

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Kevin Woestenenk, Councillor
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative

Absent: Ron Lane, Mayor

Addition to Agenda

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the following additions be made to the May 25, 2016 agenda:

***Add: 4iv) Stonehouse B & B Zoning By-law Amendment
4v) Airport donation
5. In camera – legal and property***

Carried

1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – none declared

2. **Adoption of the April 27, 2016 Minutes**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

i) **Partnership with Rainbow District School Board re: Utilization of CC McLean update**

Annette reminded the Committee there is a meeting between Council, Seniors Reps, and the School Board on June 3rd at 11:30 a.m.

Discussed other possible options for use of school ie. fitness centre. Will discuss further with School Board.

- ii) **Website** - Robert Maxwell provided an update of his work on the website. Scott felt there were still too many category options. Jack suggested a face to face meeting with Robert would be beneficial. Annette will set this up asap.
- iii) **Committee Membership** – Still no luck in finding a new member for the committee. Ron will be asked to approach a member of BMO to see if interested.
- iv) **Proposal to Close, Stop Up & Sell a portion of Park Street – update**

Annette advised that since the last meeting a number of things have transpired as follows:

- Bob Prior has indicated an interested in purchasing a portion of Park Street on the western side of the unopened street above the bluff. He is not willing to pay the .71 cents per foot as charged for the portion below. He is also willing to take less than 33' and is not interested in the bluff portion but is willing to negotiate if the price is low enough.
- John Robertson has also indicated an interest in the adjacent portion abutting his property as per above.
- Kyle Noble has advised that he has negotiated with Dan Wright to ascertain more of the road allowance than originally outlined. Nobles are willing to take the 10' easement on their share of the property and would create a new trail to the steps on the southerly boundary of the property. If the Town wants them to put up a fence they are willing to do that as well. They have also agreed to pay the full costs of the survey vs sharing costs with Mr. Wright.

Committee discussed and agreed as follows:

- Prior/Robertson requests: Defer decision to close, stop up and sell the top portion (westerly) of Park Street given the fact there is no substantial benefit to the Town to do so ie development. Lot additions would bring minimal taxation benefits. This can be discussed further at the council level.
- Noble/Wright requests: Committee agrees to the proposal set forth by Kyle & Kurtis Noble provided verification in writing from Daniel Wright agreeing to a lesser portion of the lands. Annette will notify surveyor to proceed with changes subject to the written verification.

4. **New Business**

- i) **Contact North re: Request for Signage** – Committee reviewed. There was some concern regarding the large size of the sign on the south side of the building. Committee felt it might be beneficial to have the option to add other groups/businesses to the signs ie. seniors centre, etc.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the signs proposed by Contact North for placement at three locations at the Medical Centre be approved subject to the option of utilizing space on the posts for future additional signage.

Carried

ii) MTO Agreement re: conveyance

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Agreement with MTO to remove the restrictive covenant on the “old garage property” be approved.

Carried

iii) MLS Listing Bids

Annette advised that local realtors were invited to bid on the MLS Listing of the Pavilion. Only one bid was received from Hugh McLaughlin Real Estate as follows:

\$1,000.00 for a six month listing.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the MLS Listing Bid be tabled pending the review of an expected proposal for the leasing of the pavilion.

Carried

iv) Stonehouse B & B – Proposed Zoning Amendment

Annette advised that the Planning Board is preconsulting on a proposed zoning amendment for the Stonehouse Bed & Breakfast. The amendment would add a description for Bed and Breakfast and apply it as an addition to the Stonehouse Bed & Breakfast Property. Annette is satisfied with the description. She noted that it is a description used by other municipalities. Committee agreed and had no concerns with the amendment. Annette will notify the Planning Board

v) Airport Donation

Town has received an inquiry as to whether or not a donation received by the Town of Gore Bay can be utilized to pay for expenses associated with the Airport. Annette did not have time to look into this. She needs to confirm whether or not donated monies can be spent outside the municipality. Normally it would not be but given the fact the Town is a member of the Airport Commission it may be possible. The Committee had no objections subject to meeting the legislated requirements surrounding charitable donations.

5. In Camera

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee enter an in camera discussion at 8:20 p.m. regarding the following:

- i) Legal
- ii) Matter concerning Identifiable Individuals

Carried

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee come out of camera at 8:50 p.m.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer