

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Scott McDougall, Citizen Member
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk
Jack Clark, Councillor
Ron Lane

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared

2. Adoption of Minutes of January 28, 2013 Meeting

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Parking by-law – Staff Report attached

Committee and the by-law officer had done a walk about review of the areas outlined in the draft parking by-law. Notes outlined in the staff report were accepted as presented.

Direction given to complete the necessary changes to the draft by-law and have completed for the next committee meeting for final approval and recommendation to Council for approval.

Questions were raised about signage at fire hydrants and handicapped zones. Annette will have by-law officer check this prior to ordering signage.

Signs can be ordered now in order to ensure we can proceed with necessary action as soon as possible.

4. New Business

- i) Letter from Manitoulin Chamber of Commerce**
- ii) Letter from Manitoulin Tourist Association**

Annette advised that both of the above letters were dealt with by the Joint Business Advisory Committee and a recommendation is being brought forward to Council from this committee. These letters are for information purposes only.

iii) Town of Gore Bay Zoning – Staff Report attached

Discussion ensued regarding the staff report. It was explained that this would have no financial impact on the municipality. It was felt that the Manitoulin Planning Board has the expertise to deal with these matters more efficiently. As well, the municipality loses no control over actual review and approval of the applications.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Staff Report re: Planning administration be accepted and that the administration of the zoning and secondary amendment applications be administered by the Manitoulin Planning Board.

Carried

iv) Farmers Market

Farmers Market was quite successful in 2012. Previous parking issues seemed to be alleviated with the addition of parking on the Purvis property. The Farmers Market makes a donation to the municipality each year.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Town renew the agreement with the Gore Bay Farmers Market for 2013 under the same terms and conditions as last year;

FURTHER any donation derived from the Farmers Market as a result of this agreement to set aside in a reserve earmarked for “non marina waterfront related projects”.

Carried

v) **Summer Students**

Interviews will be established with all applicants excepting those that worked for us last year.

vi) **Manitoulin Cultural Planning Project**

Information. Proceed with payment of Gore Bay's share.

5. **Other**

Scott questioned whether or not there had been any study to indicated a need for seniors or regular housing in Gore Bay.

It was indicated that there was a study completed that identified a need for seniors housing. As well, it is evident from calls received by the office that there is a demand for regular rental housing as well.

Town will continue to seek possible development opportunities.

6. **In Camera**

i) Personal Matters about an identifiable individual

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we go in camera at 8:55 p.m. to discuss Personal Matters about an identifiable individual.

Carried

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we come out of camera at 9:21 p.m.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT we adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk