

Minutes of the Gore Bay General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane, Mayor
Kevin Woestenenk, Councillor
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Others: Beulah Hester, Bob Prior and Trish Moran

Absent: Paul Flanagan, Citizen Representative

1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – none declared

2. **Addition to Agenda**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the following items be added to the Agenda of August 26, 2015:

Item 3 viii) Rob White lease

Item 4 v) Carmen Runnalls, Advertising

Item 4 vi) Northeastern Ontario Immigration Portal Project

Item 4 vii) Accessibility Ramp – Community Hall

Carried

3. **Adoption of the July 29, 2015 Minutes**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the July 29, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

- i) Goals for Committee – tabled
- ii) Lifetime Achievement Award Policy

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Lifetime Achievement Award Policy be adopted.

Carried

- iii) **Strategic Planning** – A meeting has been set for Thursday, September 3, 2015 from 9 a.m. to noon at LAMBAC.
- iv) **Outdoor Furnaces** – Committee reviewed additional educational material. Discussion ensued. Annette is to draft a by-law taking the following recommendations into account:
 - Must be housed inside a building having a minimum 400 square footage
 - Must be a gasification unit
 - Must produce at WET certification
- v) **Town Welcome Sign Solar vs Electric** – Annette still waiting for quotes. Tabled
- vi) **Pavilion Winterizing** – No funding available at this time to proceed. No money in the budget. Annette was asked to investigate converting the building utilizing green energy and availability of funding programs to do so.
- vii) **Ballfield Relocation** – Annette circulated the minimum requirements for a ballfield. She noted that she had spoken with a couple of people involved with baseball and they had some concerns regarding parking, costs associated with relocation of lights, ballfield construction, fencing, etc.; also concerns regarding danger of balls going into traffic or other properties; loss of balls in the marshy area. Annette suggested that stakeholders should be involved in this process. Annette advised she had spoken with the person that donated the land and he was ok with the ballfield at this location. Committee agreed the next step would be to discuss with stakeholders. Annette to contact Yvonne Bailey, Bob Dumond and Randy Thibault.
- viii) **Rob White Lease**- Ron advised that since making the decision to not renew Rob White's lease there has been a number of calls, letters etc. against the decision. Ron agreed that perhaps the decision was made prematurely and that Rob White should have been contacted prior to any decision being made. Ron has since met with Rob White and explained the reasons why the Town was not renewing his lease. Rob explained to Ron that while he agreed with the reasoning, he didn't feel he was given adequate notice to relocate. He has a lot of stock that he doesn't feel he can relocate in time. He would like to be given one more year at the present location with an understanding that he needs to find an alternate location. He wants to stay in Gore Bay and Ron felt it was important that he do stay in Gore Bay. Ron has discussed other possible locations and with the assistance of the Town and perhaps others that have concerns an alternate Town location can be found. Jack suggested that if it was a storage issue, perhaps he could use the turkey plant. He was advised that the Turkey Plant already has a lot of stuff in it and may not be suitable. Discussion ensued. Committee agreed to recommend to Council to extend lease another year.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that Rob White's lease be renewed for a further one year term and that the Council resolution to not renew the lease be rescinded.

Carried

5. New Business

- i) Animal Trapping By-law – Ron explained the reasons for putting this on the agenda. Given a recent incident in a neighbouring municipality resulting in the death of a dog, he felt it was important to put in safeguards within the boundaries of Gore Bay. Committee reviewed the draft by-law and agreed with the terms outlined.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that a by-law regarding Animal Trapping be approved.

Carried

- ii) **Fireworks Request** – Duncan Sinclair has requested the Town to consider hosting a fireworks display which himself and the fire department could supervise, thereby giving Duncan another required show to ascertain his license. Committee discussed. Given the fact, the fire department is relied on to put on all fireworks displays within the Town of Gore Bay and the fact that this saves a lot of money, a small fireworks display would be worth it to ensure proper licensing for the members. The request will be taken to the 125th Committee suggesting a display for New Year's Eve. As well, Scott McDougall will inquire with KT Timmermans regarding the Countryfest display.

- iii) **By-law Officers Report** – Report was reviewed by the Committee. Need further clarification with respect to columns Notice or Order Issued Date. Should be separated to know whether or not it was a notice or an order. Clarification required for 18 Meredith St., states one vehicle removed, what happened to the other? Committee would like an order issued for 2 Main Street.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the By-law Officers Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

- iv) **Free Rental Request – Manitoulin Expositor** is requesting free space for the purpose of hosting a Social Media Seminar. Committee felt this was a benefit to the community and agreed to give free space at the Community Hall or Council Chambers.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the Manitoulin Expositor be advised that they can utilize space at the Community Hall or Council Chambers to host a Social Media Seminar provided the event is offered free of charge to participants;

FURTHER a Municipal Office staff member attend the event.

Carried

- v) **Carmen Runnalls – Advertising**
Carmen has submitted her publications offering advertising space. Committee agreed to advertise in the Western Manitoulin Visitors Guide.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the Town of Gore Bay purchase a ½ page advertising space in the Western Manitoulin Visitors Guide and Carmen Runnalls be so advised.

Carried

- vi) **Northeastern Ontario Immigration Portal Project** – This is a program being offered by the North Bay and District Multicultural Centre who is partnering with the Timmins Economic Development Corporation to request funding to create the portal. They are inviting municipalities in the north to participate in the portal free of charge. The program is dependent on funding but they are very optimistic about their ability to attain funding. Committee agreed this would be a great opportunity with no cost other than staff providing the necessary information for the portal.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the Town of Gore Bay participate in the Northeastern Ontario Immigration Portal project subject to no cost to the municipality.

Carried

- vii) **Accessibility Ramp – Community Hall** – Ron inquired about the possibility of installing an accessibility ramp at the north side of the hall. Annette contacted CBO Dan Osborne for information. Basically, there isn't enough room to build a ramp to standard. Given this information, a ramp is not presently an option.

6. In Camera

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we enter an in camera session at 8:49 p.m. to discuss the following:

- i) Sale of Property*
- ii) Property Acquisition*

Carried

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we come out of camera at 9:27 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Town of Gore Bay acquire the rear portion of lands located at Part of Lot 7 Water St (parcel to be described in a new survey to be obtained) from Kris and Leeann Bell at a cost of \$30,000.00.

Carried

7. Other

Annette indicated that she may have to change the September 23rd meeting date in the event an Emergency Management Exercise is confirmed for that date. She will notify the committee members as soon as she knows.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT we adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer