

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held On Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson  
Ron Lane  
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

2. Addition to Agenda

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the following addition be made to the March 25, 2014 General Government Committee Agenda:

Item 7ii) Staff

Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) 8 Dawson Street

Annette advised that the meeting with Hugh McLaughlin regarding his leased space went well. Hugh has agreed to continue leasing on a month to month tenancy basis upon expiry of his lease in April.

A site visit is planned for Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. to evaluate the old firehall space for the purpose of conversion into retail/office space.

Once the layout of the space is determined, contractors can be brought in to give us estimates for the purpose of applying for funding for the conversion.

ii) Building Lot Inventory

Scott advised he visited the Planning Board office and discussed changes to the Building Lot Inventory map. Annette was asked to contact Jake and get a copy printed and bring to next meeting for final approval.

iii) Wage Grid

Committee entered discussions regarding possible changes to the current wage grid which has reached its planned end. Wage ranges were reviewed and increased by 5%. Positions that were no longer relevant were removed from the grid. The Janitorial position was changed to Custodian to reflect the increase in responsibilities to include general building maintenance. The wage grid changed to take the increase in minimum wage and the new job description into account. Annette will correct the grid as per the instructions of the Committee and present at the next meeting for final approval.

4. Correspondence

i) Legislature Supports Motion on Municipal Liability Reform

AMO submitted a letter requesting support from municipalities for the reform of joint and several liability. Annette provided a definition of joint and several liability. Committee agreed that any efforts to reduce the impact of joint and several liability on the municipality would be beneficial.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT a letter be sent to the Premier, Attorney General, and MMAH Minister to support the government's consideration and adoption of measures which limit the impact of joint and several liability on municipalities as per the draft letter submitted by AMO for support.

Carried

ii) Manitoulin Injury Prevention Coalition

Letter accepted as information.

iii) Manitoulin Fine Arts Association Request for Donation

The Manitoulin Fine Arts Association has submitted a letter in response to the notice the Town sent advising they were not eligible for a municipal donation.

Annette was advised to send them a letter advising that the Town of Gore Bay supports artists through other means.

iv) Fireworks

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we authorize two firefighters to participate in the Fireworks Display Assistant Certification program;

FURTHER THAT all costs associated with mileage, accommodations, and meals will be paid by the Town of Gore Bay.

Carried.

## 5. New Business

i) MMA Meeting

- a) The MNR have made changes in the official plan to make considerations for deer yards. This prevents clearing of land in subject areas, and affects development in these heavily forested areas.
- b) Lake Manitou has been declared to be at capacity and no further development will be allowed. Dissolved oxygen levels in the water determine capacity.
- c) New development on unopened/private roads will not be allowed any severances on existing lots not serviced by roads.

ii) Arena Canteen

The committee agreed to advertise the Arena Canteen in the local papers again for the 2014/2015 season. Promote the business as a great opportunity for a mature student.

## 6. In-Camera

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we go in-camera at 9:03 p.m. to discuss:

- i) Summer Students Application
- ii) Staff

Carried.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we come out of in-camera session at 10:12 p.m.

Carried.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Ron Lane

THAT we adjourn at 10:13 p.m.

Carried.