

Minutes of the General Government Committee

Held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared

2. Adoption of the January 30, 2019 Minutes

*Moved by Dan Osborne*

*Seconded by Paulie Nodecker*

*THAT the minutes of the January 30, 2019 meeting be adopted as presented.*

*Carried*

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Recreation Park

- a) Fitness Centre Update - Annette and Stasia spoke with Rosa Barone of JL Richards. They are in receipt of the Geotechnical Report from Pinchin and there are no issues with the site. She asked us to identify the water/sewer, hydro and phone entry points. Public Works Committee gave confirmation with respect to the interior layout of the building and parking lot location. She will work on a new cost estimate based on the existing plan as well as an alternate plan with a larger foot print. Annette has also contacted the funder to get approval of the drawings. The plan is to have everything ready for spring construction. The Fitness committee will be working on the floor plan and give input for the use of the space. Public Works Committee decided to have the entrance come off Agnes Street and services are to be located off Hall Street.
- b) Tennis Courts – No further update.
- c) Security – No further update.

ii) Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative

- a) Mural Update – Staff Report prepared by Stasia Carr was reviewed by the Committee. It was suggested that a maintenance/conservation agreement be required to allow the artist to maintain the artwork, as well as a commissioning agreement with the artist. Both agreements will be drafted and presented at the next meeting. Written consent should also be ascertained from the property owner to allow the artwork to be installed on the side of Loco Beanz building. Need to determine who is responsible for what.
  - Repairs to wall
  - Priming of the wall
  - Use of Jack Whyte’s artwork – release?

- b) Consultant for Downtown Revitalization – Annette advised that she spoke with the representative for Fednor regarding application for funding for downtown revitalization. He indicated that our application would be stronger if we hired a consultant to prepare the design for the downtown. The cost for this could be covered under the grant. The approximate time from start of application to funding decision takes four months. Add in the time for a consultant to do their work and the actual project start date will definitely be delayed until fall or worst case scenario spring of 2020. The cost for the work to be done downtown will be very high. Although there is private monies being donated it would be better to leverage those funds for Fednor funding. A consultant would be able to give us an overall plan, costing, etc. that may or may not have to be phased in. It would also look at façade improvements in the downtown. Fednor advised this will strengthen the application for funding. Although we cannot force the downtown businesses to make the recommended façade improvements, it would give the town something to portray to the business owners for future improvements. At some point, the town may be interested in offering incentives to the businesses to make those improvements. Committee discussed.
- c) Fednor Application – Annette asked for approval to proceed with a funding application to Fednor for downtown revitalization. Committee agreed.

*Moved by Dan Osborne*

*Seconded by Paulie Nodecker*

*THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that The Town of Gore Bay apply for funding through Fednor to hire a consultant to create a Downtown Revitalization Plan.*

*Carried*

- iii) Remuneration – This item was tabled from the last meeting due to lack of committee members. Discussion ensued. Item will be tabled until Jack Clark returns.
- iv) 2019 Budget Discussion – Annette will put the budget together for the municipal buildings. Annette discussed the importance of considering an indexing data software program for future staff to reference information. Aiming for budget approval for the end of March.
- v) Updating Municipal Zoning By-law – The Manitoulin Planning Board has advised the municipality that the new Official Plan came into affect on October 29, 2018. The next steps moving forward are to update the Municipal Zoning By-laws of all participating municipalities and to develop a Natural Heritage System for the Manitoulin Area. Municipalities have three years to complete these two projects. They indicated they would take the lead on drafting the Natural Heritage System for review and input by the municipalities. Municipalities will be responsible for drafting their own zoning by-laws. Annette will coordinate a review of our existing zoning by-law with Stasia and Dan. She also suggests that participating municipalities consider creating a joint RFP to hire a consultant to draft new zoning by-laws. This would create cost savings and consistency between each plan.

4. Correspondence – none
5. New Business – none
6. Information – none
7. Other – Committee asked what we intend to do with the cannabis money. Money is intended for educational purposes. For example, signage, brochures, HR training.
8. Closed Session

Dan Osborne declared a conflict of interest and left for the closed session.

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT the General Government Committee enter a closed session at 8:12 p.m.  
to discuss a matter regarding:

- i) identifiable individual.

Carried

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT the General Government Committee come out of a closed session at 8:56 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

THAT we adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Annette Clarke

