

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

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

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2. Adoption of Minutes of July 22, 2013 Meeting

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the minutes of the July 22, 2013 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Professional Recruitment Plan

Annette advised that things are progressing well. Also advised that she has concerns with respect to actively recruiting professionals without a plan for available office space.

Jack suggested converting the old firehall space into a space for the seniors. This would open up the basement of the medical centre for professionals. This would solve accessibility issues currently experienced by seniors and others at the medical centre. Annette will have staff investigate the costs and funding options available for the conversion and report back to committee.

ii) Building Lot Inventory

Annette will have Jeremy compile a Building Lot Inventory by accessing the current assessment roll and water/sewer records. The inventory will include a list of vacant lots and service information.

iii) Dog Control By-law

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that Draft By-law re: Control and Licensing of Dogs be approved subject to following changes:

- a) Section 4.5 be changed to read “On public beach areas, namely Municipal Parks where beaches have children swimming such as Gore Bay Marina Beach, all persons shall keep dogs on a leash of a maximum length of two meters.”***
- b) Addition of Set Fine Schedule.***

Carried

iv) Property Development

Annette advised some research had been done to see what, if any, incentives municipalities could offer potential developers. Initial research indicates there is no way to adjust taxes, however, there may be options with respect to water and sewer rates. Normally, all costs associated with development are the responsibility of the developer. Subdivision Agreements are put in place between the developer and the municipality with respect to items such as roads, street lights, hydrants, services, etc.

4. New Business

i) Gift and Memorial Donations Policy GG-11-03

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that General Government Policy No. GG-11-03 be amended as follows:

- a) Section 2.0 – A line be added as follows: “In the event the Town of Gore Bay wishes to support any person(s) not listed above the approval of the Mayor and CAO are required.”***
- b) Section 3.0 The last line of the policy be changed to read as follows: “The cost of such gift or donation shall not exceed \$100.00 as approved by the CAO.”***

Carried

ii) Fireworks By-law 2013-04

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that By-law No. 2013-04 be amended as follows:

- a) Section 1.4 be added and read as follows: “All items included on the most recent list of prohibited fireworks, as published from time to time under the Explosives Act, R.S.C. 1984 and the regulations thereto;”*
- b) Section 3.1 be changed to read as follows: “No person shall set off High Hazard Display Fireworks without prior approval from the Chief of the Gore Bay/Gordon/Barrie Island Joint Fire Department.”*
- c) Add a Set Fine Schedule.*

Carried

iii) Signage By-law

Annette requested direction from the Committee with respect to how they want to proceed with regulating signs within the community.

Committee directed Annette to draft a report that would address signage on Town owned properties only.

5. Adjournment

Moved by Ron Lane

THAT we adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk