



Huron County Council

Minutes - November 4, 2009

Eleventh Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



ELEVENTH SESSION HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Goderich, Ontario
November 4th, 2009.

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday November 4th, 2009. Warden Oke called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Larry C. Adams called the roll and all members of Council were present except for Councillor Bezaire.

Warden K. Oke welcomed all present to the Eleventh Session. He reviewed his Warden's report for the month of October.

Warden Oke requested County Councillor D. Kelly to introduce the Page for the Eleventh Session of County Council. Councillor Kelly introduced Kaitlyn Michie, a grade eight honour student from East Wawanosh Public School in Belgrave. Kaitlyn keeps busy with piano lessons, babysitting and she loves four-wheeling.

David Lew, Chief, Emergency Services introduced Jeff Horseman the new Deputy Chief for EMS. Warden Oke welcomed Deputy Chief Horseman to Huron County.

MOTION: 170-09

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor B. Dowson:

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being; the Tenth Session of October 7th, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest stated by any member of Council with regard to items on the Agenda.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS:

Jenny Versteeg, Avon Maitland District School Board Trustee delivered a presentation regarding the Accommodation Review Committee; representing the Avon Maitland District School Board. The Council of the County of Huron recently supported a resolution from the Community Schools Alliance.

Warden Oke gave members of Council an opportunity to ask Jenny Versteeg questions and make comments about the Accommodation Review Committee process and the impact on municipalities from a socio-economic perspective.

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES:

CAO Adams reported that the Huron Manufacturing Awards are to be held on Thursday November 19th. He has booked a table and welcomes any member of Council to join him and members of the SMT for the evening.

Councillor J. Grace questioned why the Medical Officer of Health had not addressed County Council in regards to H1N1 virus. Chair MacLellan explained the Medical Officer of Health is very busy with the H1N1 clinics in Huron County currently. He advised that the Board of Health meets on November 5th and he will see if a report can be emailed to each Councillor after that meeting. (The Board of Health met on November 5th and Dr. Cameron has agreed to attend the next COTW meeting on November 10th to personally update County Council on the H1N1 virus)

Councillor J. Dietrich expressed concerns with the railroad tracks that cross Huron County Road 83. He questioned who was responsible for removing the large mound out on County Road 83. Director of Highways Dave Laurie responded that there have been many complaints from Council and public and the it is the responsibility of GEX (rail authority) to fix the large mound on the tracks crossing. A comment about it being a property standards issue. A clarification from CAO Adams confirmed that the rail authority is federal jurisdiction and it supersedes municipal and provincial jurisdiction. A statement was made that the speed limit of 60 km/hr. is too fast for that rail crossing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CAO Adams requested support for the Resolution from the County of Perth regarding the Residential-Farmland Property Tax concerns.

Treasurer Carey commented on this resolution and agreed it would be in Council's best interest to support this resolution from Perth County regarding the Residential-Farmland Property Tax.

MOTION: 171-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The Huron County Council agree to support the Resolution from the County of Perth that requests MPAC to provide additional proactive reporting to municipalities to disclose such pending assessment changes in the future;

AND FURTHER THAT:

MPAC be requested to process the outstanding building permits to ensure that no Assessment revenue is lost, and that new permits be processed in a timely manner;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Ministry of Finance be requested to reconcile the 2009 OMPF, and to adjust the 2010 OMPF calculations to their proper values.

CARRIED

CAO Adams requested direction to staff to forward the letter from the Goderich COPA Flight 45 to the Director of Cultural Services for inclusion in an upcoming Committee Agenda. Adams read the correspondence.

Director of Cultural Services Beth Ross commented that there is a co-operative manner from all interested parties.

MOTION: 172-09

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek:

THAT:

The Huron County Council agree that the correspondence from the Goderich COPA Flight 45 should be forwarded to the Director of Cultural Services for inclusion on an upcoming Committee Agenda.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Board of Health

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the regular Board of Health meeting of October 1st, 2009. Councillor B. MacLellan, Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 173-09

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor J. Seili:

THAT:

The Board of Health Report be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 42.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole – Day 1

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Day 1 October 14th, 2009 meeting. Councillor J. Fergusson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

A request from Councillor D. Johnston to remove item 6.7 Water Protection Steering Committee. The recommendation that County Council proceed with the implementation of a mandatory septic system inspection program be approved; and that a report be brought back to the Committee. He questioned if there was a time frame that the report would be received. CAO Adams advised the report would be included in the December Day 1 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

MOTION: 174-09

Moved by: Councillor J. Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 1 minutes and reports be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 43.

CARRIED

MOTION: 175-09

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Shewfelt:

THAT:

The Report entitled Water Protection Steering Committee be received (mandatory septic system inspection program).

CARRIED

Library Board

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Library Board October 16th, 2009 meeting. Councillor D. Kelly, Chair of the Library Board was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 176-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The Library Board Report be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 44.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole – Day 2

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Day 2 October 16th, 2009 meeting. Councillor B. Dowson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 2 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 177-09

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

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 2 minutes and reports be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 45.

CARRIED

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 14th, 2009 meeting. Councillor D. Kelly, Chair of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 178-09

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:
THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes and reports be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 46.

CARRIED

Warden's Economic Development Task Force

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Warden's Economic Development Task Force October 8th, 2009 meeting. Warden K. Oke was available to speak to the minutes.

MOTION: 179-09

Moved by: Councillor B. Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor D. Shewfelt:
THAT:

The Warden's Economic Development Task Force Report be received.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES:

There were no inquiries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to attend to at this meeting.

MOTION: 180-09

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent:
THAT:

A vote of appreciation be extended to Kaitlyn Michie, for acting as Page at the Eleventh Session of County Council.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions from the public.

MOTION: 181-09

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

County Council do now go into a "Closed to the Public Session" at 10:24 a.m. under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to discuss an item which relates to:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The following staff members remain in attendance: CAO Larry C. Adams and Director of Human Resources Darcy Michaud.

CARRIED

MOTION: 182-09

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor D. Shewfelt:

THAT:

County Council rise from the "Closed to the Public Session" at 11:23 a.m. with no report.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: 183-09

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

County Council do now adjourn at 11:25 a.m.; to meet on Wednesday November 25th, 2009 or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The Eleventh Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Ken Oke

County Clerk Barbara L. Wilson