

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

**Held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson  
Ron Lane, Mayor  
Larry Eirikson, Councillor  
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative (arrived late)  
Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative  
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk  
Roger Chenard, Public Works Manager

Absent:

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None
2. Adoption of the July 25, 2018 Minutes

***Moved by Larry Eirikson***

***Seconded by Ron Lane***

***THAT the minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented.***

***Carried***

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- i) Residential Tenancy – Still in negotiations with the CBO. The CBO is presently still providing his service without a contract in place. Considering Council is lameduck committee feels the next Council should address the CBO contract.
- ii) Health and Safety Policy – A draft policy was circulated to committee to review.

***Moved by Deborah Woods***

***Seconded by Ron Lane***

***THAT we recommend to Council that the Health and Safety Policy be adopted as presented.***

***Carried***

iii) Borrowing By-law – tabled

iv) Recreation Park

a) Fitness Centre – Jack reported based on the geotechnical report there are two recommended foundation options that can be used for the proposed Gore Bay Fitness Centre building. The base is not stable enough to support the weight of the building. The first option requires excavation to upwards of 2.3m, which is anticipated to extend below the water table thus requiring extensive dewatering. With this option, a thickened slab-on-grade concrete foundation could be utilized. The second option recommends using helical pile deep foundations in order to avoid extensive dewatering. This option will require the floor to be a concrete structural slab. The first option costs at \$280,000.00, the second option costs \$210,000.00. An alternate site was suggested. The proposal is to move the site to the old municipal garage location on Agnes Street. We are waiting to hear if the environmental surveys already completed are sufficient or is a geotechnical needed in addition. The new location will result in a smaller footprint therefore decreasing costs. Also, a washroom would be constructed in the splash pad location. Committee agreed this would be the better option given the costs to develop on the Water Street location.

b) Tennis Courts – An update was provided by Jack. Patches have been placed to repair the surface. The court will be flooded to test the patches over the next two days. Areas around the fence posts will be fixed. In all, about five layers will be placed to complete the surface. We are behind schedule but still within the contracted timeframe. Anticipate being complete by September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

c) Playground – The “old” playground inspection report was circulated. Several areas need attention. The protected surfacing needs more sand and grass removed, and the swings either fixed or removed. If they are to be fixed they need to be relocated. Overall the playground was in good condition. Ron suggests using deferred revenue from the Recreation Committee. Committee wants to go ahead with the recommendations and maintain what is there. The new playground installation is complete, and an inspection is being scheduled.

d) Parking Lot – The large rocks are needing to be repositioned. Barriers will then be removed.

e) Security – A camera and lighting need to be installed. Signage is now installed. Camera is to be positioned on a post along with the lighting.

v) Bottle Return Program – No update at this point. Cardboard is still an issue. Public Works have been disposing of the cardboard to date. Jack suggested getting a report on the usage to know if the operating hours are meeting the needs of the community.

vi) Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative – Committee discussed where to source the power for the additional decorative posts for the downtown core. Terry needs to know

where the power source is to come from. Jack suggested going ahead and getting costs for the electrical. Roger is to speak with Terry to get pricing from the post office transformer, for both sides of the street and report back.

Stasia reported on mural pricing. She has not heard back from Essencia Art Collective (artist who installed the mural at the Mutchmor in Providence Bay). NEMI's installation cost \$14,000 + HST for a 2000 square foot mural. The wall on the side of Locobeanz is roughly 1344 square feet. Ron noted the surface will require some repairs as well.

Spending does not have to be completed immediately. We have until 2020 to spend. Will discuss further at the next meeting.

- vii) Lifetime Achievement Award – The hall is available for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Advertise in the paper, website, social media to invite the public. Ron will write the speech for Larry Lane and Jack will present. Jack is writing Nicole Weppler's speech, Deborah will write speeches for Dr. McRae and Dr. Hamilton. Ron will accept on behalf of Larry. Ron will make presentations to Nicole and the doctors.
  
- viii) Computer Backups – IT provided further information with regards to using online backup solutions. Several providers were contacted for quotes and storage solutions, however only one provided a Canadian datacenter storage guarantee. \$130 a month for Storagecraft.

**Moved by Larry**

**Seconded by Deborah Woods**

**THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that we hire Storagecraft for the purpose of offsite back up computer storage at a cost of \$130.00 per month.**

**Carried**

- ix) 911 Agreement – Previously billing has gone solely to Gordon/Barrie Island. Northern 911 just recently informed us of the billing mistake. They are requesting a new agreement be signed. Will phase in the amount of money over the year. Will phase in over six months to a one-year period. Billing will not be separated. Cheaper to have one agreement. Bill will go to Gordon and Gordon will bill us accordingly. For a total of \$3017.16/year. Not sure what Gordon is going to do about the back billing. There is no way of tracking the billing before 2011 as records were not retained by Northern 911.

**Moved by Ron Lane**

**Seconded by Larry Eirikson**

**THAT the Northern 911 agreement be accepted as presented.**

**Carried**

- x) Pre-consultation – Zoning Amendment – Annette provided a recap of Heather Strains request. Annette went to the Planning Board to research the lot in question. Lots were severed in 1982. In 1984 two lots were considered retained and severed. One of the lots was cleaned up by the addition of frontage to Meredith St. while the land locked lot was

left. 13.75 feet of right of way was allowed for this lot. Heather is requesting an explanation as to why she can't as well.

Heather's lot was created by the Ministry of Housing predating the Planning Board having authority. It is a nonconforming lot according to Gore Bay's zoning by-law. Discussion ensued. Committee decided to support the requested zoning amended based on the fact the lot was allowed to be created by the Ministry of Housing.

**Moved by Deborah**

**Seconded by Scott**

***THAT the General Government recommends to council that the Town of Gore Bay supports, in principle, the zoning amendment requested for PT 2&3.31R256 to reduce the frontage requirement based on the fact the lot was created by consent by the Ministry of Housing in 1979, one year prior to the adoption of the Town of Gore Bay Zoning By-law in 1980.***

**Carried**

#### 4. Correspondence

- i) Bob Prior re: Release of Easement – A request was made to release the easement that has been placed on Bob Prior's property. This easement allows the town to use the property to run water and sewer lines to Strain Drive area. Discussion ensued. Due to concerns that this easement may be needed at some point in the future for development purposes, the Due to financial constraints committee is not willing to release the easement on Bob's property.

#### 5. New Business

- i) Community Garden – The Community Garden is requesting the Town of Gore Bay permanently supply two picnic tables at the garden. Committee is not in support of the request, and therefore they be so advised.
- ii) Christmas Party – Annette presented an option for catering the Town Christmas party and is asking for committee input. Discussion ensued. November 30<sup>th</sup> is set for the party. Invite new council to the party. Sandra Armstrong has provided pricing. Committee agreed to proceed with booking Sandra Armstrong for catering the Town Christmas party.
- iii) Santa Claus Parade - December 1<sup>st</sup> set for Tree Lighting and Santa Claus Parade.

6. In Camera

*Moved by Deborah Woods*

*Seconded by Larry Eirikson*

**THAT committee enter an in-camera session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss the following:**

i) Staff

*Carried*

*Moved by Deborah Woods*

*Seconded by Larry Eirikson*

**THAT committee come out of camera at 9:50 p.m.**

*Carried*

**7. Other**

Swing Bridge – Jack provided an update on today’s presentation. It was not actually a presentation. They had boards displayed for viewing. Five options presented Options include: do nothing, ferries, tunnel, 2 lane drawbridge, and high bridge. We are to expect a report by fall of 2020. Next summer consultants will narrow options down to a couple choices.

**8. Adjournment**

*Moved by Larry Eirikson*

***THAT we adjourn at 10:05 p.m.***

*Carried*

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

