

**Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present:

Jack Clark, Chairperson

Ron Lane, Mayor

Larry Eirikson, Councillor

Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative

Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative

Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

**Addition to Agenda:**

***Moved by Deborah Woods***

***Seconded by Scott McDougall***

***THAT the following be added to the March 1, 2017 Agenda:***

- a) Item 4i) Request for use of Hall – free of charge;***
- b) Item 4ii) Request for Donation – Angel Bus;***
- c) Item 5vii) & 5 viii) be deleted***
- d) Item 6ii) in Camera staff***

***Carried***

1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – none declared
2. **Adoption of the February 8, 2017 Minutes**

***Moved by Deborah Woods***

***Seconded by Larry Eirikson***

***THAT the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Meeting be adopted as presented.***

***Carried***

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

**i) 2017 Budget**

Annette asked the Committee to go through the List of Discretionary Budget Items as they pertain to the General Government Committee. They made the following changes to the list.

- Office Student - \$8,333.00
- By-law Officer - \$7,618.00

- PET Scan donation - \$1,000.00
- Recreation Director wages/benefits -\$36,225.00
- Tower Viewer -\$4,500.00
- Office Wages/benefits (sal2904/639; wage 1911/382) \$5,836.00
- Donation to Angel Bus \$1,000.00
- Tower Viewer - recreation deferred -\$2,000.00
- Office student grant -\$2,394.00
- Recreation Director NOHFC Grant -\$28,350.00
- Recreation revenue (programming 1500. & halloween 500.) \$2,000.00

- ii) **Vendor Policy** – tabled
- iii) **Procurement Policy** – tabled
- iv) **Future Goals** – Discussion ensued. It was agreed that this should be dealt with through the Strategic Planning Process. Annette will have copies of the plan recirculated to the members of the committee. Members are to review and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

**4. Correspondence**

- i) Valinda Fogal has made a request for use of the Community Hall free of charge for a fundraising event to raise monies for families affected by HPV Related illnesses. Committee discussed and agreed to allow.

***Moved by Ron Lane***

***Seconded by Scott McDougall***

***THAT the General Government Committee authorize the use of the Community Hall free of charge to Valinda Fogal for the fundraising event for families affected by HPV.***

***Carried***

- ii) **Donation Request – Angel Bus**

A letter has been received requesting a donation towards the Angel Bus. Committee discussed and agreed it is a worthwhile community project.

**Moved by Ron Lane**

**Seconded by Deborah Woods**

**THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that \$1,000 be placed in the budget for a donation to the Angel Bus.**

**Carried**

**5. New Business**

**i) Fairtax re: Grants Incentives Proposal**

Committee reviewed the proposal and agreed the commission they are wanting is too high. It would not warrant having them make our applications despite their success rate.

ii) **Lawyer Recruitment** - It was agreed that the Town needs to recruit more professionals. This has been discussed and worked on in the past. It is part of the Strategic Plan. It was agreed that this should be dealt with through the Strategic Planning Process.

**iii) Promotional Shopping Bag Program**

Annette advised that she has placed this in the budget based on last year's participation. Committee agreed it was a good marketing opportunity. Committee asked that Gore Bay's brochure, Harbour Days Brochure, Canada Day information and the Boaters Package information be included in the bags for circulation.

**iv) Rainbow District School Board Elderly Person's Centre Agreement**

Agreement was circulated to the members. Annette advised she had received clarification with respect to some issues:

- a) Lessee should be Town of Gore Bay not Elderly Person Centre;
- b) Term date should be 2022 not 2021;
- c) Option to Renew – Term can be changed to five year – Committee agreed it should be five years not three;
- d) Taxes – we will have to pay any share of taxes applied to the School Board against the leased premises as a tenant
- e) Capital Expenditures – School Board is doing all the work as discussed. Approximate cost \$60,000.00. Scott wants clarification as to what size the opening will be between the two rooms. Annette will find out. Access to the building will be created by the board. Installing new accessible doors and ramp from the parking lot.

The current parking lot will be extended east to accommodate additional seniors parking. Ron indicated this needs to be dedicated to the seniors. Annette will verify with the board. Annette advised there is a kitchen sink with cabinet underneath but no cupboard. A trolley or some other alternative can be purchased by the Town and placed beside it to accommodate coffee etc.

- f) Access – Annette is to verify how the seniors will be able to access the space and when ie. 24/7, keyless entry, etc.

Once the lease is amended and all details verified the lease can be signed. Annette was asked to speak with representatives of the Seniors Centre to confirm one last time that they support the move prior to the Town making the commitment.

***Moved by Deborah Woods***

***Seconded by Scott McDougall***

***THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the agreement between the Town of Gore Bay and the Rainbow District School Board for space at CC Mclean for the purpose of an Elderly Persons Centre be signed with amendments.***

***Carried***

**v) EDO Application**

Ron advised that he attended a meeting of Western Manitoulin Representatives to further discuss the idea of hiring a Joint Economic Development Officer (EDO) to service Western Manitoulin (Billings West). All parties in attendance agreed to participate. Zhiibaassing was not in attendance. The unorganized township of Dawson and Robinson do not have the ability to collect monies to pay for their share of an EDO, therefore the remaining organized municipalities and first nations will have to pick up their share unless they can work out those details. LAMBAC is going to act as the project coordinator, make the application, offer office space and in general act as the liaison between participating parties. This will be going to Council on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**6. In Camera**

- i) Property
- ii) Staff
- iii) Legal

***Moved by Scott McDougall***

***Seconded by Larry Eirikson***

***THAT we enter an in camera session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss Property, Staff & Legal.***

***Carried***

***Moved by Larry Eirikson***

***Seconded by Scott McDougall***

***THAT we come out of camera at 10:03 p.m.***

***Carried***

**7. Adjournment**

***Moved by Deborah Woods***

***THAT we adjourn at 10:06 p.m.***

***Carried***

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer