

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Wes Bentley, Chairperson
Jack Clark, Councillor
Scott McDougall, Public Representative
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2. Adoption of Minutes of January 23, 2012 Meeting

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Review of Property Standards By-law

Committee reviewed the by-law again. Specific changes were made. Annette will implement the changes to present a final copy to Council.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Property Standards By-law as amended be presented to Council for final approval.

Carried

4. Correspondence

A letter was received from the Manitoulin Health Centre requesting a financial donation to the X-ray project. Discussion ensued. Committee felt financial donations should be coming from residents and service clubs not as an additional tax to Gore Bay Citizens.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the letter from Manitoulin Health Centre requesting a financial donation to the X-ray project be accepted as information.

Carried

5. New Business

i) Job Descriptions Review

Annette advised that each employee was asked to review their job descriptions and make any necessary changes/comments. These descriptions were presented to the Committee. Discussion ensued regarding the structure of the job descriptions. It was felt that structural changes would have no real affect on the overall job description, therefore, there was no real need for major changes. It was decided that the CAO could make the necessary changes and present a final copy for approval at next meeting.

ii) Development of Lagoon Property

Annette advised that the Town has been approached with the idea of developing the lagoon property as a Birdwatching attraction. It was noted that there would be some liability issues to be dealt with ie. safety fencing, etc. However, the persons in question will be developing a proposal and bringing it forward to this committee at a future date. Committee agreed it was a good concept and welcomed the proposal.

iii) Town Video/Picture Contest

Scott McDougall presented the Committee with an outline of a contest for a Town Video/Picture promotion. Committee agreed it was an excellent idea. Annette will review the details, conduct some IT research and report back at the next meeting.

iv) Serviced Building Lots

Scott McDougall made a submission to the Committee with respect to the needs to offer more serviced residential building lots within the Town of Gore Bay. Discussion ensued regarding possible options, planning, vacant lot identification and incentive programs. Incentive ideas such as tax incentives, water/sewer service incentives, etc. were brought forward. However, further investigation is warranted prior to making any recommendations to Council. Annette will conduct further research into this matter and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

v) Harvest Fest

Scott McDougall made a presentation with respect to an idea of a “Harvest Fest” that had been brought up at a Public Economic Development meeting over a year ago. Harvest Fest is a concept to bring an event to the community for the fall. It would tie in with the theme of a Winterfest and Summerfest.

Annette explained that his idea had been pitched at a meeting held last week with the Service Clubs. At that meeting the idea of partnering with the service clubs to offer community events would benefit all parties. The idea was well received and the service club representatives were reporting back to their respective groups. Another meeting will be called in the near future to establish who wants to participate and how we proceed.

The Committee supports this idea and feels the Harvest Fest would fit into an events program quite well.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee supports the idea of a partnership between the Town of Gore Bay and the Service Clubs of Gore Bay to establish a series of annual events which the groups will work together to carry out.

Carried

6. Other

7. Adjournment

Moved by Jack Clark

THAT we adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, AMCT
CAO/Clerk