii) Dave Carr re: request for use of recreational facilities***
- Item 4 ix) Lions Club re: use of town property for lawn mower races***
- Item 4 x) Resignation of Kathie Davison from Centennial Manor***

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Adoption of the March 24 and March 31, 2015 Minutes

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the March 24 and March 31, 2015 Minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Goals for Committee

Each committee member submitted a list of goals for the committee. Each member went through their list. Goals were looked at to determine if they should stay with the General Government Committee or be given to another committee.

The following list of goals has been established from the original list. Similar goals were combined into one.

a) Planning

- i) Strategic Plan**
- ii) Community Improvement Plan**
- iii) Redesignation of Northern Ontario to Central Great Lake Region**

b) Economic Development/Tourism

- i) Professional Recruiting**
- ii) Town Marketing Program ie. website, you tube**
- iv) Investigate Opportunities to hire Joint EDO/Rec officer for Western Manitoulin**
- v) Champion Branding of Western Manitoulin**
 - i) Coordinate Community Activity Planning**
 - ii) Develop Community Activity Calendar**
- vi) Promote creation of BIA or Chamber of Commerce**
- vii) Encourage Ecotourism/Recreation – mountain biking, summer zip lines**
- viii) Develop an Industrial Park ie. land and/or buildings**
- ix) Develop Main Street Rejuvenation Program**
- x) Identify/grow new business opportunities**
- xi) Partner with Gordon/Barrie Island re: Golf Course**
- xii) Partner with neighbouring municipalities re: joint services & facilities ie. Medical Centre, Arena, etc.**
- xiii) Investigate feasibility of New Arena/Fitness Centre/Community Centre**
- xiv) Investigate new uses or disposal of old Fire hall building**
- xv) Relocation of Seniors Centre to a more accessible/brighter location**
- xvi) Designate an area within Town limits for overnight RV parking**
- xvii) Create an action plan for use of Pavilion including possible renovations to accommodate year round use.**
- xviii) Look into bringing Cruise Ships to Marina**
- xix) Creation of Fitness Gym in Community**
- xx) Investigate Air Services to Gore Bay Airport**
- xxi) Investigate more services for community ie. bottle returns**
- xxii) Retention and expansion of existing services ie. Service Ontario**
- xxiii) Access to High Speed Fibre Optic Line to draw in businesses**

c) Housing/Accommodations

- i) Address housing needs ie. short term, long term, rental, subdivision development**
- ii) Increase options for temporary accommodations ie. hotel/motel**

- d) Programming
 - i) Seniors programming

- e) Financial
 - i) Service Review

4. ii) **Mississauga Lighthouse** – tabled

iii) **Physician Recruitment Program** – wait for first meeting of committee. No MMA meeting until May.

iv) **Buoy's Building Improvements** – nothing received from them. Supposed to get something to us in next month or so. Although budget is almost passed we will still accept the information.

v) **Citizen of the Year Award Policy** – Committee wanted chance to review. Tabled to next meeting.

vi) **Strategic Planning** – set up a meeting with Sylvie Thibault on May 13th at 7 p.m.

5. **New Business**

i) **By-law Officer's Report**

Report was reviewed. Prefer this format. However, need clarification with respect to Compliance date. Would like to see "Compliance Order – Date become Compliant". If the property is in compliance and has been reported to Committee remove from next report.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the By-law Officer's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

ii) **Relocation of Town Welcome Sign**

Ron is suggesting the new Town Welcome Sign be installed south of the "corral"/snowmobile trail entrance. Committee agreed this would be a better location. Annette advised this would entail applying for a new permit from MTO (already have one for current location) and finding out if hydro service is available. Annette will look into this and report back.

iii) Outdoor Furnaces

Annette advised she has received a few calls in the past year regarding whether or not the Town allows the installation of "outdoor furnaces" within the town limits. At the present time there is nothing prohibiting this. However, outdoor furnaces could become a problem if they were put in close proximity to neighbours. Committee agreed. Annette is to research by-laws prohibiting use of outdoor furnaces and report back.

iv) Dentist Office Lease

- a) Termination – Dr. Bill Studzienny has advised he wishes to terminate his existing lease effective June 26th. He has sold his practice. Committee agreed to terminate as per his request.

Moved by Paul Flanagan

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the lease agreement with Dr. Bill Studzienny be terminated effective June 26th as per his request.

Carried

- b) New Tenant – Another dentist would like to lease the space being terminated by Dr. Studzienny. Committee discussed rental rates, term, and termination clause.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that a lease agreement for the dental office space in the Medical Centre be signed with Dr. Maninder Singh based on the following conditions:

- i) Five year term effective July 1, 2015 with an option to renew for a further five years; Note: Rent for June will be based on a prorated amount.***
- ii) Two (2%) percent increase per year for the original term of the lease;***
- iii) Addition of standard termination clause***

Carried

v) Demolition Permit Status

Demolition of home on New Street continues to be a very slow process and is a safety concern for neighbours. Chief Building Official has stated he can't do anything and that we should consider passing a by-law with a defined period of time allowed for a demolition. Discussion ensued regarding the main concern being safety. Annette will research this and take action accordingly.

vi) Policy re: living on boats onshore and use of Town Facilities

In receipt of a request from a boater wanting to live on his boat on storage lot while he works on it. He also wants use of the marina facilities while doing so. Annette advised there is no policy for this. Committee was in agreement with this practice provided boaters are paying dockage. Dockage fees include the use of the facilities. However, if boaters are not paying dockage fees, this practice should not be allowed.

Annette is to speak with Norm and report back to the Committee.

vii) Changing the Day of the General Government Committee Meetings

Committee agreed to change to fourth Wednesday of every month. Annette advised the procedural by-law will have to be amended to reflect this.

viii) Request from Manitoulin Sports/Dave Carr

Received request from Dave Carr to use Town facilities/park space for the purpose of operating a multi-sport camp for possibly two weeks in July/August. Committee felt this was a great idea. He would require the use of the basketball court, soccer field, tennis courts and arena.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that Dave Carr/Manitoulin Sports be advised the Town of Gore Bay grants his request to use the basketball court, soccer field, tennis courts(for tennis only) and arena free of charge subject to providing proof of insurance.

Carried

ix) Resignation of Kathie Davison, Centennial Manor

Kathie Davison, Representative for Centennial Manor has submitted her resignation. Billings Township has asked Annette if it would be ok if Billings Township appoints a new representative. Discussion ensued. Committee agreed subject to the person being appointed being a resident of Billings/Allan East and/or a Councillor of Billings/Allan East.

x) **Lions Club Request – use of Town Property**

Lions Club has submitted a request to utilize town owned property located at the rear/west of the Curling Club for the purpose of having lawnmower races for Lions Fest in July.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Lions Club be granted permission to utilize the town owned property located at the rear/west of the Curling Club for the purpose of lawnmower races subject to Lions Club providing proof of insurance.

Carried

6. **Other**

- i) Hitching Post for mennonite horses – agreed to look at options.
- ii) Kevin suggested building our own maize, similar to Kagawong. Could use fencing from Sewage Pump Station. Further research required. Should

7. **In camera**

- i) Staffing

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we go in camera at 10:00 p.m.

- i) *Staffing*

Carried

Moved by Paul Flanagan

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

That we come out of camera at 10:59 p.m.

Carried

8. **Adjournment**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT we adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, AMCT
CAO/Clerk