

Minutes of the General Government Committee

Held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kevin Woestenenk, Chairperson
Dan Osborne, Mayor
Paulie Nodecker, Councillor
Jack Clark, Citizen Representative
Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk
Lisabeth Flanagan, Paul Sheppard, Wayne Martin

Absent: Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the following be added to the June 26, 2019 General Government Agenda:

**Under 5. Correspondence ii) Marina Boating Policy
6. New Business vi) Bottle Return**

Carried

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: none
2. Adoption of the May 22, 2019 Minutes

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Dan Osborne

THAT the minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Deputation

- i) Finnia Chocolate – Lisabeth Flanagan provided a pre-consultation prior to having a public zoning amendment meeting. Paul Sheppard who is the contractor for the new building was in attendance to answer questions. Lisabeth provided an explanation of the process of making her chocolate from start to finish. The new operation will still be a hands on process and not a massive factory production. She is moving to a commercial level but on a small scale. She will plan to initially hire seven employees and anticipates to double that number within three years. She has partnered with Trish Moran. They are asking for the towns support. Parking, sound and trucking concerns were voiced by committee. Delivery of beans will be once per month during the day. Manitoulin Transport is used. Deliveries are made with a small truck from Man Transport. Deliveries will be from the back door. Rock salt insulation will be used which is supposed to be soundproof. Graphite exterior insulation will also be used which is not as rigid, so sound will not bounce. The smell would be minimal, no more than the restaurant businesses already in town.

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Recreation Park

- a) Fitness Centre- Dan, Annette, Brian, Stasia and Rosa had a conference call meeting to discuss the RFP document. Town staff and Rosa advised including a bid bond in the RFP. Dan and Brian decided to remove the bid bond. Rosa is to have the final document completed and sent to Annette for tomorrow. Committee agreed with Dan and Brian's decision. The RFP is presently advertised on the town website, and Facebook and will be in the newspaper at the end of this week and for next week.
- b) Tennis Court – Court Surface Specialists have been on site for the last week. The process is going to be time consuming as thin layers of concrete are being applied to level the court surface. Committee had previously decided to go ahead with this process. Jack reported that they are building up the slope from the middle and anticipate finishing that part by the middle of next week. Jack is concerned more so with the integrity of the base and is not sure what can be done now other than see the final product. Committee agree to have the surface laser leveled with the grading numbers recorded and approved by the Town. Committee would also like to have a final flow test to be conducted and be present when the test is done. Jack will speak to Simon about the committee's directions.

ii) Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative

- a) Mural Update – The artist can't start until July 21, 2019. This is due to the change in scheduling from the time needed for the wall to cure.

iii) Smoke Free Ontario Act – A draft by-law was circulated. Public Health was contacted provide information with regards to drafting the by-law. Committee was commended for being a leader in Ontario communities considering going smoke free. Areas that we will be permitted to consider going 100% smoke free are the waterfront parks. Sidewalks are not under the Smoke Free Act, sidewalks cannot be smoke free as they are under the Highway Traffic Act therefore are out of jurisdiction. Discussion ensued. Committee advise removing section 9 from the draft by-law.

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT we recommend to Council that we adopt the Smoking By-Law as amended.

Carried

iv) Community Safety and Well Being Plan – MMA met and are suggesting that one island wide Community Safety and Wellness Plan be created. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Dan Osborne

THAT we recommend to Council that we investigate entering an island wide Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

Carried

- v) Resignation of Citizen Representative – Stasia reported that we had no applicants step forward to fill the vacant position. Staff suggest that committee appoint a Council member. Committee are unsure if it is necessary to have five members sit on the committee. Stasia will investigate and report back.
- vi) Lifetime Achievement Award – Committee discussed potential candidates. Stasia will provide a list of previous candidates that were reviewed.
- vii) Property Standards – Dan has a list of properties that he will provide to Kevin and Jack to investigate. Kevin and Jack will report back at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

- i) DSSAB re: Affordable Housing Survey – Committee was asked to review and fill out the survey provided by DSSAB regarding Gore Bay’s affordable housing needs within the town. Committee reviewed and provided input for the survey. Stasia will submit to DSSAB.
- ii) Marina Boating Policy – Seasonal boaters have made some complaints. Seasonal boaters have made arrangements to store their trailers for this year, but they are looking for a solution for next year. Discussion ensued. Committee agree empty boat trailers are acceptable in parking lot B.

Moved Dan Osborne

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT The General Government Committee recommend to council to allow empty boat trailers to be stored at Marina Parking Lot B free of charge.

Carried

6. New Business

- i) Zoning Amendment re: Finnia Chocolate –

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT we recommend to Council that we support Finnia Chocolate being located in the core commercial zone at Meredith Street and that we are in favour of a site specific designation under our zoning by-law.

Carried

- ii) Northern Development & Mines Office in Gore Bay - Committee feel that this office is an important element in Gore Bay and advice staff to send a letter expressing our gratitude for having the vacant staff position filled at the Gore Bay office.
- iii) Vendor Policy – There have been numerous comments about the Hawgeaters being granted a permit and the location that they are in. Adjoining businesses have complained about the generator noise. Dan conferred that the noise is a valid concern. Discussion ensued. Staff are advised to tell them to move as Hawgeaters assured that noise would not be an issue. Hawgeaters are directed to be located west of the bottle return past the middle of the parking lot. Roger will speak to Hawgeaters and also advise them to follow the policy by moving each night.
- iv) Museum Construction - The bid was higher than what the insurance company said they would pay. The amount is \$16,000 to \$20,000 which is not in the budget. Committee would like to see some of the museum reserve fund be used. Kevin feels that the materials used could be altered to cost less. Staff will report what money is in reserves.
- v) Laptops – Committee was asked if they would like to replace their laptops used by Council. Committee will pass on purchasing new equipment for this year.
- vi) Bottle Return – Stasia reported that at the last transfer station committee meeting a Gordon/ Barrie Island representative reported that Gordon/Barrie Island is not interested in having the bottle return program at the transfer site. The bottle return statements were provided for committee to review. Discussion ensued. Committee would like to see the public run the bottle return instead of the town.

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Dan Osborne

THAT the bottle return depot be closed as of September 1, 2019.

Carried

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT we continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m.

Carried

7. Other

8. Closed Session

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Paulie Nodecker

THAT we enter a closed session at 10:12 p.m. to discuss the following

- i) Staff*
- ii) Items Regarding Identifiable Individual*

Carried

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

Seconded by Dan Osborne

THAT we come out of a closed session at 10:40 p.m.

Carried

9. Information

10. Adjournment

Moved by Paulie Nodecker

THAT we adjourn at 10:41 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk