

Minutes of the General Government Committee

Held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Kevin Woestenenk, Chairperson
Dan Osborne, Mayor
Jack Clark, Citizen Representative
Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Paulie Nodecker

Other: Marcus Mohr, Tom Sasvari

Moved By Dan Osborne

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the following be added to the General Government Agenda for July 24, 2019:

3. Business Arising viii) Finnia Chocolate

Carried

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

2. Adoption of the June 26, 2019 Minutes

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Recreation Park

a) Fitness Centre- Stasia advised two proposals were received from the Request for Proposals. One was from W.S. Morgan in the amount of \$693,000.00 plus HST, the other proposal was from SCB in the amount of \$917,000.00 plus HST. Discussion ensued. Committee did not make a decision. They will wait for more information from the funder.

b) Tennis Court – Stasia provided an update from the contractor. Grading and sprays one and two are complete which involves spreading chip and stone. The final spray is to be completed this week. The contractor will return in two weeks for the final application. Committee want to make sure the edges are addressed, and to check

the finish on the vertical part of the asphalt penetration and the horizontal portion outside the fence.

ii) Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative

- a) Mural – Marcus provided an update. He has had a few set backs. The lift was not delivered on time. The wall measurements are not accurate that were supplied to him by public works, therefore the aspect ratio will be off with the design. He supplied three possible solutions. Option 1 - have a border around the design. Option 2 - shift the design to one side. Option 3 - centred with a design added to each side. Committee decided they want the mural as large as possible. A design can be added to the sides later. A small letter box will be painted around the design.

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT we approve Option 3, the design centred on the wall with 4 feet on either side.

Carried

- iii) Community Safety and Well Being Plan – Stasia advised that a training session is available in September, and asked who should attend this session. Discussion ensued. Stasia will book a spot for a Gore Bay representative. Committee will decide later on who should attend.
- iv) Resignation of Citizen Representative – Stasia reported that she contacted Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for guidance. There is no mandatory number that must be on any given committee. It is however advisable to have an odd number for voting in order to reduce the chance of a deadlock situation. Discussion ensued. Committee agreed to leave the committee as a committee of four.
- v) Lifetime Achievement Award – A list of previous potential candidates was provided. The list includes Tom Porter Senior, Doc Strain, Charlie McLean, Ted Jackson, Doc Hinds and George Purvis. Discussion ensued. Committee added Mina Turner to the list. Jack will speak to Jack McQuarrie and report back by next meeting.
- vi) 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. Stasia mentioned the office received a complaint about a property that has been in violation in the past. Committee authorized staff to send a letter addressing the violation.
- vii) Museum Construction – Stasia reported that the museum construction will not be complete until the end of the summer.

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Dan Osborne

THAT we recommend the museum board use some of their reserve funds to pay for the museum renovations.

Carried

- viii) Finnia – Finnia requested a letter stating that the towns water and sewer has the capacity to support Finnia’s business needs. Finnia will have a commercial dishwasher, plus sink in the kitchen and 2 to 3 single stall bathrooms. Committee approve sending a letter of support.

4. Correspondence

SPCA – Committee agree the SPCA mobile unit is a good service. They would like to see the mobile unit in all ends of Manitoulin and not just in Assiginack. Staff will inform Assiginack of Gore Bay’s interest.

International Plowing Match Display Booth – A letter was circulated to committee requesting the Town to be a part of a tourism booth at the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo. Given the short notice, committee decline participating this year.

5. New Business

Physician Recruitment – Dan spoke to other Western Manitoulin communiities. The idea of a bonus incentive to entice doctors was proposed. It was suggested to approach the doctors who have left the island and see if they would be interested in coming back. Committee suggest approaching the Ministry of Health and the North East Local Health Integration Network. Dan will approach both as well as ask Lynn Foster for direction. Jack suggested a pilot project for hiring physicians assistant. Ask if the physician recruiter will come to the next general government meeting.

6. Other

Dan mentioned if funding is available and costs us nothing, would we be interested in shared services with other municipalities? Committee answered they would.

Kevin asked if we want to reconsider the decision on the arena lighting retrofit project? Should the fixtures be replaced? Committee suggest asking for another opinion from a non-involved electrician. Kevin will follow up by the next Council meeting.

7. Closed Session

Moved by Dan Osborne

Seconded by Jack Clark

THAT we enter a closed session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss the following

i) Staff

Carried

Moved by Jack Clark

Seconded by Dan Osborne

THAT we come out of a closed session at 8:53 p.m.

Carried

- 8. Information
- 9. Adjournment

Moved by Jack Clark

THAT we adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk