

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Larry Eirikson, Councillor

Additions to the Agenda:

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT the following items be added to the October 2, 2017 agenda:

- 1. Item 5 v) Order of the North
vi) Financial Report
vii) Fuel Oil Tenders
viii) Seniors Centre operations***

Carried

- 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – none declared***
- 3. Adoption of the August 23, 2017 Minutes***

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Procurement Policy – tabled. Annette will summarize and discuss at next meeting,*
- ii) Vendor Policy – tabled*
- iii) Strategic Plan – tabled*
- iv) Residential Tenancy – tabled*
- v) Property Standards – Annette advised that two have made significant improvements, two have done nothing. Next step is Order of Compliance.*
- vi) reThink Green Project – Annette advised she had a teleconference today. First step is to identify people that can sit on the “Steering Committee”. Looking for leaders of the community representing business, agriculture, municipality, institutions ie. Manitoulin*

Transport, Agriculture & Food rep, Nursing Home, School. Time commitment will involve following:

- 1st session, educational webinar on Community Energy Plan
- 2nd – receiving individual feedback ie. What are your challenges? How do you use energy? What works? What doesn't?
- 3rd – Larger public forum -open to whole community to hear their needs related to energy

Then it is up to the town to move process forward. reThink Green will assist with application for funding, analysing data. Roundtable in March between participating municipalities and first nations to see what's working, etc.

They will also assist with an application to the Municipal GHG Challenge Fund. Annette suggested applying to convert all our street lights to low energy lighting.

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we recommend to Council that the the Town of Gore Bay apply to the Municipal GHG Challenge Fund for converting all street lights to low energy efficient lamps.

Carried

- vii) **Splash Pad** – Discussed the information session that was held last week. Annette asked if committee has any further questions or concerns/direction for the project. Check on funding rules. Do the RFP this fall to be ready for spring installation.

5. **Correspondence** -none

6. **New Business**

- i) Planning Board lease – Annette advised lease is up for renewal. Five year term.

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we recommend to Council that the Town of Gore Bay renew the Planning Board lease for a further term of five years under the same terms and conditions as current lease with a two percent lease rate increase per year over the term of the lease.

Carried

- ii) **Recreation Coordinator Report**

Committee discussed the report. Direction be given to expand the survey to include all age groups.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the Recreation Coordinator Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

iii) Community Improvement Plan

Discussed whether or not we want to proceed with developing a Community Improvement Plan. Annette was directed to speak with other local municipalities to see what benefit, if any, they have realized from the adoption of the Community Improvement Plan. She is to report back at the next meeting.

iv) 2018 Budget

Annette circulated a draft list of budget items. Discussion ensued.

- Trail map – remove from budget
- Walking Tour Brochure – verify information with Nicole Weppler and Jack McQuarrie; make this a student project if funding available; look into the creation of a phone application; place plaques at sites.
- Marina brochure – remove from budget
- Information Centre – work on establishing a location and format ie. Self service kiosk, weather protected, west end information. Try to partner with west end municipalities.
- Health & Safety Coordinator – laptop – see if can share with other municipalities
- By-law Officer – seasonal May 1st to September 30th
- Seniors Centre – budget for some programming
- Community Improvement Plan – dependant on committee decision whether or not to move forward

v) Order of the North

Accepted as information.

vi) Financial Report

Annette circulated a copy of the Financial Report. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

vii) Fuel Oil Tenders

Two tenders were received as follows:

1. McDougall Energy \$0.757 plus applicable taxes
2. Manitoulin Fuels \$0.767 plus applicable taxes

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the tender from McDougall Energy in the amount of .0757 cents per litre for fuel oil be accepted.

Carried

viii) Seniors Centre Operations

Hours of Operation - at the present time, there are no set hours. Certain seniors have a key to the door but if they are not present you cannot gain entry to the centre. Discussion ensued how this system can be improved to allow easier access by the public while maintaining a level of security. Decision was made to install a coded lock, post a sign with a list of persons to contact for the code. Annette will cost this out and report back. It was also agreed to organize a meeting with representatives of the Seniors Group to discuss the operations of the centre moving forward. Jack, Ron & Annette will meet with the representatives of the group. We will have a pre-meeting to discuss an agenda for the meeting.

7. **Information** – none

8. **Adjournment**

Moved by Deborah Woods

THAT we now adjourn at 10:27 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer