

**Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson  
Ron Lane, Mayor  
Kevin Woestenenk, Councillor  
Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative  
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

***Moved by Deborah Woods***

***Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk***

***THAT the following items be added to the October 26, 2016 General Government Committee Agenda:***

- 1. Item 7 becomes Item 8 Adjournment***
- 2. Item 7 In camera re: staffing and sale of property***

***Carried***

- 1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – none
- 2. Adoption of the September 28, 2016 Minutes**

***Moved by Kevin Woestenenk***

***Seconded by Ron Lane***

***THAT the minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented.***

***Carried***

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

**i) Medical Centre Improvements List**

Inspection on Friday.

- ii) 2017 Budget** – Each member was asked to compile a list of shovel ready projects. Information collected as follows:

Ron – boardwalk; splash pad; downtown revitalization; replacement of Okeechobee docks and development of fish point docks.

Deborah – downtown revitalization

Jack – conversion of old municipal building ie. gym, apartments, look at options; winterization of pavilion; gym/fitness centre

Scott – EDO; Fitness Centre  
Kevin – New street; Arena; Downtown Revitalization

Discussion ensued regarding how to prioritize. It was agreed that some preliminary studies may be required for New Street construction; Downtown Revitalization. Committee agreed to look into costs associated with engineering/consulting fees for these projects and try to build into 2017 budget.

Costing will also have to be done on the splash pad, gym/fitness centre.

It was agreed that building a new arena/complex is out of our financial reach. However, it was agreed that proper inspections need to be done on the arena to ensure we are in compliance and continue to maintain and upgrade our existing facility.

### iii) **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Annette advised that Ron and Nicholas Lane have provided some information with respect to the requirements for equipment for the touchscreen displays. Annette has ordered the screen. She will be ordering a new laptop before the end of the year. Plan to watch for sales. The remaining equipment and programming will be put over into the 2017 budget. This will allow us to be operational for the 2017 season.

Discussion ensued regarding candidates for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Felt the 150<sup>th</sup> Canada Day Celebrations would be a good opportunity to give out any awards that are chosen. Will discuss again at next meeting

## 4. **Correspondence**

### i) **Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanner**

Committee discussed. Felt it was a very worthwhile project.

***Moved by Jack Clark***

***Seconded by Ron Lane***

***THAT the General Government Committee recommends that a \$1,000.00 contribution to the PET Scanner be considered in the 2017 Budget.***

***Carried***

5. New Business

i) Wage Grid

*Moved by Jack Clark*

*Seconded by Deborah Woods*

***THAT the Seasonal Public Works position be added to the wage grid at the same rates as full time public works position.***

*Carried*

ii) Manitoulin Student Aid Fund Bursary

Ron asked that the contribution to the student aid bursary be increased from \$200.00. It has been that amount for many years and most donations are higher than that.

Jack indicated the Rotary gives \$400.00 which the Committee agreed would be a fair amount.

*Moved by Ron Lane*

*Seconded by Deborah Woods*

***THAT the Manitoulin Student Aid Fund Bursary be increased to \$400.00 effective immediately.***

*Carried*

iii) Old Garage Property

Annette advised the purchase is finalized. Currently zoned Institutional. Discussion ensued what to do with the property. Committee felt it would like to sell as residential property. This would require the completion of an environmental assessment given the fact it is considered a brownfield.

*Moved by Deborah Woods*

*Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk*

***THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that a Phase I and II (if required) Environmental Assessment be completed on the old garage property allowing the sale of the property as residential.***

*Carried*

iv) Boardwalk Design

Ron presented an overhead map of the town indicating the areas he felt extensions of the boardwalk should be. The overall plan would be complete replacement of the existing boardwalk with the new extensions. Discussed whether or not to tender it out as one contract or Town act as its own contractor and hire staff and purchase materials. Also discussed options for the bridges ie. steel vs wood. Kevin mentioned Schmitz Welding from Massey/Spanish area.

Annette felt there may be some type of regulation/code mandating the requirements for the bridges. Research will have to be done to find out.

**Moved by Ron Lane**

**Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk**

**THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that a Request for Proposal for replacement of the boardwalk with new extensions be developed and advertised for completion in 2017.**

**Carried**

**v) Use of CC McLean as Elderly Persons Centre**

Annette advised that the Rainbow District School Board has approved the use of two rooms at CC McLean as an Elderly Persons Centre. The board will pay for the renovations required to convert the space including accessible entry, washrooms and parking. The Seniors Group has been consulted and they are in agreement to move to this space.

**Moved by Scott McDougall**

**Seconded by Deborah Woods**

**THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Elderly Persons Centre be relocated from the basement of the medical centre to Charles C McLean Public School subject to a five year lease agreement at a rental cost of \$18,019.00 per year (1606 square feet @\$11.22/sq ft) and all costs associated with the renovations for accessible washrooms, entry, parking, and cleaning of the facility with no annual increase to the lease over the five years;**

**FURTHER a request be made to the board that the seniors have 24/7 access to the site.**

**Carried**

**6. Information**

i) Annette read the thank you from the Gore Bay Churches for use of Pavilion.

7. **In camera** re: staff and sale of property

**Moved by Kevin Woestenenk**

**Seconded by Scott McDougall**

**THAT we enter an in camera session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss staff and sale of property.**

**Carried**

*Moved by Deborah Woods*

*Seconded by Scott McDougall*

*THAT we come out of camera at 10:05 p.m.*

*Carried*

Kevin indicated that he had asked for the matter involving the accident several years ago on Meredith Street to be placed on the agenda. This was not done. It was noted that the matter happened too long ago, with no evidence to support a claim available.

**8. Adjournment**

*Moved by Deborah Woods*

*THAT we adjourn at 10:12 p.m.*

*Carried*

Respectfully Submitted by  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer