

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane, Mayor
Larry Eirikson, Councillor
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative
Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – none declared

Additions to Agenda:

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the following items be added to the November 29, 2017 General Government Committee Agenda:

1. Item 3 vi) be changed to v
2. Add Item 3 vi) Deer Population
3. Item 5 ii) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual

Carried

2. Adoption of the October 25, 2017 Minutes

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Larry Eirikson

THAT the minutes of the October 25, 2017 minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Vendor Policy – Committee was supposed to review the draft document Annette circulated at the last meeting and submit comments. No one made any submissions. This item was tabled until next meeting. Send a reminder to everyone.
- ii) Residential Tenancy – continue to table.

- iii) Strategic Plan – Jack explained that Public Works had discussed the Strategic Plan and review. It was felt that a six month review should be done and it should be done at a separate meeting. Committee agreed to six month review.
- iv) Splash Pad – need to determine power access for the pad. Terry Addison has inspected and provided two options: 1. Pit in a new pole on east side of Water Street, run power overhead from existing pole on the west side of Water Street OR
2. Run power underground from existing pole on west side of Water Street – this would require digging up the street but would be a cleaner option above ground.
Committee discussion. Committee agreed that the underground option was the best solution. Annette advised that she has drafted a Request for Proposal for the new pad but need to determine the location of the pad in order to send out the proposal. She was reluctant to send anything until the layout of the area which may or may not include tennis courts was decided. Jack advised he would prepare sample layouts and present to Annette as soon as possible.
- v) Community Improvement Plan – Annette asked for this item to be tabled until she has time to research further.
- vi) Deer Population – Ron feels the second tag option is our best option because the Agricultural Permits are limited and in a timeframe that is too warm for hunters. Ron feels we could consider the Turner property given its size. Check into designating more of the Hietkamp properties. Jack was concerned with how to designate the specific lots. Annette advised that the permits would be issued based on the legal descriptions of the property. Our concern is hunter safety and as long as we ensure no residences within the 300 m range and restrict to bow hunting. MNR would be responsible for enforcement. Jack noted that although MNR doesn't feel that it is a rush, he feels we need to continue to follow up with MNR. Annette advised that she can start the process of drafting a by-law. Ron mentioned that it may be a good idea to approach Gordon Township and see if they would consider passing similar by-laws to allow hunting on the Gordon Township properties the boundary Gore Bay. Jack agreed it would be a good idea. Scott felt that made sense. Annette will draft a letter to Gordon Township. Ask MNR if there is anything specific required to designate properties in Gordon Township to permit the issuance of second seals. Some of these lots are agricultural and may only qualify for agricultural permits but Annette will ask MNR for clarification.

4. New Business

- i) Bottle Return - Carolyn Dearing has put forth a proposal to have the Bottle Return program moved to the Transfer Station. Gordon Township has advised they are opposed to this proposal. Given the fact the Transfer Station is a joint agreement between Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island consent cannot be given to utilize the Transfer Station for the Bottle Return Program. Gore Bay recognizes that this is a valuable service to the community. Committee discussed and came up with the following ideas:
 - Scott suggested asking Seniors if they might be interested in running the operation
 - Ron noted there is an issue with respect to amount of monies that has to be put out ahead of time before seeing return on monies

- ii) Physician Recruitment – The Manitoulin Physician Recruitment Program is requesting the same financial support in 2018 as in previous years, being \$3000.00 for Gore Bay. Total budget, joint recruiter, Manitoulin North Shore excluding Elliot Lake and Espanola, range of \$80,000.00. This year for the Island is \$33,000.00. Gore Bay's share being \$3000.00. Jack attended a meeting earlier this evening and gave a verbal report with respect to the current status of the program. This will be a budget item for 2018. The situation is as bad or worse than previously. There are currently 28 in the area, 16 positions on the Island. 10 of them expected to retire/move in next five years. Discussed challenges to get people here. I.e. Getting young people to move here; competing against Southern Ontario; a lot of communities putting money on the table to attract physicians; a specific point for Gore Bay is that a lot of new residents are reluctant to come into an office practice. In that case the doctor is the person responsible, there is no support staff. A lot of new doctors are not confident to do that. Locums vs permanent doctors. Preference is permanent doctors.
- iii) Donation Request Manitoulin Family Resources – They are requesting a donation to help with the Christmas Basket Campaign 2017. They have advised that 39 baskets were given out in Gore Bay in 2016. The Donation Policy states that donations are to benefit the community and its residents. A link can be put on our website to allow residents to donate.
- iv) North Channel Marine Tourism Representative - Marg Hague has advised that she will be stepping down as our representative on the North Channel Marine Tourism Council effective after the April 2018 Annual General Meeting. Council will have to appoint a new representative. Discussion ensued. Agreed to advertise the position for applications.
- v) Dock Links – Marg Hague submitted information from Dock Links which was presented at the last North Channel Marine Tourism Meeting. She indicated she didn't feel this program would benefit Gore Bay. Gore Bay would have to offer substantial discounts as high as 50% dockage rate reduction and fuel discounts up to .05/litre. This would be a substantial cut in revenues for our marina. Committee discussed and agreed not to participate.

5. In Camera

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT the General Government Committee enter an in camera session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss the following:

- i) Staff*
- ii) Identifiable Individuals*

Carried

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Larry Eirikson

THAT the General Government Committee come out of in camera session at 9:30 p.m.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved by Deborah Woods

THAT we adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer