



Huron County Council Minutes - March 4, 2009

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 B. Dowson.

Warden K. Oke welcomed the members to the Session and the Page, Matthew Adams. Councillor T. Collyer introduced Matthew, a Grade 7 student at St. Mary's School.

Minutes of the previous Sessions being February 4, 2009, February 11, 2009 and February 17, 2009 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor J. Dietrich and Councillor B. MacLellan.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Huron Perth Farm to Table - Jane Muegge, Regional Information Co-ordinator, OMAFRA, and Janice Dunbar, Community Developer from the Health Unit, made a presentation to Council.

The Huron Perth Farm to Table group represents a variety of agencies, organizations and primary producers. One of the aspects that we support, encourage and promote is the Good Food Box.

The Huron Good Food Box reflects the vision of the Huron Perth Farm to Table Committee." A sustainable, financially viable community enterprise that enhances food security and nutrition for Huron County residents while creating new market opportunities for local suppliers of food." The Good Food Box provides Huron County residents with local vegetables and fruits monthly. It is a community-based project that relies on volunteers. Buying in large quantities from our local producers allows us to get better pricing. The result is that the consumer gets better value, our health improves, the local economy is enhanced and one aspect of food shopping becomes incredibly convenient.

A presentation was made to County Council so that they can in turn promote within their municipalities how it operates and its personal health and local economic benefits. The Good Food Box is available to all residents of Huron.

Some areas covered were:

- how the program operates, who can be involved
- product that has been purchased to date
- economic impact
- health impact
- how residents can take part
- how municipalities can help

Good Food Boxes were on display and a box for each County Councillor was distributed. This is a fabulous way to highlight and kick-off Nutrition Month (March).

Ontario Provincial Police

Inspector Dan Grant, Huron OPP, addressed Council on the recent updates and answered questions of Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Johnston

Seconded by Councillor G. Robertson

That a motion of appreciation be given to the Ontario Provincial Police for the professional and dedicated services they provide to the residents of Huron County.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Council were invited to bid a fond farewell to Don Brisson, Manager of Housing, on Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Jacob Memorial Building, Clinton. Come and go reception with refreshments and cake.

A copy of the flyer - Health Care Inspiration Awards was distributed to Council. The Health Care Inspiration Awards offers the opportunity to honour an RN, RPN, PSW or NA who has shown exemplary leadership, mentoring or accomplishment in their career.

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Councillor J. Fergusson inquired about a surcharge on containers for the Household Hazardous Waste Program. Scott Tousaw answered that he is not aware of a surcharge and this issue is unconnected to the County.

Councillor B. MacLellan inquired whether an "In Camera" should take place before the Board of Health reports are received. Larry Adams, CAO, answered that an "In Camera" Session will be held at the end of the Session today.

Councillor J. Bezaire announced that he is resigning as the Board Representative on the Huron-Perth County Children's Aid Society. This will be dealt with under Unfinished Business.

Councillor B. Siemon informed Council that a grant is available from the Huron Clean Water Program for erosion control which could help with the bank failure behind Huronview. The CAO was instructed to have staff look into this.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The reports of the Board of Health dated January 23, 2009, January 29, 2009, and February 11, 2009 were presented.

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly
Seconded by Councillor G. Robertson
That the reports of the Board of Health dated January 23, 2009, January 29, 2009, and February 11, 2009 be received and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #13.
Carried

The report of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 dated February 11, 2009 was presented.

Moved by Councillor J. Fergusson
Seconded by Councillor J. Dietrich
That the report of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 dated February 11, 2009 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #14.
Carried

The report of the Library Board dated February 17, 2009 was presented.

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly
Seconded by Councillor D. Johnston
That the report of the Library Board dated February 17, 2009 be received and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #15.
Carried

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council - Day 2 dated February 17, 2009 was presented.

Moved by Councillor N. Rintoul
Seconded by Councillor B. Siemon
That the report of the Committee of the Whole - Day 2 dated February 17, 2009 be adopted as presented with the exception of Clause 2.2 to be dealt with separately; and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #16.

Carried

Clause 2.2 - Clarification of Archives Research Fees

The original motion is as follows:

"It is recommended that:

1. That the day pass fee be waived under the following conditions:
 - a) the applicant be a non-profit group located in the County of Huron;
 - b) applications be in writing from the organization, naming the researchers who will be accessing the Archives and Reading Room and the nature of the project;
 - c) two copies of the published books be provided to the County (1 for the Museum, 1 for the county library).
2. That the day pass fee be waived for students under the following conditions:
 - a) they must show proof of enrollment in an educational institution;
 - b) the research they are doing is for a current project in their curriculum.
3. That the day pass fee be waived for researchers under the following conditions:
 - a) they are residents of Huron County;
 - b) they are working on a current project with or for the Huron County Museum or another County department on a voluntary basis.

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by B. Siemon
That the recommendations be approved. CARRIED"

Councillor J. Seili commented on this report. Why do a budget if we turn around and do something like this? Warden Oke commented that there is money involved but the budget stays the same.

After discussion, the original motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Huron-Perth County Children's Aid Society

Councillor J. Bezaire resigned from this Board today.

Moved by Councillor B. Dykstra
Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan
That Councillor J. Grace be appointed the Board Representative on the Huron-Perth County Children's Aid Society.

Carried

MOTION

26-09 Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire, seconded by Councillor J. Dietrich,
that a vote of appreciation be extended to Matthew Adams, for acting as
Page at the Session of Council today.

Carried

"IN CAMERA"

Moved by Councillor J. Dietrich
Seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson
That Council do now go into a closed session at 10:25 a.m. under Section 229 of the
Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to discuss an item which relates to personal matters
about an identifiable individual, regarding personnel, labour relations and
litigation and that Larry C. Adams, David Carey and Darcy Michaud remain in
attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson
That Council rise from the closed session at 11:10 a.m. with no report.

CARRIED

MOTION

27-09 Moved by Councillor M. Demaray, seconded by Councillor T. Collyer,
that County Council do now adjourn at 11:11 a.m. to meet on Wednesday,
April 1, 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