

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Others: Ken Blodgett, Councillor
Delroy Prescott, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Addition to Agenda

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we add the following item to the agenda:

- i. **Item 5-iii) Special Arena Rate for Hockey Fundraising Tournament**

Carried.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Pavilion Rental

Annette received an email the morning of October 30th from Nicole Boucher, indicating that her and her partner are no longer interested in renting the Pavilion for use as a mid to high-end restaurant.

Discussion moved towards future plans for the Pavilion. Previously a “boaters lounge” has been mentioned, however the Committee feels the best option for the Town is to rent the space full-

time. Staff will start paid-advertising for the space again in January 2015 and continue immediately with free advertising on the Town website and Kijiji, etc.

ii) **Gore Bay Welcome Sign**

The committee had previously discussed Hydro versus Solar power for the sign lighting. Scott has been able to get information on solar lighting and advised that this particular project is not well suited for solar power due to the ongoing maintenance of the solar power system, i.e. ongoing cost of replacing batteries, removing snow, no guarantee of strong lighting, and having to hide the solar power system.

Ron felt this was a good opportunity for a “green project” and referred to other communities that had similar setups. However, due to the amount of LED lights required for the sign as per the design, solar power would not be feasible. Had the sign been designed with solar power in mind, it may have been a feasible option.

The committee agreed that solar power was not a viable option considering the long term costs.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we recommend to Council that we proceed with hydro service for the lighting of the welcome sign.

Carried.

4. **Correspondence**

i) **Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates**

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

WHEREAS Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) are requesting the following from Island municipalities:

- 1.) A letter of support for MICA’s application for funding to Ministry of Tourism, Culture, & Sport for trailheads and way finding signs along all cycling routes.
- 2.) Financial contribution of \$250.00 to offset costs associated with MICA marketing our municipal promotional materials at the Annual International Bike Show in Toronto.
- 3.) Provide Province with input regarding municipal road cycling infrastructure improvement on municipal roads, especially on roads that are included on MICA’s cycling map.

AND WHEREAS the promotion of cycling on Manitoulin is a great economic development opportunity and provides recreational health benefits that will benefit all Island municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the above requests be approved.

Carried.

Jack put forward a proposal to pitch to the Manitoulin Municipal Association to establish a fund for Island wide donation requests. MMA would have to establish a policy and a budget to determine what requests would be approved. Committee agreed to the idea in principle. Jack will bring it up for discussion at the next MMA meeting and report back to the Committee.

ii) Manitoulin Streams

Manitoulin Streams is requesting a financial donation for their 2015 stream restoration initiatives on Manitoulin Island to improve stream ecosystems health. However, this request falls outside of our Town donation policy. The committee advises staff to inform Manitoulin Streams that a proposal will be made the Manitoulin Municipal Association to set up a policy and budget for Island wide donations.

iii) By-law Officer's Report

Delroy presented the Report to the Committee.

Committee felt more action was required on some of the outstanding issues.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council the following;

WHEREAS four quotes were requested for clean-up of 14 New Street;

AND WHEREAS one quote was received from Cole McLaughlin in the amount of \$1,607.00 plus hst;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cole McLaughlin be hired to clean-up 14 New Street and the cost of the work be placed on the property tax roll of 14 New Street for collection purposes.

Carried.

The committee also advised the by-law officer to take the actions suggested below with regards to other properties;

- i) 10 Meredith Street – Speak to owner again and advise her to request additional time if needed;
- ii) 9 Part Street – Issue an order to the owner for clean-up of property.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the committee accepts the By-law Officers report as presented.

Carried.

5. New Business

i) Old Firehall Renovations

Space is now leased to Rob White until November 1st, 2015. An email was sent to Derek Debassige on October 27, 2014 to inquire about his interest in office space in Gore Bay. No response has been received to date.

Discussion ensued on whether or not to apply for funding to renovate the space or to continue leasing the space as is. Ron felt the space should be leased as is. Jack expressed that it is a prime location to turn the space into something other than storage like a Senior's Centre or a gym. Ron thought a Senior's Centre was a good idea, Scott thought a gym would be a nice addition to the downtown core.

The committee would like staff to research possible funding for setting up a Senior's Centre in the old fire hall space and a Fitness Centre in the basement of the Medical Centre.

ii) Council and Committee Citizen Representative Remuneration

A summary of local area municipal remuneration rates was presented to the committee for comparison purposes.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the following changes be made to the Council Remuneration Policy and the By-law be amended as per the following changes, to be implemented as a four year plan:

**Committee Meetings – Mayor: increase from \$51.50 to \$60 per meeting
Committee Meetings – Councillors: increase from \$41.20 to \$50 per meeting
Remove: Out of Town meeting rate**

**Council Meetings – Mayor: increase from \$72.10 to \$80 per meeting
Council Meetings – Councillors: decrease from \$72.10 to \$70 per meeting**

Other Compensation: Councillors honorarium to increase \$100 plus cost of living per year over the four year council term. The Mayor's honorarium will increase by cost of living only per year over the four year council term.

Mileage Rate: increase from 45 cents per kilometer to 50 cents per kilometer.

Carried.

Discussion ensued regarding possible compensation for citizen members on boards and committees. It appears other communities do not compensate these members, however, their meals are paid at annual Christmas party.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the Town pay for committee representative and their spouse's dinner at the annual holiday party commencing in 2014.

Carried.

iii) Special Arena Rate for Fundraising Hockey Tournament

Scott made a request for a special rate for arena ice-time for the purpose of a fundraiser tournament the weekend before Christmas for a designated charity. He requested the same rate that the Porter-Clark Tournament pays for their tournament in February/March. The availability and operating schedule will have to be confirmed for that weekend to ensure it is in fact available.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT we recommend to Council that the 'Minor Hockey Tournament Rate' charged to the Porter-Clark Men's Tournament in the amount of \$59.50 per hour be charged to the Fundraising Tournament to be held the weekend before Christmas.

Carried.

6. Information

i) Douglas A. Smith Foundation Information

Ron advised that the foundation made a \$10,000 donation to cover the costs associated with a Marina/Waterfront/ Gore Bay Marketing/Promotional video.

7. Other

8. Adjournment

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk