



**County
of Huron**

Huron County Council



Minutes - June 6, 2007

Seventh Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on the above date at 9:00 a.m.

The Chief Administrative Officer called the roll and all members were present except Councillor J. Grace and Councillor B. MacLellan.

Warden D. Shewfelt welcomed the members to the Session.

Minutes of the previous Sessions being May 1, 2007 and May 15, 2007 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor J. Seili and Councillor B. Dykstra,

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

The CAO asked Council if anyone wishes to receive a copy of the finalized 2007 Budget. If so, please contact the Treasurer. The question was asked if the Budget was posted on the website. The Treasurer will look into it. It was also mentioned that a fantastic job was done redesigning the new website.

Councillor K. Oke inquired about tourism signage.

Moved by Councillor K. Oke

Seconded by Councillor J. Seili

That the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee review the issue of tourism signage within the County.

Carried

Councillor B. Dykstra would be leaving at 11:00 a.m. Also informed Council about the policing meeting proposed to be set up the week of June 18th. The local municipalities will be contacted and also the County. The Community Matters Conference was excellent and really promoted the County.

Councillor N. Rintoul informed Council of the serious accident on County Road #31 and County Road #8 - Base Line Road. He realizes the intersection meets the county criteria, but this is the second time in 2007 that the air ambulance has had to come here because of an accident at that corner. Something has to be done. The County Engineer responded by saying that County staff were called out to the most recent accident. The problem in this case and others was that the driver didn't come to a full stop before proceeding. Councillor Dowson wondered if a four-way stop might not be a solution. It may not stop the accidents, but may stop deaths as traffic from all directions would be slowing. More enforcement will be taken by the OPP.

Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek was asked by Eugene McGee from Port Albert about some artifacts that he would like the Museum or Goderich Airport to house. Beth Ross will follow up with Mr. McGee.

Councillor K. Oke talked about the Community Matters Conference and that Carol Mitchell, M.P.P., Huron-Bruce, attended the conference to announce a \$675,000 commitment from the Province to assist Huron County's business development.

CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation to Members of Council has been received from the Huron County Historical Society to attend the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by the Society to honour Joseph Herbert Neill, founder and curator of the Huron County Museum located in Goderich. The plaque will be unveiled on Cemetery Decoration Day at the Wroxeter Cemetery, Sunday, June 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

The Canadian Wind Energy Association is hosting a wind energy conference for municipalities on June 19th and 20th, 2007 in London. The conference will focus on providing information on wind energy issues that will help municipal governments plan and integrate wind energy projects into their communities.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated May 9, 2007 was presented by Councillor B. Dowson, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Craig Metzger, Senior Planner, and Don Pletch, County Engineer, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson

Seconded by Councillor B. Siemon

That the report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated May 9, 2007 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #23.

Carried

The report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated May 8, 2007 was presented by Councillor J. Bezaire, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, David Lew, Manager, Ambulance Operations and Dave Overboe, Social Services Administrator, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That the report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated May 8, 2007 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #24.

Carried

The report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated May 10, 2007 was presented by Councillor J. Seili, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, and Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor J. Seili
Seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson
That the report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated May 10, 2007 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #25.

Carried

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated May 15, 2007 was presented by Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer. David Carey, Treasurer, and Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resources, spoke to the reports. The reports were dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor G. Robertson
Seconded by Councillor N. Vincent
That the report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated May 15, 2007 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #26.

Carried

INQUIRIES

Warden Shewfelt inquired about the lead in water issue. Penny Nelligan informed that thirty-six communities in Ontario were identified for additional lead testing. Huron County was not one of them. An advisory committee has been formed and will make recommendations based on the results of the additional testing. Pregnant women and children under the age of six are most at risk from lead.

Councillor D. Kelly asked if the County group insurance had gone up? Darcy Michaud answered by informing Council that there was a 7% increase this year but nil last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Larry Adams, CAO, asked Council to schedule a date for the Strategic Planning Day. It was agreed that it be scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2007 which is the Committee of the Whole Meeting date, and will be hosted by Huron East.

Warden Shewfelt and Larry Adams presented Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek, Ashfield-Colborne and Wawanosh, and Councillor B. Dykstra, with a cheque in the amount of \$250,000 as a one time grant for the repair, upgrade and maintenance of Ball's Bridge. The Agreement has been signed by all parties.

BY-LAWS

MOTIONS

46-07 Moved by Councillor N. Vincent, seconded by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek, that leave be given to introduce the following by-law:
10-07 To delegate the authority to determine completeness of applications for consents, plans of subdivision/condominium, and official plan amendments to the County Official Plan to staff.

Carried

47-07 Moved by Councillor B. Siemon, seconded by Councillor M. Scott,
that By-law No. 10, 2007, be given a first and second reading.
Carried

48-07 Moved by Councillor G. Robertson, seconded by Councillor N. Rintoul,
that By-law No. 10, 2007, as read a first and second time, be passed.
Carried

49-07 Moved by Councillor K. Oke, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly,
that By-law No. 10, 2007, be given a third reading in accordance with
Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 23,
Subsection 2.
Carried

50-07 Moved by Councillor D. Johnston, seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson,
that By-law No. 10, 2007, as read a third time, be passed, signed
by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.
Carried

MOTION

51-07 Moved by Councillor B. Dowson, seconded by Councillor B. Siemon,
that County Council do now adjourn at 11:00 a.m. to meet on Wednesday,
July 4, 2007 or at the call of the Warden and Clerk.
Carried

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

BARBARA A. LEAMEN, County Clerk

D. J. (DEB) SHEWFELT, Warden

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COUNTY CLERK