

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane
Kevin Woestenenk
Scott McDougall
Annette Clarke

Others: Ken Blodgett, CYC
Richard Anger, Buoy's

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Kevin Woestenenk declared a conflict with respect to Staffing.

2. Adoption of the February 24, March 3, and March 4, 2015 Minutes

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the February 24, March 3 and March 4, 2015 Minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) ***Goals for 2015*** – this was tabled to the next meeting. Each member was asked to prepare a list of five goals and forward to Annette as soon as possible. Annette will compile the list and send out to everyone. Goals will be discussed at next meeting to determine what items on the list should be the General Government Committee or another Committee, prioritize the final list and put the items on the agendas moving forward.

ii) ***Mississauga Lighthouse*** – tabled

iii) **Manitoulin Health Centre** – letter received from Derek Graham, CEO of Manitoulin Health Centre regarding the Town of Gore Bay’s conditional commitment to the Physician Recruitment Program. He noted that having the initial mass of support from the communities most closely linked with the practice settings would provide impetus and evidence for other municipalities and First Nations to consider getting on board with the effort. Committee discussed. Majority felt this matter should be taken to Manitoulin Municipal Association for discussion. Jack will do this and will attend any future Physician Recruitment Committee meetings to discuss the matter further. The \$3,000.00 will be placed in the budget for 2015.

4. **New Business**

i) 2015/16 Insurance Renewal – Annette advised that two companies were asked to bid on the insurance. Frank Cowan and Jardine OME Insurance (both municipal insurance providers). Jardine OME Insurance did not bid. A bid was received from Cambrian Bousquet Insurance (Brokers for Frank Cowan) in the amount of \$56,456.00. This is an approximate 2.5% increase.

Committee would like further information with respect to Legal expense – contract option.

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that we accept the bid for insurance from Cambrian Bousquet Insurance in the amount of \$56,456.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

ii) **Fire Department Request** – Some members of the Fire Department have made the following request:

- a) reimbursement to Mike Addison & Brad McKay for costs associated with attaining their supervisor level for Fireworks in amount of \$200.00;
- b) Permission to purchase used electronic firing system for big shells (fireworks) from Dreamcatcher in the amount of \$400.00.
- c) Request to pay for two additional firefighters to take the fireworks course at a cost of \$300.00.

Discussion ensued. Committee felt given the fact they had committed to the four firefighters for their fireworks course/supervisor level that we should be reimbursing members for those costs. As well, they felt the electronic firing system would be a much safer option for the firefighters and safety is a top priority. However, given the fact four members are qualified, they didn’t feel it was necessary to train any further members for fireworks at this time.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council the following:

- a) Town of Gore Bay reimburse Mike Addison & Brad McKay for costs associated with attaining their supervisor level for Fireworks in amount of \$200.00;**
- b) Town of Gore Bay authorize the purchase used electronic firing system for big shells (fireworks) from Dreamcatcher in the amount of \$400.00 subject to retaining ownership of the equipment;**
- c) Request to pay for two additional firefighters to take the fireworks course at a cost of \$300.00 be denied at this time.**

Carried

iii) **CYC lease rate negotiation** - Ken Blodgett was in attendance on behalf of Canadian Yacht Charters to negotiate the 2015 lease rate. Annette advised that other commercial leases had been increased two percent. Committee and Ken Blodgett agreed to a two percent increase to the lease rate for 2015. Committee also agreed to a two percent increase to the dockage rates for CYC.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that Canadian Yacht Charters lease rate and dockage rate be increased by two percent for 2015.

Carried

iv) **Buoy's lease rate negotiation** – Richard Anger was in attendance on behalf of Buoy's. Committee and Richard agreed to a two percent increase to the lease rate for 2015.

Richard Anger stated there were issues with the building as follows:

- a) Eaves trough leak along the front of the building;
- b) Front window appears to be rotting out;
- c) Crack in the small window along the bottom;
- d) Loss of business estimated to be \$1200.00 as a result of Public Works Crew cutting Bell Canada line in June of 2014;
- e) Would like to make an improvement to the façade of the building. Something more appealing and in line with the look of the Harbour Centre. Would like the Town to cost share in this expense.
- f) Richard also wants to put in a walk in fridge

Jack advised Richard that we will definitely take a look at these items and evaluate them. With respect to the façade of the building, Jack asked Richard to prepare a proposal including costs and bring it back to the committee for consideration. As well, Richard was asked to send a separate request in writing explaining the details and calculation used to arrive at the 1200.00 loss. Upon receipt the Committee will review and get back to him with their decision.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government recommends to Council that Buoy's lease rate be increased two percent for 2015.

Carried

v) Citizen of the Year Award Policy

Ron advised the Committee that he would like to implement a "Lifetime Achievement Award" policy to recognize persons that have made a significant contribution to the community. He suggested this wouldn't necessarily have to be an annual award. Instead it would be made as names were brought forward for consideration. He submitted a sample policy from Temagami that he felt was a good start for discussion.

Committee discussed the idea and agreed it would be a good program. This program would replace the previous Senior of the Year award. The Seniors and Volunteers will be recognized through a thank you ad in the newspaper. Worthy seniors and/or volunteers in the community would still be eligible for the new Lifetime Achievement Award provided they met the selection criteria.

Committee also discussed the type of award/recognition ie. plaques, book, interactive digital display.

More work will be needed to develop a policy. This will be brought forward to the next meeting.

vi) Strategic Planning

Committee decided that separate meeting dates outside the regular General Government dates will need to be held to handle the strategic planning process. Annette will consult with LAMBAC to determine future dates and advise committee members of next meeting.

vii) ***By-law Officer's Report***

Delroy Prescott had prepared a report and submitted by to the Committee for review. Committee noted that they would like Delroy to revert to the previous chart style of reporting for the property standards matters. All matters to reflect actions taken and once resolved could be removed from the report. He is to quantify parking tickets. As well, he is not to report on matters that are not in his department ie. fire, building permits

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Ron Lane

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

Carried

5. **In Camera**

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

That the General Government Committee enter an in camera session at 9:19 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee come out of camera at 9:37 p.m.

Carried

Student interviews will be held on Tuesday, March 31st at 4:15 p.m. Due to conflicts of interest by Ron, Kevin and Annette, Larry Eirikson and Ken Blodgett will be asked to assist Jack Clark with the interviews.

6. **Other**

Discussion ensued regarding destruction of old records and the possibility of hiring a summer student to assist administration. Annette was directed to check the Records Retention by-law and any necessary changes for scanning of documents and destruction of paper copies. As well, she will look into getting a student program to cover the cost associated with hiring a student for the administrative dept.

7. **Adjournment**

Moved by Scott McDougall

Adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk