

Minutes of the Meeting of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative
Larry Eirikson, Councillor (leave of absence)

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

2. **Adoption of the November 29, 2017 Minutes**

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

- i) Vendor Policy – Committee members reviewed the policy and submitted comments in advance of the meeting. Discussion ensued. Committee made changes. Annette will incorporate them and circulate a new draft copy prior to the next regular meeting.
- ii) Residential Tenancy- table until further information received regarding status of CBO.
- iii) Splash Pad – RFP has been sent out. Due January 31st. Will review at that time and determine dates for presentations of proposals.
- iv) Community Improvement Plan – tabled
- v) Deer Population - Annette provided the committee with an update from MNR. She also advised that staff is working on drafting a by-law to allow the discharge of firearms in the additional properties as previously designated by the committee. Will be presented at next council meeting. MNR has advised that no decision on the second seals will be considered until late April or later.

Committee agreed to conduct a property search to determine properties located in Gore Bay and surrounding Gordon Township properties that boundary Gore Bay lots.

4. New Business

i) Canine Park – Hugh McLaughlin has requested Council to consider creating a Dog Park in Gore Bay. Discussion ensued. Agreed to investigate costing for fencing etc. based on a 150' square. Place into draft budget for consideration.

ii) Seniors Centre Meeting Notes of November 28, 2017

Items to be addressed:

- a) Parking – need to make sure signage is put up. Annette advised that the principal has noted that parking seems to be going better. A new parking lot will be created for the Daycare staff in the spring which will free up the existing lot for seniors parking.
- b) Schedule – Bill Baker has provided a schedule which Stasia has incorporated into a monthly schedule. The MTO Seniors Driving Centre dates have been incorporated into the calendar.
- c) Rentals – need to establish a policy/rates for use of the space. Manitoulin Physio has recently booked the space for six weeks. This is an informative program open to all ages. Annette will draft up a basic user/rental policy and recommending rental rates and submit at next meeting. Any rentals be preapproved by the Seniors Group prior to scheduling them.
- d) Outside Use – no update
- e) Governance – Seniors have supplied copies of their recent minutes and financials.

iii) Marijuana Use – The Group “Too Far. Too Fast.” Has asked Council to consider passing a motion to prevent the opening of legalized cannabis stores in our community. Discussion ensued. Annette advised that the Planning Board is receiving inquiries about utilizing properties to grow crops of marijuana for the purpose of sale to medicinal marijuana outlets. Annette was asked to get more information related to the growing of crops and how it relates to planning in the municipality. Won't deal with the outlets at the present time. This matter is being addressed by the province.

iv) Appointment of Alternate CEMC – Annette advised that she has a couple of people interested in taking on the CEMC position. She would like to pass this responsibility on to new people that can commit the time needed to do this job properly. At the present time we do not have an alternate which would be required in the event of a real emergency. She advised that Aaron Wright has indicated that he is interested in this position. He is currently planning to take the necessary course to achieve the CEMC designation. Annette suggested appointing him as the primary CEMC and she could act as alternate CEMC. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we recommend to Council that Aaron Wright be designated the CEMC upon completion of all the required courses and Annette Clarke act as the alternate CEMC.

Carried

- v) **Dockage Rates** – Need to establish 2018 rates. Discussion ensued. Committee agreed to 2% increase.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the 2018 dockage rates be based on a 2% increase over the 2017 rates.

Carried

Community Hall Rates – Discussed whether or not to increase the hall rental rates. Committee agreed to a 2% increase.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the 2018 Community Hall rental rates be based on a 2% increase over the 2017 rates.

Carried

- vi) Red Roof Pavilion – Annette advised that two informal proposals have been received for the rental of the Red Roof Pavilion. It is possible that a third proposal may be forthcoming as well. Ron, Jack and Annette have met with one of the proponents and asked him to make a formal presentation to Council at the February 12th meeting. Committee discussed both proposals. Jack recommended requesting three formal written proposals for consideration for the February 12th Council meeting. Annette was instructed to advise the three proponents to submit written proposals by a specified due date. None of the proponents will be asked to present in person at the Council meeting.

- vii) Gore Bay Rotary Request for Arena Rental write off

The Gore Bay Rotary Club is requesting the Town to write off the rental for the upstairs room at the arena during Frosty Cup. They feel this falls under the definition of a “donation”. However, Annette noted that the donations are going to specific people and are not benefiting the community which is the donation criteria. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the arena upstairs room rental for the Frosty Cup weekend be reduced by 50% which is basically the same discount they receive if using the Community Hall for a licensed event.

Carried

5. In Camera

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee enter an in camera session at 9:44 p.m. to discuss Staff.

Carried

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee come out of in camera and enter regular meeting at 10:47 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT we recommend to Council that the Severance Package be reinstated for all full time staff effective on the date of employee hiring;

Further that \$10,000.00 per year be placed in the Severance Fund Reserve to offset the increased cost associated with the plan.

Carried

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the Maintenance Position and By-law Officer Positions be placed into the draft 2018 budget.

Carried

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we recommend to Council that the Pay for Performance Bonus based on 2017 performance for Annette Clarke be set at 6%.

Carried

Committee agreed to amend the Sick leave policy to comply with the new provincial law which eliminates the requirement for doctors note.

Committee agreed to discuss a new Wage grid. Discussions will take place in camera at the next regular meeting.

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT we adjourn at 10:51 p.m.

Carried

Minutes prepared by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer