

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane
Scott McDougall
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk
Delroy Prescott, By-law Officer

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the June 24, 2014 Meeting

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) By-law Officers Report

Delroy Prescott, By-law Officer was in attendance to present his report to the committee and address any concerns.

Property Standards:

Delroy was advised to take pictures of property standards issues from the start and as things progress ie. dated and kept in the file for reference if required.

Delroy was advised to take further action on old files to ensure compliance.

Delroy advised that quotations were received for the clean up of Gore Street property.

Two quotes as follows:

McLaughlin Cottage & Home Care	\$850.00
Atkins Maintenance Inc.	\$950.00

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the quotation from McLaughlin Cottage & Home Care in the amount of \$850.00 for the clean up of 7 Gore Street as per site visit with Delroy Prescott be accepted.

Carried

Parking:

Annette was advised to take the necessary steps to get a computer ready for acceptance of the ARIS system to ensure we have access to MTO plate records for enforcement of parking fines.

Delroy suggested an accessible parking location be added at the pavilion board walk at the area entering the "farmers market" location.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT an accessible parking location be established at the opening in the railing of the boardwalk running from the tennis courts to the pavilion where it enters the Farmers Market location.

Carried

Dog Control:

Continue on with enforcement.

Overall, committee pleased with Delroy's performance and report.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the By-law Officer's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

ii) Town Signage

The design submitted by Doug Smith & Christie Best Pearson was presented to the Committee for consideration. The Committee like the design with the exception of the sails. They chose the version with the blue on the bottom right corner with the removal of the sails and centering of the "Servicing Western Manitoulin since 1890".

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the sign design for a new Gore Bay welcome sign, marked "A", copy attached, be accepted.

Carried

iii) Joint/Bulk Purchasing – tabled

iv) Planning Board Soundproofing

Rob Dearing was awarded the contract. Work to commence within the next couple of weeks.

v) Canada Post Closure

Annette advised a letter was sent as per Council resolution. No response to date.

vi) Pavilion 2nd Floor Update

Ads were placed in the paper and on the town website offering the second floor space for rent for private parties. No response to date. There had been a couple of inquiries about the restaurant use.

4. New Business

i) Agreement with Municipality of Central Manitoulin re: Provide and/or Receive Fire Protection Services

Committee reviewed the agreement. Annette advised the agreement is necessary to ensure fire support in the event of a fire at the Nursing Home. The Nursing Home has been identified as Critical Infrastructure/high risk for the Community. The fees associated with the agreement are \$700.00 for the first hour and \$300.00 per hour thereafter. The Committee had the following questions:

"Why is this agreement needed?"; "What if there is a false alarm?"; "How many false alarms occur at the Nursing Home"; "How does the alarm system work?"; "Why is the agreement with Gore Bay only and not the Fire Board?"

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT this item be tabled and Mike Addison and possibly Mark Derry (OFM) if necessary be invited to the next committee meeting to provide clarification of certain aspects of the agreement and its consequences on the municipality.

Carried

- ii) Request from By-law Enforcement Officer re: Vehicle Allowance

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the By-law Enforcement Officer be paid a monthly vehicle allowance in the amount of \$50.00.

Carried

- iii) Minor Hockey Request for Early Opening of Arena

A request was received from Clayton Best of Minor Hockey to open the arena early for the purpose of operating a Hockey School for Gore Bay Minor Hockey on September 20, 21, 2014.

Annette conducted some research and provided the following information in a staff report:

In order to meet this request, the Town would have to agree to open the arena early. Based on conversations with the Arena Manager and Gaston of Metal Air who inspects and maintains our plant, we are taking a risk trying to guarantee ice for September 20th. Gaston has indicated that if temperatures rise above 15.6 to 21.1 degrees Celsius the plant has to work extremely hard to make ice and as temperatures rise there is a good possibility we won't be able to make ice or lose the ice we have made. In 2013 there were 7 days the temperature rose above 21.1 degrees Celsius. With the exception of 5 days, the temperature rose above 15.6 degrees Celsius. The extreme temperature was 27.7 degrees on September 10th. There is no way to predict the weather, therefore, there is no way to predict our ability to provide ice for the September 20th date.

Contributing factors are the fact our arena isn't insulated, allowing the temperature to affect the operation of the plant. The plant will have to be adjusted accordingly as the temperature rises. Leo indicated that during higher temperatures in October last year he lost the ice on the east end of the ice surface.

The estimated cost to open the arena as of September 1st is as follows:

Expenditures:

Wages (\$19.00 per hour x 8 hours per day x 22 days plus 15% benefits)	\$3,845.60
One Months Hydro (calculated using Oct 3 - Nov 3/13 readings/bill and doubled)	\$2,473.76
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,319.36

Revenue

Ice Rental September 20 & 21 12 hours @ \$64.90	\$ 778.80
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NET LOSS (\$5,540.56)

Jack noted that the start-up wages shouldn't be considered because this has to be done regardless of the start-up date. Time would have to be calculated for monitoring the ice on a daily basis after start up complete and until the regular opening date of the arena to ensure the ice is not lost once put in. This amount would be closer to \$350.00 thereby reducing the net loss to approximately \$2,045.00.

The Committee's main concern was not the financial aspect, because the arena operates at a loss now, but the fact that we cannot guarantee we will be able to successfully make ice as explained above.

We do not want to see the Minor Hockey experience a loss in funds to the training centre in the event the Town is unable to make ice.

If the dates for the Hockey School were in October, there would be less of a risk.

Perhaps, with more advanced planning, a hockey school could be set up for next year later in October.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the Gore Bay Minor Hockey be advised that their request for early opening of the arena to allow a Hockey School to take place on September 20, 21, 2014 be denied based on the fact the Town of Gore Bay cannot guarantee it can successfully make ice by that date as outlined in the staff report provided to the Committee.

FURTHER that Minor Hockey be advised of the Committee's decision and that they understand that the Town is disappointed they cannot meet their request and encourages them to look into attaining a hockey school for next year at a later date in October that the Town is able to guarantee ice for the event.

Carried

5. In Camera

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we enter an in camera session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss staff.

Carried

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we come out of camera at 9:48 pm.

Carried

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the position of Arena Manager be advertised for the 2014/15 season.

Carried

6. Other

No other business.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Ron Lane

THAT we adjourn at 9:57 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, AMCT
CAO/Clerk