

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Scott McDougall, Citizen Member
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Addition to Agenda

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the following be added to the June 24,2013 General Government Agenda:

1. Item 5 iii) Information Centre

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Professional Recruitment Plan

Annette advised that letters had been sent out to optometrists in the Sudbury/Espanola area inquiring about interest in establishing a satellite office in Gore Bay.

Discussion ensued regarding recruiting other professionals ie. Lawyers and Physiotherapists. Annette will contact the two local physiotherapists to inquire about interest in establishing a satellite office in Gore Bay.

Jack will speak with Ron about arranging a conversation with two local lawyers with respect to succession planning.

Annette asked the Committee for an expected timeline with respect to holding the spaces in the Harbour Centre. There has been some interest by other parties for these spaces and it isn't fair to hold these spaces indefinitely.

Committee discussed and felt that they would be better prepared to answer this question after the next meeting.

ii) Building Lot Inventory – tabled

- iii) Dog Control By-law – Annette advised that Central Manitoulin is working on paperwork. Hope to have something for next meeting.
- iv) Strategic and Business Plan – No progress to date. Jack will contact John Foster at LAMBAC to make inquiries and report back at next meeting.

4. Correspondence

- i) Letter of complaint received regarding Section 3.2.1 of the Property Standards By-law 2012-07 which allows for an exemption for vacant lots with respect to heavy undergrowth (grass). The complainant was not happy with the high grass on his neighbours vacant lot. Committee discussed and felt there was no easy solution to this problem. There are too many vacant lots in town which, in most cases, would not require cutting. It was felt that these cases could be dealt with on an individual basis and the office could try and encourage owners to cut the grass if, in fact, it was a problem for the neighbour. No motion brought forward.

5. New Business

- i) Memorial Donations – Annette explained that the office has received a request to purchase a new steel bench in memory of a family member. Annette suggested a policy be drafted to address acceptance of these type of donation and how they should be handled. Items that need to be addressed in the policy include type of donation, location, etc. Annette will work on this and report back to committee.
- ii) Telcom Enterprises – Annette advised that this company is in the business of finding cost savings in telecommunications ie. Phone, cell, internet services. Several clients were contacted and all gave the company good reviews indicating they had realized a savings. There is no cost to the municipality. Committee discussed and felt it was a win win arrangement with the potential for cost savings.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Town of Gore Bay enter into an agreement with Telcom Enterprises based on Option A of their proposal.

Carried

- iii) Information Centre - Annette advised that one of the students advised he no longer wants the job at the information centre. This leaves us with one student. In addition the room we were suppose to utilize at

the Harbour Centre is not yet available due to construction. Committee discussed various options ie. Move to second floor of Harbour Centre, Close Info Centre this year. Scott suggested another idea to relocate the Information Centre to the lobby of the Municipal Office. Felt it was a better, more central location. Jack agreed and felt the student could assist the office staff with some of their daily tasks.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Information Centre be relocated to the Gore Bay Municipal Office lobby;

FURTHER that pending Council approval at the July 8th Council meeting, the CAO be authorized to proceed with establishing the Information Centre in the office lobby effective immediately based on the fact the student starts June 28th.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT we now adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk