

**Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**1. Addition to Agenda**

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

*Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk*

*THAT the following items be added to the July 29, 2015 General Government Committee Agenda:*

- Item 4 iii) Purchase of Refrigerator*
- 4 iv) Relocation of Ballfield*
- 4 v) By-law Officers Report*
- 4 vi) Disposition of Town owned property*

*Carried*

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Kevin Woestenenk declared a direction pecuniary interest with respect to Item 5i) Sale of Property.

**3. Adoption of the June 24, 2015 Minutes**

*Moved by Paul Flanagan*

*Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk*

*THAT the minutes of the June 24, 2015 Meeting be adopted as presented.*

*Carried*

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

- i) **Goals for Committee** – tabled
- ii) **Lifetime Achievement Award Policy** – reviewed the policy and nomination form, made further changes. Annette will amend and this item will be considered again at the next meeting with plans to make a recommendation to Council for the September meeting.

iii) **Strategic Planning**

- a) Visitor Survey – Annette advised that the surveys have been circulated to restaurants, information centre and marina. It was suggested forms be put at the LCBO, if possible, and at gas stations. Surveys will remain in circulation until after Labour Day.
- b) Community Survey - Jack recommended the Committee members take some time to review the sample questions that have been provided. Committee members are to be prepared to discuss at the next Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for August 13 at 7 p.m.

- iv) **Town Welcome Sign** – Discussed solar vs electric power. Committee feels further information is needed regarding costing of solar power. We know the cost to get electricity to the sign is approximately \$5,000.00. Contact some solar companies and see what we can get for that price. Will need specs from Laird Signs.

Also discussed old Town welcome sign. Decided to not put it into use at this time given the fact it does not go with our theme and the cost to put it along the highway is not worth it.

- v) **Outdoor Furnaces** – more research required regarding setbacks and enclosure of units. Annette will report back.
- vi) **Pavilion Winterizing** – the quotes were accepted as information at this time. Quotes are to be given to council with the minutes.
- vii) **Purchase of Boat** – Annette advised the committee that Mr. Eagleson no longer wishes to sell his boat. He will, however, continue to allow the town to use it. Committee felt no further action required at this time.

5. **New Business**

- i) **Manitoulin Planning Board** – Notice of Application for Amendment to Zoning By-law re: Martian Properties Inc. – Committee had no comments or objections to the application.
- ii) **OMCIP Application** – Annette and Jack informed the committee of the guidelines for the Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program. Deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is August 6, 2015. Municipal Representatives and members of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocacy met in Mindemoya to discuss possibility of a joint application for the purpose of installing Trailheads (including signage, bike repair/pump stations, and cycle racks). No municipality would agree to take on the administration of a joint application. NEMI was planning to put in their own, much larger, application to OMCIP. After the meeting it was determined that a joint application was not possible. Most municipalities were not willing to commit to the project at this time. Jack and Annette both felt the project was worthwhile and a minimal cost to the municipality that could be placed into the 2016 budget. Committee agreed.

***Moved by Scott McDougall***

***Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk***

***THAT the Town of Gore Bay submit an expression of interest to the Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program for signage and cycle racks to establish a Trailhead in Gore Bay.***

***Carried***

- iii) **Purchase of Refrigerator for Apartment** – Annette advised the refrigerator in Helen Siksek’s apartment is very old and not working properly. She recommended purchasing a new one from Jakes at an approximate cost of \$549. Plus tax.

***Moved by Scott McDougall***

***Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk***

***THAT the General Government Committee approves the purchase of a new refrigerator for Helen Siksek’s apartment at 8 Dawson Street at an approximate cost of \$549.00 plus tax.***

***Carried***

- iv) **Relocation of Ballfield** – Ron advised that a member of the Public Works Committee proposed the idea of relocating the ballfield from its current location to the Smith Park to allow for residential development of the current ballfield property. Committee discussed and felt the first step was to contact the donator of the land to see if he was ok with it considering the land was donated for the purpose of a park in perpetuity. If approval was given, measurements would need to be taken to determine if the property is suitable for a ballfield and costs would have to be determined for the actual relocation. Will look into this and report back.
- v) **By-law Officers Report** – discussion ensued. Would like to know status of areas identified by the Committee at the last meeting.

***Moved by Kevin Woestenenk***

***Seconded by Paul Flanagan***

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

***Carried***

- vi) **Disposition of Town Owned Properties** – Ron advised that this was brought up at Public Works as well. Committee should review current town owned properties and determine if interested in pursuing sale of any of those properties. One example being the old municipal building at 8 Dawson Street. This particular building has been considered for further development ie. seniors centre. Need to review financial status and heating system. May be able to find some efficiencies. Discussion ensued regarding Robbie Whyte’s lease for the old firehall bays which is coming up for renewal in October. If the Town is going to be able to move forward with plans to renovate this space, the area will need to be vacant. As well, there have been numerous complaints regarding parking problems in the area and complaints about noise, garbage and blocked parking spaces by tenants.

*Moved by Ron Lane*

*Seconded by Scott McDougall*

*WHEREAS the Town of Gore Bay will require the use of the old firehall bays located at 8 Dawson Street for the purpose of development;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that Robbie Whyte's lease be terminated upon the expiry of his lease and that he be so notified immediately thereafter.*

*Carried*

**6. In Camera**

i) Sale of Property

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

*Seconded by Paul Flanagan*

*THAT the General Government Committee go in camera at 8:51 p.m.*

*Carried*

*Moved by Paul Flanagan*

*Seconded by Scott McDougall*

*THAT the General Government Committee come out of camera at 9:21 p.m.*

*Carried*

**7. Other – none**

**8. Adjournment**

*Moved by Kevin Woestenenk*

*THAT we adjourn at 9:22 p.m.*

*Carried*

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer