

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Kevin Woestenenk, Councillor
Paul Flanagan, Citizen Representative

Absent: Ron Lane, Mayor
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative

1. Addition to the Agenda

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Paul Flanagan

THAT the following changes be made to the September 30, 2015 General Government Committee Agenda:

- a) Add Item 5 iv) Manitoulin Streams re: request for funding*
- b) Remove Item 6ii) Litigation*

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

3. Adoption of the August 26, 2015 Minutes

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Paul Flanagan

THAT the minutes of the August 26, 2015 General Government meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Goals for Committee – tabled**
- ii) Strategic Planning – Meeting on Monday, October 5th**
- iii) Outdoor Furnace – tabled**

- iv) **Town Welcome Sign** – need to decide whether or not going with hydro or solar power. Annette presented a staff report, copy attached. As indicated in the report the cost of hydro is \$4,808.75 vs solar at \$22,261.00. Committee discussed. Concerns raised regarding the high cost of solar, the solar panels may take away from the look of the sign.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Town of Gore Bay proceed with Option 1 of the Staff Report entitled Relocation of Municipal Decorative Display Sign which is to install a hydro pole to power/illuminate the sign at an estimated cost of \$4808.75.

Carried

- v) **Ballfield Relocation**

Annette presented the Committee with notes from her conversations with ballfield stakeholders Yvonne Bailey, Bob Dumond and Randy Thibault. Concerns were raised regarding expense to relocate, parking, adequate space for field and parking, loss of baseballs.

Based on the comments received from stakeholders the Committee agreed it isn't necessary to relocate the ballfield at this time.

5. New Business

- i) **Planning Board** - Committee reviewed the correspondence from the Planning Board advising Cheryl Deeg that her zoning application to construct two apartments on the first floor of the property known as Twin Bluffs was denied based on the fact it wasn't in compliance with the Secondary Plan and there were issues related to parking that conflict with the Zoning By-law as well. Committee discussed. Committee asked Annette to research whether or not she would qualify to apply for an amendment to allow for Multiple Residential if the Town agreed to grant an easement for parking.
- ii) **Blue Water Visitor Guide** – discussion ensued. Committee directed Annette to research and compile a report of marketing opportunities to allow the Committee a choice of where the Town should be concentrating its advertising dollars to.

- iii) **By-law Officer Report** – Discussion ensued. Committee would like an order issued on 6 Dennis Street and 35 Meredith Street. Committee wants an explanation why 2 Main Street has been removed from the list.

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Paul Flanagan

THAT the By-law Officers Report be accepted as presented subject to administration advising the By-law Officer of the requested orders for 6 Dennis Street and 35 Meredith Street.

Carried

6. Correspondence

- i) **Letter from Kathy Ward** – Committee directed Annette to thank Ms. Ward for her email and advise her these items will be taken into consideration for 2016 budget.
- ii) **MICA** – Annette advised that the Town’s expression of interest under the Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program has not been approved to proceed to the application stage. Therefore, the town could consider this in the 2016 budget. In addition, Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) is requesting the Town to pass a resolution supporting adding paved shoulders to Hwy 540.

Moved by Paul Flanagan

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council to adopt a resolution supporting the addition of paved shoulder when Hwy 540 is resurfaced between 2016-18.

Carried

- iii) **Walk the Block Fundraiser** – Bonnie Hore has made a request for funding for advertising, snacks after the walk and for prizes to give away that day. Committee discussed and agreed to offer prizes in the form of 125th t-shirts and/or mugs and will advertise their event on municipal website and facebook page.
- iv) **Manitoulin Streams** – Committee considered their request for funding. Committee directed Annette to request Manitoulin Streams to attend a Council meeting to make a presentation regarding their request with further details re: budget, projects, etc.

7. In Camera

- i) **Sale of Property**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Paul Flanagan

THAT the General Government Committee entered an in camera session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss sale of property.

Carried

Moved by Paul Flanagan

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee come out of camera at 8:08 p.m.

Carried

8. Other – none

9. **Adjournment**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, AMCT
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer