

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane, Mayor
Kevin Woestenenk, Councillor
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative
Paul Flanagan, Citizen Representative

Additions to Agenda:

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the following additions/changes be made to the October 29, 2015 General Government Agenda:

4 iii) Request from Leeann Bell re: proposed vacant space allowed uses

4 iv) Sale of 8 Dawson Street

4 v) Manitoulin Island Country Club Golf Course

6. i) Volunteer Fire Dept. Open house

Carried

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

2. **Adoption of the September 30, 2015 Minutes**

Moved by Paul Flanagan

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the minutes of the September 30, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

i) **Goals for Committee** – tabled

ii) **Strategic Planning** – Meeting on November 3rd. Review survey and list provided by Sylvie.

iii) **Outdoor Furnace** – tabled

iv) **Manitoulin Streams** – Explained to Citizen members that Manitoulin Streams had given an excellent presentation to Council. They may assist Gore Bay with the Beetle program to eradicate the Purple Loosestrife in 2016. Agreed to include contributing monies in the 2016 Budget discussion.

- v) **Planning Board** – Staff Report presented (copy attached). Committee authorized Annette to invite Cheryl Deeg to the November Committee meeting to discuss further.
- vi) **Request for Proposal – Website Design**
Committee reviewed the Draft RFP for website design. A new website is included in the 2015 budget.

Moved by Paul Flanagan

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the Request for Proposal for Website Design be approved and circulated as soon as possible.

Carried

- vii) **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Annette still waiting on details and pricing from Beacon Images.

4. New Business

- i) **By-law Officer Report**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Paul Flanagan

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

Carried

- ii) **2016 Budget Discussions**

Rates:

- Building Permit Fees – need to do an assessment. Waiting to see if anything happens with CBO agreement. May be changes required to create uniformity in rate by-laws with all participating municipalities.
- Community Hall rates – no increase in 2016
- Dockage Rates – apply a 2% increase
- Frosty Cup Rate – see motion
- All other rates leave the same

Other:

- Office: new phone system; programming modules; training; computers
- Staff: By-law Officer; Summer Student
- Fire Hall renovations
- Health Centre Physician Recruitment - Budget \$3000.00 for 2016. Invite Doctors to next meeting to discuss benefits of program.

- Pavilion – Budget \$10,000.00. Advertise for a tenant.
- Brochure
- Community Improvement Plan - limited
- Strategic Planning – EDO (needs to be experienced); administration, other
- Signage – Directional; East Bluff(both lookouts); Small Craft Harbours refurbished; Event Board
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Advertising/Marketing
- Emergency Measures
- Credit Cards
- Manitoulin Streams \$1,500.00
- MICA grant – apply again if available
- Office – flooring, windows, paint
- Office – basement; drainage
- Office - furnace
- Vacant Lot – parking lot

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Paul Flanagan

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Frosty Cup be charged the same rate as Minor Sports Group Tournament Rate for ice rental for 2015 and all future years the Frosty Cup Tournament operates.

Carried

iii) Leeann Bell Request re: use of vacant space

Leeann Bell has made a verbal request for pre consultation with respect to the possibility of changing the use of the commercial space at the rear of her business into either an apartment or a rental accommodation similar to Hugh McLaughlin’s operation. Committee discussed and had no objection based on the fact it is located at the rear of the store, there is a need for residential apartments and it is not a loss of current commercial space.

iv) 8 Dawson Street – Old Fire Hall building

An inquiry was made regarding whether or not the Town was interested in selling the building at 8 Dawson Street. Given the fact the building is currently operating with a profit and there is potential development by the Town, the Committee advised they didn’t feel the building should be offered for sale at this time.

v) Manitoulin Island Country Club – Golf Course

Jack Clark advised that the Golf Course is currently operating at a deficit. He noted that the Golf Course is as important to Gore Bay as it is Gordon from an economic/tourism perspective. He has concerns that if the golf course continues to operate at a deficit what will happen to it ie. will it close? Perhaps there are some partnering opportunities between Gordon and the Town. Committee agreed and felt it would be beneficial to have an informal discussion with the Reeve of Gordon Township. Mayor Lane will do this and report back.

5. Correspondence

i) **Manitoulin Family Resources** – request denied.

6. Other

i) **Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Night/Open House**

Annette advised that Gordon Twp would like the Town to partner with them and the Fire Department to host an Open House/Appreciation Night. Committee agreed this was a very good idea and an opportunity to allow the public to meet the firefighters and view the building, equipment and services. It will also allow the Councils to show appreciation to the firefighters.

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Paul Flanagan

THAT the Town of Gore Bay partner with Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island and the Fire Department to host a Volunteer Fire Department Open House/Appreciation night.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT we adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer