

Minutes of the General Government Meeting

Held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others: Robert Maxwell

Addition to the Agenda

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the following additions be made to the August 31, 2016 Agenda:

- a) Item 5 v) MTA – Island Accommodation Report***
- b) Item 5 vi) Public Works Training – Winter Control***
- c) Item 5 vii) Canada 150***
- d) Item 5 viii) EDO/Recreation Director***

Carried

1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – none declared
2. **Adoption of the July 27, 2016 Minutes**

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT the minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Deputation – Robert Maxwell

Robert gave a presentation of the new website he has created including the video component. He circulated handouts outlining the website requirements and completion status and a final checklist. Committee was pleased with the end product. Robert will work with administration to make the necessary corrections/additions to the content of the site and arrange for staff training for maintenance of the site. He also indicated he will be including a library of photos that the Town has full access to. Once this is complete arrangements will be made to have the site “go live”. Hoping for some time in October.

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Website – as per above

ii) Safe Streets Act – Fundraising by Fire Dept.

This matter was referred back to Committee by Council for further consideration after consulting the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief has advised that they did encounter complaints as a result of stopping traffic and he understood why the rule is in place. Committee decided to rescind its previous recommendation to adopt a by-law for fundraising on streets by the Fire Dept. Instead, the Committee will recommend the Fire Department seek other avenues of fundraising ie. boot drives throughout the crowd on Canada Day, dances, etc.

iii) Park Street Closure, Sale of Road Allowance

Annette advised there have been continued delays which appear to be as a result of breakdown in communication between solicitors. Emails received today indicate this has been resolved and they are back on track to expedite the sale to Dan Wright. Annette advised that Dan has requested the Town to sell the property to him at the same price agreed for the sale to Bob Prior being .50/sq ft. Annette explained the reasons for the different pricing to him in an email. Committee agreed their decision was warranted and approved by Council, therefore no reconsideration to this matter.

Another request has been received from John Robertson to purchase the upper portion (above bluff) off Park Street, north side abutting his property. The Town would have to retain a strip of land to allow continued public access to the stairs/trail. The remaining portion of land could be sold. Committee discussed and agreed to sell under same terms and conditions as Bob Prior sale at .50 per square foot.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the north westerly portion of Park Street road allowance be sold to John Robertson at .50 per square foot subject to the Town of Gore Bay retaining a portion of the land to allow continued public access to the stairs/trail leading to/from Gore Street;

FURTHER John Robertson be advised that he is responsible for all costs associated with the sale ie. survey, legal costs for both parties and administration.

Carried

iv) Property Inspections – Annette advised that given the length of time between the actual inspection and the actual consideration by Committee she would conduct a reinspection and act accordingly. Committee agreed.

v) Medical Centre Improvements List – Annette has received a list from the Doctors and Dentist Office. Committee asked her to compile an Income Statement for the Medical Centre for the next meeting. Annette will have public works check some of the items on the lists to see what items are priority and budget accordingly.

- vi) Custodian Contract – Tenders are due September 2nd. Committee agreed to meet Tuesday, September 6th at 9:30 a.m. to open the bids.
- vii) Fitness Centre – Annette advised she contacted Nathalie Mousseau at the Rainbow District School Board to inquire about use of school for fitness centre. She advised that renovations would still be required for access purposes therefore expense still there. We would have to wait for an answer re: government funding. That said, she indicated she will inquire as to whether or not a Fitness Centre would fall within acceptable parameters for a partnership. Also discussed Seniors Centre and all is pending funding announcements expected sometime this fall.

5. New Business

- i) Fire Department re: Mutual Aid Coordinator

The Fire Chief has requested support to appoint him as Alternate Mutual Aid Coordinator.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that they support Mike Addison being appointed as Alternate Mutual Aid Coordinator for Manitoulin Island and fulfilling the roles and responsibilities as designated in the Province of Ontario Mutual Aid Plan.

Carried

- ii) 2017 Budget – tabled
- iii) 2016 Youth Heritage Leaders & Lieutenant Governors Ontario Heritage Award Nominations

Committee discussed.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Gore Bay Fish & Game Club be nominated for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award to recognize achievement in Excellence in Conservation;

FURTHER Jack Clark volunteers to assist with the completion of the nomination papers.

Carried

iv) Paving Tenders

Requests for Proposals for Paving/Crack Repair/Parking Lot were advertised and circulated by Administration. Three bids were received as follows:

i)	Pioneer Construction	\$178,318.79 plus taxes
ii)	KJ Beamish Construction	\$246,168.00 plus taxes
iii)	Interpaving Limited	\$237,095.40 plus taxes

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Kevin Woestenenk

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Tender from Pioneer Construction to meet the requirements of the Request for Proposal for paving/crack repair/paving of parking lot be accepted in the amount of \$178,318.79 plus taxes which falls within the budget set for 2016.

Carried

v) MTA – Island Accommodation Report

Annette circulated a copy of the Island Accommodation Report prepared by Manitoulin Tourist Association. Gore Bay's information will now be affected by the current loss of Gordon's Lodge. Committee accepted as information.

vi) Public Works Training – Winter Control

Annette advised that Darrin Nodecker would like to participate in a Winter Control Training Program. Annette advised that there is currently only \$200.00 left in the training budget. Committee felt the course was important enough to warrant going over budget.

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we recommend to Council that Darrin Nodecker be enrolled in the Winter Maintenance School course offered by Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to take place in Parry Sound at an approximate cost of \$1200.00 to cover course plus mileage, meals and accommodation.

Carried

vii) Canada 150 – Scott asked whether or not the Arena would be available for Canada Day 2017 in the event of rain. He was concerned due to the planned Phipps Street construction project. Committee advised that the Arena will be accessible but parking in the area may be limited. Scott also questioned why everything was focused on Downtown for Canada 150. Annette explained that funding criteria encourages a "Main Street Canada" focus and therefore that was chosen. It also makes sense to focus on the Downtown for Canada Day to include businesses and participation by the community.

viii) EDO/Recreation Director

Jack Clark is requesting the Committee's support to set up a meeting of Western Manitoulin Municipalities, Unorganized townships and First Nations from Billings west to discuss the idea of hiring a Joint Economic Development Officer/Recreation Director. Discussion ensued. Committee agreed that it was a good idea. The Town's Strategic Plan has identified this as a priority. Letters should go out to the Mayors/Reeves/Chiefs inviting them to a meeting. October 26th was suggested as a date. It was agreed that LAMBAC should be involved to help guide the group but Gore Bay would take the lead on the project.

6. In camera

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee enter an in camera session at 9:42 p.m. to discuss the following:

i) Legal

Carried

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT we come out of camera at 9:56 p.m.

Carried

7. Other

Ron noted that a formal announcement has finally been made regarding the funding approval for the Phipps Street Construction Project. There will be something in the Recorder about it.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT we adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer