

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

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

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the June 25, 2012 Meeting

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the minutes of the June 25, 2012 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Vacation Policy – adopted by Council
- ii) Sick Leave Policy – adopted by Council
- iii) Property Standards Inspection – letters are prepared and will be going out this week.
- iv) Signage Policy – No one had read the draft signage by-law, therefore, it was tabled until next meeting. However, the immediate concern of signage on the Old Municipal Building was discussed. Elvira Hermann, Jaguar Spirits and Hugh McLaughlin have businesses within the building. Both Elvira and Jaguar Spirits have requested permission to place signage on the building.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that Jaguar Spirits, Elvira Hermann and Hugh McLaughlin be granted permission to place signage on the Old Municipal Building subject to design, size and installation approval by the municipality.

Carried

- v) File Storage – tabled
- vi) Noise By-law – draft copies of the by-law were reviewed. Following changes were made:

Section 9 – Take out Schedule “B”
Schedule “A” – change the start times to 9 p.m.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Noise By-law be adopted as amended.

Carried

Amended draft will be presented to Council for approval at their next meeting.

- vii) Hot Dog Cart – a letter has been sent to Lorraine McDonald advising her of Council’s decision to restrict the menu. Annette also contacted her via telephone and she said her menu hasn’t included butter tarts or chips for two years. Annette advised her that the vendor policy was going to be looked at again and we would advise her of any changes prior to next years operation.

4. New Business

- i) Vendor Policy - Draft Vendor Policy was discussed. Annette advised that this was the policy that the previous Council had looked at. Discussion ensued noting that the policy has to be fair, meaning “all vendors” must be subject to the policy, no exceptions or grandfathering. The vendors operating within the Town are doing so to make a profit and their needs to be a fee paid to the Town to make it fair to the other businesses that pay taxes.

Amendments were made to address the fee structure.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the General Government Committee recommends that the Draft Vendor Policy as amended be presented to Council for approval.

Carried

- ii) Hot Dog Cart – temporary relocation - Annette advised may have to relocate the Hot Dog Cart temporarily while the sidewalk is being replaced. Committee agreed to move the cart to the parking lot on a temporary basis.

- iii) Donation Request- Manitoulin Fine Arts Association - Scott felt more information should be provided when making a request. Ie. Financial status, how much money they are requesting and what is the money being used for. There is currently nothing in the budget for donations of this nature, therefore, request was denied.

5. Other

- i) Hiring of By-law Officer

This matter is tabled until September meeting. Further discussion will be held with neighbouring municipality regarding sharing staff.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT we adjourn at 9 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk.