

## **Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson  
Ron Lane, Mayor  
Larry Eirikson, Councillor (arrived late)  
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative

***Moved by Scott McDougall***

***Seconded by Ron Lane***

***THAT the following items be added to the July 25, 2018 agenda:***

- a) Item 4. iv) MTA Membership***
- b) Item 4. v) 911 Agreement***
- c) Item 5. iii) Staff***

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - none
2. Adoption of the June 27, 2018 Minutes

***Moved by Jack Clark***

***Seconded by Ron Lane***

***THAT the minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented.***

***Carried***

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Residential Tenancy - Council had turned down the proposal from Rainbow District Animal Services. We are now not in compliance. Annette asked neighbouring municipalities how they have dealt with the matter. Gordon/Barrie Island says that it is in the CBO's contract but couldn't confirm details presently. Committee would like

to know if there is training available. Discussion ensued. Annette will research and report back.

- ii) Health and Safety Policy – tabled
- iii) Borrowing By-law – tabled

#### Recreation Park

- a) Fitness Centre – Jack reported that we have had a few meetings with J.L. Richards. Suggestions have been made to J.L. Richards for costing out the building. There is an increase in costs due to the increase in size. Preliminary pricing provided was for basic siding, not stone. J.L. Richards is asking for approval on the design and the cost. Annette is to inquire on our options. Would reducing the size by 100 sq ft. reduce costs and do we require that many bathrooms to meet code?
- b) Tennis Courts – Annette reported she spoke with Brad Taylor from Court Service Specialists. Brad reported that pooling of water with the first surfacing happens quite regularly. Pioneer is coming back to fix the surfacing issue. The fencing has been installed but a section will be removed for Pioneer to access the court. The contract allows for the surface to be fixed. The completion date should still be on schedule.
- c) Playground – Annette reported that she and Roger met with Henderson. Henderson reports there will be a delay on the start date because they are behind on other projects. Henderson will not be able to start until the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Site prep instructions was provided for public works. Discussion ensued.
- d) Parking Lot – Annette reported that there was more vandalism at the recreation park. Lighting is needed. Annette has asked for a quote for LED lighting. It may be necessary to have more than one light source.
- e) Security – Video surveillance signs have been installed. Annette is researching types of cameras to install.
- vi) Bottle Return Program – Annette reported that there is a lot of cardboard being generated at the bottle return. There have been complaints about not being open on Saturdays. Don Wright believes that this should resolve itself once the return has been open for a while. People will get used to the schedule. Committee would like a report on the costs of running the program. Annette advised more operational time is needed to do a proper assessment on costs.
- vii) Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative – Annette reported on lighting options for the downtown. Only three poles on one side of the street have power. Previously power to flower boxes were sourced from the community hall. The hall would need upgraded power to handle the demand for power. Terry also said that boxes can be installed on the poles, but they are unattractive option. The funding provided will not meet the costs for a project this size. Terry is

to report back with pricing and committee will need to decide on where to get the power from. Decorative poles are for lights, Christmas decorations and banners. Annette asked for guidance on what kind of an art mural committee would like to see on the side of Locobeanz. Scott suggested approaching the new owner of the Source building and see if they are interested in having a mural installed on the side of their new building. Annette is to get pricing and report back to committee.

- viii) Lifetime Achievement Award – Dr. McRae and Dr. Hamilton’s family has advised that they will not be able to attend the ice cream social on the selected date due to another family function and have requested that another date be considered to hold the ice cream social. Committee agreed to change the date to September 22, 2018.

#### **4. New Business**

- i) SPCA No Hot Pets Campaign – The Ontario SPCA is launching a “No Hot Pets” campaign and are asking municipalities to support the campaign by raising awareness by passing a by-law regarding leaving pets in an unattended vehicle. Committee accepted as information.
- ii) Computer Backups - Our IT has suggested that we use an offsite back up. It would be a monthly cost of \$130 a month. Concern was expressed over where the information is being stored. Committee is interested in receiving more details about the company providing the backup service. Annette is to report back.
- iv) Internet Connection – Annette advised that the Town of Gore Bay internet connection is no longer to be used by the councillors on their devices. Presently the laptops are set up to automatically connect to the town’s internet. From now on councilors are to use the library guest connection.
- v) MTA Membership – This was cut from the 2018 budget. Annette has asked for more information as to breakdown of costs. The minimum cost is \$250 for municipal membership. Committee would like to know the future of the welcome centre, is it going to remain open? What exactly would we be getting? MTA wants to come to a meeting to propose the options. Shelba from MTA is welcome to come to a general government meeting but this years budget has been set. However, information can be gathered for next year’s budget.

***Moved by Ron Lane***

***Seconded by Scott McDougall***

***THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that Gore Bay pay \$250 for MTA membership.***

***Carried***

- vi) 911 Agreement – There is a fire dispatch agreement in place with Northern911 for Gore Bay, but Gordon/Barrie Island does not, however a 911 agreement is in place for Gordon/Barrie Island but not for Gore Bay. It is possible that the bills between the two municipalities have been mixed up. For future there should be an agreement for both municipalities. Annette will gather more information by the next meeting.

**5. In Camera**

*Moved by Larry Eirikson*

*Seconded by Scott McDougall*

**THAT committee enter an in camera session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the following:**

- i) Legal**
- ii) Property**
- iii) Staff**

*Carried*

*Moved by Larry Eirikson*

*Seconded by Ron Lane*

**THAT committee come out of camera at 9:00 p.m.**

*Carried*

**6. Other**

**7. Adjournment**

*Moved by Scott McDougall*

***THAT we adjourn at 9:01 p.m.***

*Carried*

**Respectfully Submitted by  
Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk**