

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Larry Eirikson, Councillor

Addition:

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT the following be added to the October 24, 2018 Agenda:

1. *Item 4 ii) Bottle Return – report & hours*
2. *Item 4iii) Sale of Property*
3. *Item 4iv) Request for use of Road Allowance for Eastlink Services*

Carried

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – none declared.

2. Adoption of the October 3, 2018 Minutes

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting be adopted as accepted.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) **Recreation Park**

- a) **Fitness Centre** - Council has discussed options with respect to the location of the new Fitness Centre. Council decided to receive a second opinion on the Geotechnical report detailing the need for dewatering or helical piles. Dan Osborne reviewed the report after the council meeting and concluded it would be a waste of time to attain a second opinion. The report is very clear and detailed and no other engineer is going to disagree with the engineer's report we already have. Public Works Committee has made a recommendation to Council to have the Fitness Centre built at the original Recreation Park site, with the original floor plan, placed on a reinforced slab on grade foundation. Since that meeting, Annette has contacted Rosa Barone at JL Richards. Rosa advised that they will not provide engineering or architectural drawings for this form of foundation. She said they cannot stamp something that contradicts the geotechnical study.

Annette advised Dan of same. Dan asked for a copy of the floor plan. Annette is waiting for his response. Committee agreed to take no further action and wait for more information to be provided to Council for a final decision.

- b) **Tennis Courts** - An update was circulated to the Committee. A meeting was held between representatives of the Contractor and the Town. Court Surface Specialists have agreed to credit the town for a couple of items and put off payment of some of the items as a "holdback" until they return to complete the identified deficiencies. Annette advised she has sent an email requesting further information with respect to the compaction testing, details with respect to the technique that is to be used to fix the problem, further financial discounts/refunds, etc. No response has been received from CSS yet. Jack feels CSS will provide a good final product. Annette will report further information at the Council meeting.
- c) **Parking Lot** – Roger received pricing excluding the pole and installation. He will get prices for that. Electrical estimate is \$3700.00.
- d) **Security** – Roger will work on this.

ii) **Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative**

- a) **Electrical** – The estimate for the electrical is \$23,750, excluding digging, sand, light fixtures, poles, bulbs, junction box covers, etc. Annette is getting pricing on the decorate poles/lights. She needs to know if the Committee/Council wants to be part of the selection process. Companies need to have some idea of design before they can give a cost.
- b) **Mural** – Stasia got a price from a local person and it is \$6500.00. Need to establish what we want painted on the wall. Get a price on repairing the wall. Invite him to our next meeting to present a portfolio, discuss his work and options.
- iii) **Arena Rules & Regulations** – Rules were circulated to the President of Manitoulin Minor Hockey for input. He said he felt they looked fine as is.

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT we recommend to Council that the Arena Rules & Regulations be adopted as presented.

Carried

- iv) **Christmas Decorations** – Annette advised a couple of local residents have volunteered to help with Christmas decorating this year. Funds are available from the foundation monies. Annette suggested solar lights for all the trees but not sure if they will work. Scott had concerns regarding the ability of the battery to recharge on limited light during the winter months. There are twenty three trees in the downtown. The volunteers are going to give us some ideas ie. nicer bow arrangements, etc. Committee authorized ordering solar lights for the twenty three trees.

4. New Business

- i) **Swing Bridge** – Email from Environmental Planner re: options for the swing bridge in Little Current was accepted as information. Jack asked that a letter be sent advising them of our disappointment in the fact they did not agree to visit our Council independently. There is no sense in asking for our input without providing answers.
- ii) **Bottle Return** – Advised that Don requested a switch to “winter hours”. He advised there are very few people attending on Mondays and it isn’t worthwhile to be open. Discussion ensued. Get a 4’ x 8’ chloroplast sign with hours on it.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the Bottle Return Depot hours be changed to winter hours being Wednesdays and Fridays, effective December 1st, 2018 to April 30, 2019

Carried

- iii) Sale of Property – Annette reported on the two properties she was supposed to sell by means of tender as per council resolution passed in July. As per the by-law if the properties are tendered you have to put the minimum bid as the appraisal. The appraisal for the lighthouse road lots is too high for a minimum bid therefore she is going to put that property in real estate. This was strictly information given the fact Council is still lame duck.
- iv) Request for Installation of Services - East Link

Planview Utility Services has made a request on behalf of Eastlink to attain municipal approval for the installation of fibre optic lines from the intersection of East Street, running along the road allowance of Water Street, cutting across to Main Street at the intersection of Main and Meredith Street. This is to improve Eastlink services in this area.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded Deborah Woods

Therefore Be It Resolved that the General Government Committee grants approval on behalf of the Town of Gore Bay to Eastlink to install a fibre optic line in the municipal road allowance by underground boring subject to ensuring that all proper locates are completed, no impact on municipal services, infrastructure including roads.

Carried

5. Other

- i) **Snowplowing Highway 540B** – Jack suggested we should be plowing the highway ourselves given the fact we have four people in public works now. Annette is supposed to be meeting with the contractor this week to get pricing. Annette will provide a report at the next council meeting.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Deborah Woods

That we adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.