

Minutes of the General Government Committee

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

Present: Kevin Woestenenk, Chairperson
Dan Osborne, Mayor
Paulie Nodecker, Councillor
Jack Clark, Citizen Representative
Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk
Tom Sasvari, The Recorder

Absent: Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative

Addendum

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT the following be added to the March 27, 2019 General government Agenda:

5. *vii) Regional Sustainability Reducing Carbon Emissions - copy attached
viii) Salmon Classic – copy attached*

Carried

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared

2. Adoption of the February 27, 2019 Minutes

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Dan Osborne

THAT the minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Recreation Park

- a) Fitness Centre Update – Rosa Barone advised that there will be an additional consulting cost of \$16,980.00. Annette spoke with Brian Dittmar who advised that the floor plan will have to be approved by the funder before moving forward. Rosa was informed of this. We are waiting for a response from her. Annette has requested a timeline schedule to be provided and advised that J.L. Richards will not be responsible for the project management and that we will be doing so ourselves. Committee was asked “how are we going to manage the project”? Brian suggested that inspections could be joint between

himself, Dan Osborne and Jeff Gilmore. Discussion ensued. Committee is concerned with the coordination of the project between Brian, Jeff and Dan, and suggest it might be prudent to have a General Contractor coordinate the project. Committee suggests asking Brian to see what direction the funder wants to go. Committee also recommends reactivating the fitness centre committee to decide on the functioning of the centre itself. Call meeting as we get closer and suggest a council member sit on the committee.

b) Tennis Courts – No further update. Jack expressed concern with the edges. Wants it finished with asphalt. Wants to know what direction they are going with that.

c) Security – No further update.

i) Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative

a) Mural Update – Two draft agreements were presented. One agreement is between the town and the property owner the other is a commissioning agreement with the artist. Marcus reported he has been working with Ashley Whyte with the design. Ashley is digitally configuring the image to colour. A pre-draft was provided to committee to review and was asked for feedback. Discussion ensued. Marcus is to be asked to provide a warranty and have him review the agreement for feedback. Schedule a meeting with the Whytes and Marcus to work out details. Need a timeline commitment from the Bells for their building.

ii) Remuneration – Stasia provided a recap from previous meetings. She advised to offset the tax deductions, they would need to at least increase by 8%. In order to bring Gore Bay Council's remuneration to be the same as other Council's on the island, a 31.5% increase is required. The total cost of Council is \$25,638. Costs depend on variables such as the number of meetings scheduled. With a 31.5% increase the total cost would be \$33,715.00. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Dan Osborne

THAT the General Government recommend to Council that a draft four year council remuneration grid be created, starting with an 8% increase initially, with a progressive 6% increase each year to reach a goal of a 25% increase subject to budget approval.

Carried

iii) 2019 Budget Discussion – Committee was asked for any last-minute budget items. Due to illness and staff issues the budget will not be complete by the end of March as previous stated. The end of April is the new goal for completion. One critical item to consider is software for records management. Stasia expressed how important it will be for new and remaining staff to not lose any knowledge from retiring staff. Discussion ensued. Committee feels that improving efficiencies is important and want to consider spending funds from the one time fund for improving administration efficiencies.

4. **Correspondence** – none

5. **New Business**

- i) Pavilion – The costs for the pavilion were reviewed. Staff want the committee to be aware that presently it is costing more to operate the pavilion than what we are bringing in. We are at a loss of \$1020.40. Committee will want to address this for the future.
- ii) Waterworks Administration Fee – The Town charges an administration fee for doing their books. Staff is requesting permission to increase their administration fee. Currently we are charging \$4,800 which does not cover the time spent on doing the job. She would like to increase to \$12,600, based on 5 days a month. This amount offsets the employees wage for doing this work. Discussion ensued. What impact will it have on water? Committee suggests look at the water rates first.

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded By Dan Osborne

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to council that the waterworks administration fee be increased from \$4,800.00 to \$12,600.00 subject to approval of the 2019 Water & Sewer Budget.

Carried

- iii) Manitoulin Colouring Book – Committee reviewed the possibility of having a page in the Manitoulin Colouring Book as a form of advertising. A custom page costs \$500 plus HST. The Whytes' will need a decision by the end of this week. Discussion ensued. Committee decline advertising in the Manitoulin Colouring Book.
- iv) Smoke Free Ontario Act – Public Health Sudbury & Districts is advising municipalities to revisit their smoke free by-laws and to consider adding cannabis and vapour products to areas that are covered under by-laws but not under the Smoke Free Ontario Act such as areas beyond the 20-metre restriction around playgrounds. Municipalities are also encouraged to create by-laws for smoke free social housing. Discussion ensued. Do you want to include all buildings, Legion and curling club were exempt in previous by law? Discussion ensued. Stick to twenty metre guideline. Committee suggested to have a separate by-law for cannabis while addressing vaping in both.

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council that the Smoking in Public Places By-law No. 2003-25 be amended or a new by-law be drafted for review as deemed necessary.

Carried

- v) Bottle Return – We are continuing to operate at a loss. We are supposed to see a return once all empties are returned. The cost for wages is also an additional \$8,000.00.

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the bottle return report be accepted as presented.

Carried

- vi) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: One Time Fund – The Town’s portion from the \$200 million being distributed province wide is \$239,200. We have not received the funds as of yet. It is an unconditional fund meaning it is not to be used for any specific purpose. The Ministry is encouraging the funds be used towards reducing operating costs by improving efficiencies. Annette intends to put the whole amount in this year’s budget, not unless advised otherwise. Committee was asked if they have a specific purpose, they would like to see the money invested towards? It can be allocated to different areas like administration \$15,000 or an amount towards service delivery for instance. Discussion ensued. Committee agreed to put the entire amount for budget discussion. Committee would like to hear suggestions from MMAH on what to spend the funds on.

- vii) Regional Sustainability Reducing Carbon Emissions – Stasia reported on the resources that are available presently through reThink Green in order to commit to reducing our carbon footprint. We already are enrolled with the reThink Green to work toward this goal. Committee was asked if they would consider enrolling with Partner for Climate Protection (PCP) which is free, but we would have to agree to commit to a goal towards emissions reduction within ten years. Discussion ensued. Committee would not like to sign up with PCP presently. They do not feel we have the resources at this time to commit to the program.

- viii) Salmon Classic – The Salmon Classic is requesting monetary donations or in kind support for the event. Previously Gore Bay has offered a weigh station to be located at the Gore Bay Marina.

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT we offer a weigh station to be located at the Gore Bay Marina for the 2019 Salmon Classic and they be so advised.

Carried

6. **Other** – None

7. Closed Session

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the General Government Committee enter a closed session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss a matter regarding:

i) Staff

Carried

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT the General Government Committee come out of a closed session at 9:40 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT we hire JC Elite for a month to clean the Municipal buildings.

Carried

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Jack Clark

That the Deputy Treasurer job description be accepted as presented.

Carried

8. Information

Advised of the award presentation. April 25, 2019.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Dan Osborne

THAT we adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk

