

**Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson  
Ron Lane, Mayor  
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk

**1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of March 25, 2014 Meeting**

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the March 25, 2014 General Government meeting are hereby adopted as presented.

Carried

**3. Business Arising out of the Minutes**

i) 8 Dawson Street

CAO/Clerk presented the Committee with a draft layout of the proposed conversion of the old fire hall space at 8 Dawson Street.

Committee approved. CAO/Clerk will proceed with getting information from contractors for the purpose of applying for funding.

ii) Building Lot Inventory

Jake has provided a final copy of the Building Lot Inventory Map. Committee reviewed and made changes. Changes will be sent to Jake for correction. Smaller versions of the map will be used by administration and given out to prospective land developers, etc. Persons wanting a larger version of the map can contact the Planning Board and pay the applicable fee for a copy.

iii) Strategic/Community Improvement Plan

A tentative date of Monday, July 14, 2014 has been set with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Two representatives will attend the council meeting at 7 p.m. to discuss the process involved in developing Strategic/Community Improvement Plans for the municipality.

iv) Wage Grid

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee enter an in camera session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss Staff wages.

Carried

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee come out of in camera and enter the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Carried

CAO/Clerk was directed to finalize a wage grid based on in camera discussions and present at the next General Government Meeting.

v) Arena Canteen

CAO/Clerk advised that no bids were received for the operation of the arena canteen.

Committee discussion ensued. Decided to advertise again in August with a September 1<sup>st</sup> close date.

**4. Correspondence**

i) United Fish & Game Clubs of Manitoulin Request for Donation

CAO/Clerk advised that no representative has contacted the municipal office as indicated in the letter. Committee discussion ensued.

Letter accepted as information pending further notice from the club.

ii) Town of Penetanguishene Request for Support re: Small Town Ontario School Closures

The Town of Penetanguishene is requesting support of their efforts to petition the government on the necessity of new per student funding models for small town and rural Ontario municipalities and to deal directly with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Rural Affairs on this issue. They are also asking for a moratorium on all school closures until such time that the administrative process on accommodation reviews is completed by the Provincial Government.

Committee discussion ensued. Accepted as information.

iii) Manitoulin Tourism Association Membership Renewal

CAO/Clerk advised that MTA has changed the membership categories. Municipalities fall into the Group Enhanced Membership Category at a rate of \$200.00 plus taxes. This membership entitles us to place displays/brochures/posters at the Manitoulin Information Centre. As well, they attend trade shows on our behalf. They have invited us to participate in a program that will allow us to hang a display banner advertising annual events in our community.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the Town of Gore Bay sign up for the Manitoulin Tourism Association Group Enhanced Membership at a cost of \$200.00 plus taxes.

Carried

iv) Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island Feasibility Study Survey

CAO/Clerk advised that she was invited to attend a meeting at the Gordon/Barrie Island Municipal Building comprised of representatives from Western Manitoulin. Although all municipalities and first nations from Billings west were invited, some were unable to attend. In attendance was Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island, Billings and Sheshegwaning. Information was sent from the Clerk in Burpee/Mills.

Gordon/Barrie Island has sent out a survey inviting municipal staff and councilors to complete regarding marketing opportunities as a group, specifically Western Manitoulin.

Gordon/Barrie Island led the meeting explaining the recent completion of their feasibility study has shown that a business park within their community is not feasible. However, the idea of partnering with western municipalities on different aspects ie. Event coordination, marketing, etc. was brought forward. The Clerk for Gordon/Barrie Island feels her municipality would be willing to offer the services of their EDO to coordinate the efforts of the group.

The group discussed the survey, different partnering ideas, marketing etc. The group felt a common marketing message via a brochure/booklet would be a start. It was agreed by everyone in attendance that the concept was a good one that should be pursued. There was discussion on how membership would work. Gordon/Barrie Island suggested a \$300.00 fee to

get the project started from a marketing perspective. Gore Bay and Sheshegwaning both noted that some type of terms of reference would have to be agreed upon in order to organize the group and set objectives and timelines. Each municipal/first nation representative in attendance agreed to go back to their respective municipality/first nation to express the importance of this idea and ask for a staff and council representative to be appointed to participate in future meetings.

Representatives are invited to participate in a meeting/presentation by Paul Blais (Gordon/Barrie Island Feasibility Study Contract) on May 26, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Committee discussion ensued. Committee felt this was a great opportunity. Well worth investigating further.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the CAO/Clerk and Mayor be appointed to represent the Town of Gore Bay for the purpose of a "Western Manitoulin" Branding/Marketing project.

Carried

v) Manitoulin Planning Board re: Harbour Centre

A letter has been received from the Manitoulin Planning Board requesting the Town to sound proof the wall between their space and the "Donaldson Room" next door. The activities taking place next door are very disruptive to the Planning Board office. A local contractor was contacted to provide quotations for soundproofing the wall. He indicated there were a couple of options 1. Remove drywall, install insulation baffles and replace drywall 2. Install a type of insulation board on top of existing drywall (not clear on this method)

The Planning Board is also requesting the Town install air conditioning to their space. The Planning Board was advised at the time of renting this space that it was not air conditioned nor was the Town planning to install central air conditioning. The Planning Board has presented options provided to them by a local contractor.

Committee discussion ensued. Committee directed the CAO/Clerk to ascertain quotations on a new window that opens and a baffle type insulation being put between the two walls vs. addition of sound board being placed on top of the current drywall. CAO/Clerk to report back to committee.

vi) Manitoulin & North Shore Injured Worker Group

A letter has been received from the Manitoulin & North Shore Injured Worker Group. This is a newly formed group made up of injured workers from Manitoulin & the North Shore. They are requesting support of their efforts against the draft policies recently put forward for consultation. The CAO/Clerk spoke with Colin Pick of the group to get more information. He explained that they are concerned about the future of existing workers in receipt of compensation. The proposed "preexisting conditions" policy could result in persons being cut off benefits. He also feels the policies are being put in place to allow WSIB to refuse benefits to persons needing them.

Committee discussion ensued. Letter accepted as information.

**5. New Business**

i) CYC Lease

CAO/Clerk advised that now that the Town of Gore Bay has taken over ownership of the Marina, a new lease is required with CYC. A new lease has been drafted which is based on similar terms and conditions as the previous lease. New lease rates will have to be decided.

Discussion ensued. Committee would like some changes and additions made to the lease including addition of legal description, calculation of square footage of lease space both building and property, termination clause, utilities clause. Removal of section 16. Review of the insurance clause. Committee will review again at the next meeting and have further discussions regarding lease rates at that time.

ii) Marina Webcam Request

The Town is in receipt of a request from a seasonal non-resident boater to install a web cam at the marina (placed at the pavilion viewing the docks). He feels this would be an advertising opportunity and a safety feature for the boaters. Committee discussed and agreed although it was a good concept, the Town is concentrating on improving internet services in 2014. This idea will be researched for 2015.

**6. Information**

- i) Little Current Yacht Club

Letter received from LCYC advising the club is experiencing difficulties with membership and therefore, unable to offer the 2014 MacMan Challenge and the 2014 CANSail Program. There are potential plans to partner with the Algoma Sailing Club and the North Channel Yacht Club which will be known as the North Channel Sailing regatta. A race would go from Hilton Beach to Little Current. They may be contacting Gore Bay to partner on this event in the future.

Committee asked that a letter be sent to the LCYC commending them for their efforts over the years and wishing them luck in their future endeavours.

**7. Other**

None

**8. Adjournment**

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT we adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk