



**County
of Huron**

Huron County Council



Minutes - March 7, 2007

Fourth 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. Seili.

Warden D. Shewfelt welcomed the members to the Session and the Page, Dustin Court. Councillor B. Dykstra introduced Dustin, a Grade 8 student at the St. Joseph's Catholic School in Clinton.

Minutes of the previous Sessions being February 7, 2007 and February 20, 2007 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor B. MacLellan and Councillor J. Bezaire.

Councillor T. Collyer declared a pecuniary interest in connection with Clause #4 of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee Report dated February 13, 2007, being Report #12.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Bill Thibert, President and CEO, Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH), was in attendance and spoke to Council who had questions at the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 20, 2007 regarding the breakdown of the dollars for the CT Scanner.

Also presenting were: Dr. Don Neal; Willi Laurie, Co-Chair of the CT Scanner for Huron County Campaign Committee; and Diane Schultz, Campaign Co-ordinator.

Discussion took place and the following questions and answers were dealt with:

- Ü With operating costs of \$450,000, how can this be handled? Is there a plan in place? Yes - There are capitalizing maintenance contract fees of \$130,000 per year plus other efficiencies in the hospital. AMGH has an annual Budget of approximately \$20 million and the CT Scanner is important enough to find the dollars.
- Ü Has Ministry approval been received? No, not yet but the necessary paperwork has been submitted and feel confident to receive approval this Spring.
- Ü The present Radiologist will soon be retiring and has someone been hired to replace him? A Radiologist from New Brunswick had agreed to come to Goderich but recently advised the Hospital of his decision to decline the position. Follow-up is being done on a number of other leads and further recruitment efforts are being put in place. After Ministry approval, it will take approximately nine months to get the CT Scanner in operation. Once the Picture Archival Communications System (PACS) is installed, you are able to send the CT Digital Scans to a Radiologist in London or elsewhere for interpretation. It will be very difficult to attract a Radiologist without a CT Scanner to work with.
- Ü Are there going to be user fees to offset the cost of the CT Scanner? It is illegal to do this as guidelines and rules have to be adhered to as not to contravene the Public Hospital's Act.
- Ü With the CT Scanners coming to the smaller communities and becoming a standard diagnostic tool, the Ministry may be considering to provide some operating funding to hospitals.

- Ü What is the difference between a CT Scanner and a MRI? Both are diagnostic imaging tools and have different roles. A CT Scanner is an everyday tool for diagnosing and treatment where the MRI is used for specific areas and is a secondary tool. Sometimes one or the other is more useful. MRI are located in larger communities and are operated in combination with a CT Scanner.
- Ü The campaigning in Owen Sound was heavily supported by the neighbouring counties and regional use. Hope that Huron County does the same.
- Ü Support staff is needed and where will they come from? Most hospitals have a shortage of nurses. The AMGH is not currently experiencing a nursing shortage and have a number of technicians working to upgrade their skills in order to operate a CT Scanner.
- Ü When the Ambulance Service is used, how are the patients diagnosed? If there are signs of a stroke, a CT Scan is needed to determine whether the cause is due to bleeding or a blood clot in the brain. Need to be transported quickly to a CT Scanner to determine if "clot busting" medication can be given as there is a tight window of approximately two hours to avoid/limit impending brain damage. The Ambulance crew if diagnosed will go directly to Stratford or London. Goderich could be another stroke centre.
- Ü Will other counties be lobbied for funding? Not at this time. They have their own scanners so will be campaigning within Huron County and will develop a plan to ask the Service Clubs for funding.
- Ü With the first two hours being critical, will the CT Scanner be available twenty-fours a day? Yes - staff will either be on site or on call twenty-four hours per day.
- Ü The need is not a question and either is the cost of the CT Scanner. The Councillor's concerns were with the financial breakdown of the total cost of the project and were appreciative of the clarifications presented today.

The CAO commented that there are two Public Meetings coming up for Budget deliberations and so it is premature to make a decision right now. The draft budget is being distributed today.

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor B. Siemon

That \$300,000. be included in the 2007 budget for the costs of a CT Scanner at AMGH.

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly

Seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson

That the motion be tabled.

Carried

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Councillor B. MacLellan attended a presentation regarding Gasification at the ROMA/OGRA Conference in February from Plasco Services. This company covers the entire cost of building the facility which would effectively eliminate large amounts of waste without polluting the air. There is no perpetual care necessary for such a site, as opposed to landfills that are the municipalities. This would eliminate our landfill issues. Scott Tousaw, Planning Director, informed Council that while the technology is worth investigating, it is only in its experimentation stages and an environmental assessment will have to be completed. It would be of interest of Council to have that firm present to Huron County Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That staff review the potential for Plasco Services in Huron County and report back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was distributed to the Councillors today:

- § Notice of the 18th Annual Tourism Event & Brochure Swap -
Thursday, April 19, 2007 at the Blyth & District Community
Centre & Arena, Blyth
- § Huron County Farm Environmental Coalition - Monday, April 2,
2007 in the Auditorium of the Huron County Health Unit at
1:00 p.m.
- § Highways Department Road Closed Notice
- § Source Water Protection Municipal Information Meeting -
Wednesday, March 28, 2007 in the Auditorium of the Huron
County Health Unit at 9:30 a.m - 12 noon

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated February 14, 2007 was presented by Councillor B. Dowson, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Tousaw, Director, Planning and Development, and Don Pletch, County Engineer, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

13(h) Boundary Bridge Summary (On Lower Tier Roads)

The original motion is:

"Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by J. Dietrich

That the County of Huron adopts a policy for the removal of all boundary bridges from the County highway system, pursuant to section 52(4) of the Municipal Act R.S.O. 2001 and further that prior to passage of a by-law removing a boundary bridge from the County highway system, one of the following conditions must be met: (1) The boundary bridge in question must have been remediated to County standards, or (2) The County and the municipalities under whose jurisdiction the bridge will fall will have entered into an agreement for a mutually agreeable one-time cash payment to be applied toward the remediation of the bridge. Carried"

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly
That this motion be tabled pending receipt of additional information.
Carried

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson
Seconded by Councillor D. Johnston
That the report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated February 14, 2007 be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #11.

Carried

The report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated February 13, 2007 was presented by Councillor J. Bezaire, Chair. David Lew, Manager, Ambulance Operations 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 February 13, 2007 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #12.

Carried

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated February 20, 2007 was presented by Warden D. Shewfelt, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, and David Carey, Treasurer, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Copies of the 2007 Draft Budget - Controllable Expenditures and Consolidated Net Budget were distributed to Council and reviewed by the Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor J. Grace
Seconded by Councillor K. Oke
That the report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated February 20, 2007 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #13.

Carried

MOTION

25-07 Moved by Councillor B. Dykstra, seconded by Councillor J. Bezaire,
that a vote of appreciation be extended to Dustin Court for acting as Page
at the Session of Council today.

Carried

BY-LAWS

MOTIONS

26-07 Moved by Councillor N. Vincent, seconded by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek,
that leave be given to introduce the following by-law:

6-07 To authorize the County of Huron to enter into a Funding Agreement
(COMRIF).

Carried

27-07 Moved by Councillor B. Siemon, seconded by Councillor M. Scott,
that By-law No. 6, 2007, be given a first and second reading.

Carried

28-07 Moved by Councillor G. Robertson, seconded by Councillor N. Rintoul,
that By-law No. 6, 2007, as read a first and second time, be passed.
Carried

29-07 Moved by Councillor K. Oke, seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan,
that By-law No. 6, 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

30-07 Moved by Councillor D. Kelly, seconded by Councillor D. Johnston,
that By-law No. 6, 2007, as read a third time, be passed, signed by
the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.
Carried

"IN CAMERA"

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly
Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan
That Council proceed "In Camera" at 11:55 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter and
that Larry Adams remain in attendance.
Carried

Moved by Councillor B. Siemon
Seconded by Councillor M. Scott
That Council rise from "In Camera" at 12:07 p.m.
Carried

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor J. Dietrich
That Darcy Michaud be appointed as the Director of Human Resources for Huron
County.
Carried

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly
Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan
That staff be instructed to proceed as directed "In Camera".
Carried

Warden's Task Force 2007 and Beyond

Moved by Councillor K. Oke
Seconded by Councillor B. Siemon
That the recommendations from the Warden's Task Force 2007 and Beyond totalling
\$925,532. in usage of the available Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) be
approved in principle pending the outcome of the 2007 Budget deliberations.
Carried

MOTION

31-07 Moved by Councillor J. Dietrich, seconded by Councillor M. Demaray,
that County Council do now adjourn at 12:12 p.m. to meet on Wednesday,

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April 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