



# Huron County Council Minutes - February 4, 2009

Third 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 K. Oke welcomed the members to the Session and the Page, Steven Consitt. Councillor B. Dowson introduced his grandson, a Grade 7 student at the Huron Centennial Public School.

Minutes of the previous Session being January 7, 2009 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor B. Siemon and Councillor D. Kelly.

Councillor M. Scott declared a pecuniary interest in connection with Clause #4.7 - items #6 and #7 - of the Committee of the Whole Day 1 report dated January 14, 2009, being Report #7.

#### **COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES**

Councillor B. Dowson would like to recognize the staff at the Homes who attended a memorial service for his mother-in-law. The employees took time to attend the service and offered kind words. He would like the Homes Administrator to offer thanks to the staff.

Councillor J. Bezaire asked how Council wishes for him to report on the activities of the South West Economic Alliance (SWEA)? This report will be sent to the Committee of the Whole.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

AMO Alert re Ontario Municipalities to Benefit from Federal Budget Measures for Infrastructure, Housing and Employment Insurance.

The Frank Cowan Company has invited council members and staff to attend a Cocktail Reception on Sunday, February 22, 2009 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the OGRA/ROMA Conference at Joe Badali's Italian Restaurant & Bar.

A copy of a letter was distributed to Council regarding the Huron County Road Supervisors Association is arranging Bus Transportation to the 2009 ROMA/OGRA combined conference at the Royal York in Toronto from February 22 - 25, 2009.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The reports of the Board of Health dated January 14, 2009 and January 20, 2009 were presented.

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor D. Johnston

That the reports of the Board of Health dated January 14, 2009 and January 20, 2009 be received and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #6.

Carried

The report of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 dated January 14, 2009 was presented.

Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire

Seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson

That the report of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 dated January 14, 2009 be

adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #7.  
Carried

The report of the Library Board dated January 20, 2009 was presented.

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Robertson  
That the report of the Library Board dated January 20, 2009 be received and appear  
in the printed Minutes as Report #8.

Carried

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council - Day 2 dated January 20, 2009 was  
presented.

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson  
Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly  
That the report of the Committee of the Whole - Day 2 dated January 20, 2009 be  
adopted as presented; with the exception of Clause 6.1 to be dealt with separately;  
and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #9.

Carried

#### **Clause 6.1 - Warden's Task Force on County Restructuring**

The original motion is as follows:

**"Moved by B. MacLellan  
Seconded by G. Robertson  
That a consultant be retained to review the issue of County Council  
Restructuring.**

Councillor N. Vincent requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Robertson, Dowson, MacLellan, Johnston, Fergusson,  
Dykstra, Seili, Collyer, Scott = 9

NAYS: Kelly, Demaray, Siemon, Van Diepenbeek,  
Vincent, Oke, Rintoul, Dietrich = 8

ABSENT: Shewfelt, Grace, Bezaire = 3

**CARRIED"**

Discussion took place regarding the timing to have everything in  
place by December 2010, triple majority, numbers on council and  
numbers based on population, whether a consultant is necessary,  
lower tiers to have some input.

Councillor D. Shewfelt requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Johnston, Robertson, Scott, Collyer, Dykstra, MacLellan,  
Fergusson = 7

NAYS: Grace, Shewfelt, Bezaire, Rintoul, Dowson, Demaray,  
Vincent, Oke, Siemon, Kelly, Van Diepenbeek, Dietrich = 12

ABSENT: Seili = 1

Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek  
Seconded by Councillor J. Grace  
That the Lower Tiers be presented with the following options:

Option #1 - that representation be based on each Lower Tier municipality be given one representative and then increased to two based on 6,000 eligible electors

Option #2 - 9 councillors on council with one representative from each Lower Tier using a weighted vote

and the Lower Tiers report back as soon as possible.

Councillor D. Shewfelt requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Van Diepenbeek, Oke, Grace, Vincent, Rintoul, Shewfelt = 6

NAYS: Demaray, Siemon, MacLellan, Johnston, Kelly, Dykstra,  
Fergusson, Scott, Dietrich, Robertson, Bezaire, Collyer,  
Dowson = 13

ABSENT: Seili = 1

Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillor N. Vincent  
Seconded by Councillor D. Johnston  
That the issue of County Council restructuring be dropped for the current term.  
Carried

The report of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee dated January 12, 2009 was presented by Councillor D. Kelly, Chair.

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan  
That the report of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee dated January 12, 2009 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #10.  
Carried

The report of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee dated January 19, 2009 was presented by Councillor D. Kelly, Chair.

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor T. Collyer  
That the report of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee dated January 19, 2009 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #11.  
Carried

The report of the Special Committee of the Whole Budget meeting dated January 9, 2009 was presented.

**Clause #2. - Budget Deliberations**

The original motion is:

**"Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek**

**Seconded by B. Siemon**

**That Council recommend staff prepare the 2009 Budget at a 2.1% increase based on the review of the draft budget today.**

**CARRIED"**

David Carey, Treasurer, brought to the attention of Council that there has been additional provincial money allocated for Emergency Services. This would bring an increase of 1.79% to the County levy.

Discussion took place whether to remain at the 2.1% increase in the original motion.

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor B. Siemon

That the 2009 budget be left at the 2.1% increase with the new funds being placed into operating surplus.

Councillor J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Oke, Rintoul, MacLellan, Siemon = 4

NAYS: Vincent, Collyer, Dietrich, Grace, Scott, Bezaire,  
Dowson, Johnston, Demaray, Fergusson, Van Diepenbeek,  
Kelly, Shewfelt, Robertson, Dykstra = 15

ABSENT: Seili = 1

Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That the budget be set at a 1.79% increase.

Councillor J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: MacLellan, Scott, Robertson, Oke, Fergusson, Rintoul,  
Vincent, Kelly, Johnston, Grace, Demaray, Van Diepenbeek,  
Dowson, Shewfelt, Collyer = 15

NAYS: Bezaire, Dietrich, Siemon, Dykstra = 4

ABSENT: Seili = 1

Carried

Councillor J. Bezaire requested that the following withdrawn motion be added to the official minutes regarding the Bluewater Rest Home:

"Moved by J. Bezaire  
Seconded by J. Dietrich

That the County of Huron enter into an agreement with Bluewater Rest Home to assist with the current redevelopment of the facility. The County of Huron will agree to grant \$2.95 per bed, per day, for a period of 25 (twenty-five) years and further that no re-negotiation of these terms shall occur over the life of the agreement.

MOTION WITHDRAWN"

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson  
Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That the report of the Special Committee of the Whole Budget meeting dated January 9, 2009 be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #12.

Carried

**MOTION**

19-09 Moved by Councillor J. Fergusson, seconded by Councillor J. Bezaire, that a vote of appreciation be extended to Steven Consitt, for acting as Page at the Session of Council today.

Carried

**MOTION**

20-09 Moved by Councillor J. Dietrich, seconded by Councillor B. Siemon, that County Council do now adjourn at 11:07 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 or at the call of the Warden and Clerk.

Carried

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

BARBARA A. LEAMEN, County Clerk

KEN OKE, Warden

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COUNTY CLERK