

**Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday, March 28, 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

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

2. **Addition to the Agenda**

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

*Seconded by Ron Lane*

***THAT the following items be added to the March 28, 2018 General Government Agenda:***

- i) Item 5 ii) Lifetime Achievement Award*
- ii) Item 5 iii) Seniors Citizen Award*
- iii) Item 5 iv) Centennial Manor*
- iv) Item 5 v) Harbour Centre*

*Carried*

3. **Adoption of the February 28, 2018 Minutes**

*Moved by Ron Lane*

*Seconded by Scott McDougall*

***THAT the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented.***

*Carried*

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

- i) **Vendor Policy** – amended policy was discussed. Annette has some concerns with the absence of permit categories. Added clarification to street vendor definition.

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

*Seconded by Ron Lane*

***THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Vendor Policy be adopted as amended.***

*Carried*

- ii) **Residential Tenancy** – continue to table
- iii) **Splash Pad** – no further updates
- iv) **Senior Centre Rentals** – Annette advised that, after reviewing the policy that was sent out, she wasn't happy with it and has drafted a new one which she circulated to the members. Discussion ensued.

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

*Seconded by Ron Lane*

***THAT the Seniors Rental Agreement be accepted as amended.***

*Carried*

- v) **Discharge of Firearms By-law** – an amended copy has been circulated with comments from Ron and Jack. Discussion ensued. Went through the by-law line by line with the revisions suggested by Ron. Agreed to changes as discussed.

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

*Seconded by Ron Lane*

***THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Discharge of Firearms By-law be approved as amended.***

*Carried*

## **5. Correspondence**

- i) **Great Lakes Sailing** – The North Channel Yacht Club attended the marina during Canada Day in 2017 and Michael Leahy published an article in the Great-Lakes-Sailing.com newsletter which he has submitted for our perusal. No action required.
- ii) **Western Manitoulin Garden Community Group Request re: Kite Festival** – They are requesting a financial donation or a donation of picnic tables, garbage receptacles from the municipality. They have also requested that the Mayor or a council member act as a judge for the kite contests. Discussion ensued. Committee agreed to provide some picnic tables and garbage receptacles for the event in lieu of a financial donation. We will arrange for someone from Council to act as a judge. Annette to notify the Group of our decision.

## 6. New Business

- i) **Property Tax Collection Policy** – Annette is requesting that a written policy be put into place for the purposes of property tax collection which will act as a guideline for staff.

*Moved by Ron Lane*

*Seconded by Scott McDougall*

***THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the Property Tax Collection Policy be approved as submitted.***

*Carried*

- ii) **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Annette circulated the policy and the list of previous names that have received or been considered for the award. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be advertised in the paper and online as per the policy. Ron suggested we go through the same process as last year by reviewing the list we put together last year. Jack advised that we proceed with the advertising and then review the list after the period of nominations close. Committee agreed to follow that process. Committee agreed to change the deadline to April 25<sup>th</sup> to correspond with the next General Government Committee meeting.
- iii) **Senior Citizen of the Year Award** – this is a provincial award. Deadline for nomination is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Ron felt we should be nominating someone for a local award. Jack felt that the process didn't work in the past and unless there is a deserving person it is not a worthy exercise. Committee felt the Lifetime Achievement Award will cover this. Committee agreed not to nominate someone for this award.
- iv) **Centennial Manor** – There is no joint municipal agreement on file. Staff contacted the Manor and they advised they would be having a meeting in two weeks and would release documents after that date. Burpee Mills was also contacted to see if they had anything on file and they do not. Jack advised that he plans to attend a meeting in May. Burpee's issue is they have issued a onetime expenditure for the heating system without consultation and this has resulted in a 27% increase to Gore Bay's requisition. The problem is there is no reserve in place to cover the larger capital expenditures. The question is "do we still want to continue to support the Centennial Manor and if we don't how do we get out of it?" We have to be careful not to jeopardize the home in Gore Bay. Jack feels there should be some sort of new funding model that includes a resident equation. Ron feels that anyone that has a representative should be allowed to go to the May meeting. Agreed to make a request to the Manor to attend the May meeting.

**Moved by Ron Lane**

**Seconded by Scott McDougall**

**THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that Jack Clark attend the Manor Board meeting on May 17, 2018 to discuss the manor operations.**

**Carried**

- v) **Harbour Centre** – Annette advised that the Office made an error by failing to send out tax bills to the Harbour Centre Tenants for 2016 and 2017 taxes until January 2018. A letter was sent with the tax bills advising that no interest would be charged and that payment arrangements could be made past the due date. Annette indicated that some of the 2016 tenants no longer occupy their leased premises and it would be difficult to collect from them. Perry and Nicole have made a request on behalf of the tenants that the 2016 taxes be written off which equates to \$4024.00. Discussion ensued. Jack recommended we write off the 2016 taxes but that the rents be reviewed to possibly include taxes in the rent vs separate billings. This will be brought forward to the next Museum Board meeting.

**Moved by Jack Clark**

**Seconded by Scott McDougall**

**THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the 2016 taxes for the Harbour Centre tenants in the amount of \$4024.00 be written off for the Harbour Centre tenants.**

**Carried**

## **7. Information**

- i) Physician Recruitment Efforts – information circulated. Jack will send a thank you letter to Derek Graham for the information.

## **8. In Camera**

**Moved by Scott McDougall**

**Seconded by Ron Lane**

**THAT we enter an in camera session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss i) Staff.**

**Carried**

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

*Seconded by Ron Lane*

*THAT we come out of camera at 10:15 p.m.*

*Carried*

*Moved by Ron Lane*

*Seconded by Scott McDougall*

*THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the revised 2018 and new 2019 wage grids be approved as amended.*

*Carried*

**9. Adjournment**

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

*THAT we adjourn at 10:20 p.m.*

*Carried*

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer