

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane, Mayor
Scott McDougall, Community Representative
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Walter Maskel, Gore Bay Theatre
Andrea Emmerton, Gore Bay Theatre
Rebecca Danard, reThink Green
Richard Eberhardt, reThink Green

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Absent: Deborah Woods, Community Representative
Larry Eirikson, Councillor

Additions to Agenda:

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the following additions be made to the August 23, 2017 agenda:

- 1. Item 6ii) Splash Pad***
- 2. Item 6iii) Arena Rates***
- 3. Item 6iv) Haunted Pavilion***
- 4. Item 7i) Pavilion Proposal***

Carried

- 1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - none declared**
- 2. Deputation:**
 - i) Walter Maskel – Gore Bay Theatre**

Walter introduced Andrea, 15 shows together, accomplished director for over 30 years. Walter gave a history of the Gore Bay Theatre. He also explained that he is paid a contract price to put on the summer theatre performances. He is not compensated for the off season shows. At the present time the Town charges Theatre for the use of the hall for all performances, rehearsals are free. In

order to make the off season shows viable Walter is requesting the Town waive the Community Hall rental rate for these performances. He plans to continue with children's shows and musicals. Unfortunately, the admission prices are lower and it is more difficult to make a profit at these shows. He estimates 8 shows per year in the off season.

Walter also advised that the Community Hall needs sound baffles installed in order to eliminate the echos that happen during the shows. He estimates 8 sheets of 4' x 8' baffles. If the Town is willing to assist with this he would get the pricing information and submit it. This would make a big difference to the sound quality in the hall for the theatre.

Jack thanked them for attending and advised the requests would be discussed later in the agenda.

- ii) Rebecca Danard, Executive Director re: Community Energy Planning Project
Richard Eberhardt, Program Manager
reThink green is operated out of Sudbury.

The presenters gave an overview of the program.

Rebecca explained that their funding is from now until March 2018. In that timeframe they are not delivering a complete Community Energy Plan. They can offer some capacity building to move the municipality towards that project. They will help establish a leadership committee comprised of public and private sector leaders. Would include having a broader public consultation meeting. Answer the question: What are the energy issues important to you as a resident, business and public sector? Finally potentially applying for funding to continue the process. They advised that there is funding through the FCM and the province. When applied together you can get a substantial portion of the costs to cover the development of a new Community Energy Plan that is more effective for the community. At the present time, the problem municipalities have is having the resources to do the work. That is where reThink can offer the expertise to guide and assist with the process. After March 2018 this current commitment is done. If the municipality wants to continue with additional support, the municipality would have to sign an agreement with reThink Green but that is not mandatory to do so.

There would be a time commitment required from town staff and council representatives. They estimates approximately 20 hours of staff time. reThink provides the organizational and technical expertise to collect and compile data, apply for funding, etc. If successful with funding application, the financial resources would then be available to complete a full Community Energy Plan that would guide the municipality in the present and future to realize energy savings.

reThink reps advised that they are not able to work for all the municipalities in their catchment area for free. It will be based on a first come first serve basis with a commitment to work cooperatively with them.

Jack advised it seemed like a win win proposal and would be discussing the matter later in the meeting.

3. Adoption of the August 2, 2017 Minutes

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the minutes of the August 2, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Procurement Policy – It has been drafted. Annette is in process of reviewing it, making some changes. Typing should be finished tomorrow and will be circulated to the committee for review and discussion at the next regular meeting.
- ii) Vendor Policy – A draft of the policy has been circulated via email. Hard copies were circulated at the meeting. Discussion ensued.
- iii) Strategic Plan Discussion – copies of the updated plan were circulated. Discussed ensued.
- iv) Residential Tenancy – tabled until a CBO agreement is in place.
- v) Property Standards – Annette advised that letters have been circulated. Deadline to comply is September 8th. One call back has been received thus far indicating they are not able to comply due to inability to afford to clean up the metals etc.
- vi) Pavilion Rental – Recommendation of the Committee to Council to not allow 2018 bookings was approved.

5. Correspondence – none

6. New Business

- i) RED Program – Annette advised that Stasia has been working on the RED Grant. She feels we will not qualify for applying for the downtown revitalization plan for streetscaping only. The intent of the grant is to develop an overall downtown revitalization plan. There are a number of components involved. The town did not budget for anything other than the streetscaping plan. Annette asked how the committee wanted to proceed. Deadline is quickly approaching. Discussion ensued. Decided not to apply for the RED Grant. Will inquire about private donations to cover the town's share of the Downtown Streetscape Plan.

- ii) Splash Pad – Annette advised she has been doing some further research including talking to more communities and businesses that have installed Splash Pads. A company named ABC Recreation – Vortex proved to be extremely helpful. They install approximately 30 – 40 splashpads per year across the province. They will be installing a new splash pad in Elliot Lake this fall and have offered to come speak to us and inspect the site. They have also offered some sample plans and budgets for us to review. They said they can develop a plan based on our allocated budget. Annette asked the Committee to establish a budget and timeline for this project. She also asked if the project is supposed to be tendered out as one contract or sublet different aspects of the project ie. Plumbing, concrete base, etc. This particular company can do the project from start to finish and provide training for start up and closure excluding water and electrical supply. Discussion ensued. Agreed to go with a medium sized pad at a budget of \$150,000.00. Also agreed it would be best to have one contract to complete the job from start to finish. The town would be responsible for installation of water/sewer and hydro. Annette is to apply to Trillium for this project. She will ask a representative of ABC Recreation to conduct a site visit and meet with committee to discuss further.
- iii) Arena Rates – Annette advised the rates need to be established asap to allow the users to establish their rates ie. Minor hockey, skating, etc. Annette provided the 2016/17 rates and comparisons from a couple of Island Municipalities. There was a 4% increase in 2016/17. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Arena Rates be increased across the board by two (2) percent.

Carried

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the Manitoulin Panthers be authorized to use the Arena at a rate of \$50.00/day for the purpose of dryland training and floor hockey.

Carried

- iv) Haunted Pavilion – Annette advised that the Recreation Committee plans to create a Haunted House in the Pavilion – “The Haunted Pavilion” during the month of October. They are seeking permission to use the pavilion for this purpose. Volunteers are also needed.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee authorizes the use of the Red Roof Pavilion as a Haunted Pavilion by the Recreation Committee during the month of October.

Carried

v) Theatre Rental Request

Discussion ensued regarding granting free hall rental to Gore Bay Theatre. All agreed it was a benefit to the community.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Community Hall Rental be waived for off season Gore Bay Theatre performances.

Carried

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we authorize Walter Maskel to get cost estimates for the purchase and installation of sound baffles at the Community Hall.

Carried

vi) Rethink Green

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that we apply to the Rethink Green Project.

Carried

7. Information

- i) Pavilion Proposal – Annette advised there may be a proposal coming forward for the leasing of the pavilion. One question that has been posed is whether the town would allow the use of the second floor as a residence. Discussion ensued. No decision was made. Decided to wait to see what, if any, proposal comes in.

8. In Camera

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee enter an in camera session to discuss staff at 10:11 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee come out of camera at 10:55 p.m.

Carried

9. Adjournment

Moved by Ron Lane

THAT we adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer