

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane, Mayor
Kevin Woestenenk, Councillor
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative (arrived at approximately 8 p.m.)
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative

Addition to Agenda:

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the following be added to the General Government Committee agenda:

Item 4 viii) Rob White Request

Carried

1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – none declared

2. **Adoption of the August 31, 2016 Minutes**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the August 31, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

- i) **Medical Centre Improvement List** – Now in receipt of list from Dentist office. Annette and Ron will inspect the building and develop a priority list for budget purposes and report back to Committee. Other committee members are welcome to attend as well. Annette will coordinate a date and time with Doctors and Dentist. Annette will also develop a Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Medical Centre building.

- ii) **EDO/Recreation Director** – Update – Meeting is set for November 2nd at 7 p.m. Invitations sent to all western Manitoulin municipalities and first nations from Kagawong West. Annette asked for information pertaining to plan for the actual meeting. Discussion ensued. Ron will open the meeting, welcoming everyone. Jack will meet with Mike Addison, Lambac to establish/finalize an agenda for the evening. Committee agreed that reps from Lambac, Fednor and Ministry of Northern Development and Mines should be invited to speak to the group regarding funding options and availability. The main objective is to open the idea up to other municipalities regarding the possibility of sharing an EDO/Recreation Director.

4. New Business

- i) **2017 Budget** – Annette has developed a list of budget items. Asked for Committee input. Discussion ensued. Agreed need to be shovel ready on future projects in order to be ready for any possible funding that comes forward. Bigger projects that were mentioned included a feasibility study re: arena/recreation centre; new tennis courts; splash pad; downtown revitalization plan/study. Committee was asked to think about this and be prepared to give a list of “shovel ready” projects at next meeting.

Committee inquired about the CWWF fund. Annette advised that the Public Works & Properties Committee had chosen Huron Street. Kevin advised that he felt Eleanor Street would be a better choice because the street is in worse shape and replacement of that waterline would help increase pressure at the top of Eleanor Street. Committee agreed. Annette indicated that since the Public Works Meeting she has received a quote from RV Anderson to complete all the necessary work to apply for the funding including submission of the application for a total of \$2000.00. Committee is recommending that RV Anderson be hired and they be asked to price out both Huron and Eleanor Street. They advised Annette to proceed in order to meet the deadline of October 31st.

- ii) **Manitoulin Streams Request for Funding** – Discussion ensued. Committee agreed it is a worthwhile organization that benefits a lot of projects all over Manitoulin. Town needs to address the purple loosestrife problem in the wetlands and Manitoulin Streams have offered to assist with placement of the beetles needed to try and eradicate the invasive species. Committee agreed to budget for the purple loosestrife and a \$500.00 donation to Manitoulin Streams.
- iii) **Lifetime Achievement Award** – tabled
- iv) **Municipal Tax Administration Program** – Annette made a request to have the Town pay for this program for the Assistant Treasurer. Committee felt training was very important and agreed to place \$1300 in the budget for 2017 completion of the program.

v) **Fuel Oil Tenders** - Tender requests were sent out for provision of fuel oil for town owned buildings. The following three tenders were received and opened at the meeting:

1. McDougall Fuels .588/litre plus taxes
2. Manitoulin Fuels .629/litre plus taxes
3. New North Fuels Inc. .06275/litre plus taxes

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the tender from McDougall Fuels in the amount of .588/litre plus taxes for provision and delivery of fuel oil to town owned buildings for the 2016/17 season be accepted.

Carried

vi) **Canteen Proposals** – Annette advised that ads were placed in the local newspapers, notice on facebook and website asking for Operation of Arena Canteen Proposals. Unfortunately the date was not correct in the newspaper despite the draft ad sent being correct. Committee granted permission to open the one proposal received and agreed to make a recommendation to Council. One proposal was received and opened from Carrie Lewis in the amount of \$250.00 for a six month term.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the proposal received from Carrie Lewis for the operation of the Arena Canteen in the amount of \$250.00 tax included for the six month term be accepted.

Carried

vii) **Arena Rental Rates** – Annette advised that the Recreation Committee has made a recommendation to increase arena rates by 4%. The General Government Committee feels that seniors 65 and older and children 6 and under should be free. As well, a donation box may be a good idea to raise funds for arena.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Arena rates be amended by offering free admission to seniors 65 and older and children 6 and under;

FURTHER a donation box be placed on site to raise funds for arena.

Carried

- viii) **Rob White Request** – Rob is requesting an extension of his month to month tenancy in the old firehall space to first of December or 1st of January. Annette has already explained to him that a funding application has been sent in for the conversion of the space to an Elderly Persons Centre and that we may need to gain access to the space sooner than later. Committee discussed and was willing to work with him.

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the month to month tenancy agreement with Rob White for space in the old firehall for bays 2 and 3 be extended to November 30th;

Further proper notice be given to Rob White as per the terms of the original agreement.

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT we adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer