

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2. Deputation

- i) Marcus Mohr, Mural Artist – Marcus provided a portfolio of his work. He wasn't sure of the theme or what we were looking for. Need a good exterior paint. Ron indicated that we are probably wanting to go with a historic theme. Collage type theme. Marcus would probably do it by taking some time off, weekends, evenings. Early summer probably be the best time. Timeline approximately 1 to 2 weeks. Spring 2019 would be the earliest he could start. Provide some historical images to Marcus and he could put together a mock up. He would need a couple of months notice. Would like to know by March, 2019. It was suggested that we use Jack Whytes collage of Gore Bay as a sample piece of work of what we would like it to look like. Approach Dylan Whyte to see if he would allow us to use his work and consider it as a tribute to Jack.

3. Adoption of the October 24, 2018 Minutes

Moved by Larry Eirikson

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the minutes of the October 24, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising out of Minutes

i) Recreation Park

- a) Fitness Centre - Jack has consulted with another engineer and he has eluded that the cost for helical piles is too high. He suggested an alternative being a dry

crawlspace. The crawl space would be built approximately 3' underground, 2" pad and "membrane in, and on top of that a 16" pad on top of membrane and on top of that a 3' footing. Approximate cost \$100,000 vs \$210,000 for helical piles. Engineers have been notified to proceed with the original location and original chosen floor plan. They are working out a schedule for restarting the project. This information has not yet been received.

- b) Tennis Courts - Annette continues to wait for responses to her emails. Annette advised as follows: They have refunded \$3,000.00 for the compaction testing but feel the proof rolling is a standard process and meets the requirement. They are waiting for responses from Pioneer Construction with respect to the asphalt work and whether any testing can be done to ensure the integrity of the product and how they plan to address the asphalt edge deficiencies and the timeline to do it. Obviously it is too late now; CSS insists that a new asphalt layer is not required and that surface ponding can be addressed with a properly experienced crew, etc.; they claim the laser grading/verification was completed, but just in a different format. They have not provided proof of same – they have offered partial discounts on same.
- c) **Parking Lot** – No further updates.
- d) **Security** – Annette advised that she recently participated in an online seminar with respect to the Ontario Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act and Security Cameras. We must be extremely careful placing cameras in public parks and recreational areas. It was suggested that if there were problems with vandalism that required cameras, these cameras operate on timers for use only during evenings after park closures. Further that signs be placed advising users of the camera use and the usage times. Review and release of camera footage for the purpose of catching criminal activity needs to be monitored closely as well. Diligence needs to be used with regards to the release of information unrelated to actual crime. We will have to find a system that can be placed on a timer and limit who will be monitoring/viewing the system footage.

ii) **Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative**

- a) Electrical – Annette presented a catalogue of decorative lighting options. Suggested something in the historical line. Committee reviewed. Agreed to black fixtures, flickering lightbulb, historical top, electrical for decorations, and post arm for décor. Annette will price this out and report back. Interlocking stones should be removed and replaced with an alternative. Consider getting garbage receptacles that can be left out during the winter.
- b) Mural – Kevin estimates that it would cost \$2,000.00 to repair the wall at Locobeanz. Council will have to decide on a theme/design in conjunction with the artist. Three estimates were received to paint the mural. Marcus Mohr was the cheapest and his portfolio was impressive.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that Marcus Mohr be hired to complete a mural on the side of LocoBeanz at an approximate cost of \$6500.00; Further this be placed in the 2019 budget for final approval.

Carried

5. New Business

- i) Marina RFP
Annette advised that only one bid was received from exp Services Inc. in the amount of \$198,710.00 plus HST to provide consulting services for engineering, design, environmental implications/assessment for an extension of docking systems, replacement of docks, and installation of new docking system off the breakwall. She opened the bid and circulated it to Ron, Dan and Doug Smith for review. Doug has advised that he is fine with the bid and feels it is a fair price considering the overall cost of the project. Given the fact he is funding the cost, it was important to receive his feedback. The Public Works Committee has made a recommendation to Council to accept the bid from exp and move forward with the project. Committee agreed with this recommendation.
- ii) Cannabis Legislation – Information was circulated to the committee. Annette advised that Council has until midnight January 22, 2019 to adopt a resolution to opt out of the program to allow Retail Cannabis Stores. If municipalities do not opt out they will automatically by default be opted in. If council has not made a firm decision by that date, Annette recommends opting out which would allow them the opportunity to opt in at a later date. Opting out will affect the funding that is being given to municipalities. It is expected that a municipality of our size will receive approximately \$10,000.00 which was the minimum allowance. Further information will be provided to Council at the December 10th meeting. Ron felt it would be a good idea for the Town to opt in. It will be an economic benefit to any municipality and it is important to opt in to ensure the monies come forward from the province to offset administrative costs associated with same. He did not see the benefit of opting out and then opting in at a later date. Final decision will be made by the new council.
- iii) Buoy's Lease – Richard Anger has advised that he wishes to renew his lease for Buoy's. His current lease expires March 31, 2019. The current lease is on a four year term, 2018 lease amount was \$5321.54. Need to negotiate a new lease. Tabled until we hear from Richard.
- iv) Manitoulin Tourism Association Information Centre Operations – MTA has advised that they are holding their Annual General Meeting on November 30th. We are unable to attend because this is the same evening as our Christmas Party. The special business of the meeting is a motion that basically states MTA is giving notice of their intention to withdraw from the current agreement to operate the Tourist Information Centre and that the MTA Board be authorized to enter into negotiations with NEMI for a reasonable tenant agreement for the use of space in its current location and failing that to seek other venues that ensure the best ROI for its membership. Annette advised that the

current agreement is outdated and the Town had requested on more than one occasion that the agreement be redrafted and submitted to the municipalities and MTA for approval. This was never done. The current agreement has parties that have not participated or paid into the operation of the Tourist Information Centre for years, the cost sharing formula has not been updated, regular meetings are not held, budgeting and financials are only given out once a year, the terms of the Operation Committee are outdated and not being followed and other minor issues. Annette agreed with MTA that the agreement needs to be redrafted but she didn't think moving out of the Little Current facility was a good idea. Committee discussion ensued.

Jack commented he has only been to one MTA meeting. It was a dinner with a number of businesses that form MTA in attendance. There was no business done at the meeting. There will be no representatives of the actual agreement there to vote. MTA cannot vote on behalf of municipalities to pull out of the agreement. One year's notice must be given; therefore MTA could not pull out until 2020.

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Larry Eirikson

THAT the Manitoulin Tourist Association be advised that we feel the motion regarding the withdrawal should be addressed by the parties to the NEMI agreement and not at the MTA November 30th Annual meeting.

Carried

6. Information

- i) Swing Bridge Study - copy of the study results were circulated. It is also available at the library for public viewing and comment. Jack encourages new council to review the study and make a recommendation with respect to Gore Bay's preferred option.

7. Other

8. Closed Session

Moved by Larry Eirikson

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee enter a closed session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss the following:

- i) Sale of Property*

Carried

Moved by Larry Eirikson

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee come out of closed session at 8:49 p.m.

Carried

9. Adjournment

Moved by Scott McDougall

THAT we adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.
Submitted by Annette Clarke,
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer