



Huron County Council

Minutes - April 7, 2010

Fifth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



FIFTH SESSION HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Goderich, Ontario
April 7th, 2010.

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday April 7th, 2010. Warden Bert Dykstra called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Warden Dykstra welcomed Ben Lobb, MP Huron-Bruce, Jennifer Hubbard representing the Honourable Carol Mitchell, MPP Huron-Bruce, and the Past Wardens of Huron County; to the Fifth Session of Huron County Council.

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

A public meeting to consider one-third of the remuneration paid to members of Council and its Local Boards to be deemed as expenses was held prior to the Fifth Session.

Warden Dykstra reviewed the Warden's report for the month of March 2010.

Warden Dykstra called on Councillor M. Demaray to introduce the Page for the Fifth Session. Councillor Demaray took pleasure in introducing Lauren Thompson, a grade 7 student from Howick Public School. Lauren loves to step dance, play the piano and figure skate. Lauren and her sister had the privilege of step dancing at Disney World recently.

MOTION: 57 - 10

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being; the Fourth Session of March 3rd, 2010; be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest:

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:

Warden Dykstra called on Ben Lobb, MP, Huron-Bruce to bring greetings on behalf of the Government of Canada. MP Lobb highlighted some of the events that have taken place over the past month. MP Lobb was honoured to make an announcement on April 6th in the Municipality of South Huron. Goderich Aircraft received funding in the amount of 4.4 million dollars. Goderich Aircraft is refurbishing aircrafts for clients in the Middle East. This is welcome news for Huron County's economy.

Jennifer Hubbard brought greetings from the Province of Ontario on behalf of the Honourable Carol Mitchell, MPP, Huron-Bruce. Minister Mitchell was unable to attend due to other engagements and sent her apologies.

Past Warden/Councillor Bill Dowson brought greetings form the Past Warden's Association. Past Warden/Councillor Dowson introduced the Past Wardens in attendance as well as Honorary Members of the Past Warden's Association; Bill Hanly and Bill Alcock. Those present from the Past Warden's Association were:

1982	Harold Robinson
1985	Paul Steckle
1986	Leona Armstrong
1989	David Johnston
1992	Robert Fisher
1993	Thomas Tomes
1994	Allan Gibson
1996	Bill Clifford
2001	Norman Fairles
2002	Ben Van Diepenbeek
2004	Bill Dowson
2007	Deb Shewfelt
2008	John Bezaire
2009	Ken Oke

Murray Elston, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Bruce Power and Ross Lamont, Manager, Community and Government Relations, Bruce Power; were present to update Council on the activities at Bruce Power. Members of Council were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Nuisance Coyotes:

Beverly Stevenson, Senior Fish & Wildlife Specialist, Ministry of Natural Resources delivered a power point presentation. Bob Trick, Animal Control Officer for various lower tier municipalities in Huron County; advised he would personally like to see the compensation for coyote pelts increased from \$50 to \$100. The compensation is only paid if there has been a confirmed livestock kill on a property and the necessary paperwork is completed by the Animal Control Officer and the Ministry of Natural Resources approves the harvesting of nuisance coyotes.

Chris LaForest, Director of Planning and Development, Bruce County advised that nuisance coyotes are a problem for sheep farmers in particular; in Bruce County. Bruce County recently increased the compensation from \$50 to \$100 per coyote killed; with the mandatory paperwork and necessary approvals in order.

Mr. LaForest would like to see a regional approach adopted by Huron, Bruce and Grey Counties for the nuisance coyotes. Much of the problem for farmers with dead livestock is the proper process to dispose of the dead stock. There needs to be more education and awareness raised for rural property owners.

MOTION: 58-10

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor D. Johnston:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to work with Bruce and Grey Counties to develop consistent Policies for the three Counties to work together as it pertains to nuisance coyotes;

Motion Con't. on Page 3.

Motion Con't. from Page 2.

AND FURTHER THAT:

A report be forthcoming to Council within three months.

CARRIED

MOTION: *(not voted on)*

Moved by: Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

The compensation paid to any licensed trapper or licensed hunter who has met the regulations and satisfied the requirements of the County of Huron By-law be increased from \$50 per coyote pelt to \$100 per coyote pelt; effective when the revised By-law is passed by Council.

MOTION: 59-10

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

THAT:

The Motion to increase the compensation paid for a coyote pelt from \$50 to \$100; be tabled; until such time as the Committee of the Whole Day 1 Report is considered by Council.

CARRIED

A Report from the City of Sarnia, Lambton County regarding Nuisance Coyotes in Canatara Park, Sarnia was included in the Agenda. This was for information purposes only.

Councillor's Issues:

Councillor K. Oke followed up on the information presented earlier by MP Ben Lobb; the announcement by the Honourable Dr. Gary Goodyear, Minister of FedDev Ontario that Goderich Aircraft received a 4.4 million dollar interest free loan. This will enable Goderich Aircraft to expand and within a few years, expectations are that they will be employing up to 450 employees. The employees will come from the surrounding area such as; Perth and Middlesex Counties as well as Huron County. This is good news for our entire area.

Councillor J. Bezaire discussed the issue of fire protection throughout the County. Councillor Bezaire would like the County to take the lead role in providing this service.

There were some comments from other members that were not favourable to the County taking over fire protection from the lower tiers. It had been discussed in a Strategic Planning meeting and was turned down at that time.

Warden Dykstra requested anyone wishing to discuss this further to indicate with a show of hands. The majority of Council indicated they were opposed to continuing this discussion.

Councillor B. Siemon congratulated the Library staff at the Seaforth Library for their recent recognition as the Best in Class designation under the Municipal Energy Performance Benchmarking Project. Local Authority Services Ltd., (LAS) a wholly owned subsidiary company of AMO and more than 140 municipalities worked with a consortium led by Marbek Consultants on the

Municipal Energy Performance Benchmarking Project. Seaforth Library staff is to be commended for this achievement which was primarily due to their diligence.

Councillor Vincent shared some good news about the F.E. Madill Secondary School Girls Hockey team. They recently won the OFSSAA Hockey Tournament. Many of the girls on the team are residents of northern Huron County.

Councillor M. Demaray reported the flag he indicated was in need of replacing at the Wingham Public Works Yard had been replaced. He passed his thanks along for this. Councillor Demaray also reminded everyone of the Belmore Maple Syrup Festival to be held on Thursday April 8th and Saturday April 10th. He also invited everyone to attend the Howick Township Firemen's Breakfast at the Fire Hall in Gorrie on April 25th from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Councillor MacLellan questioned the County's Hiring Policy. A business from Bluewater recently contacted Councillor MacLellan expressing his frustration with hiring and training his employees over the past two years. Once they were trained at his expense; they left to go work for the Huron County Health Unit.

CAO Adams confirmed that the County advertises for any job vacancies they may have. The County endeavours to hire the best possible candidates for the positions available and there is absolutely no corporate/industry "poaching". It is unfortunate for the individual who was talking to Councillor MacLellan; however the County must be completely accountable and transparent with their hiring policies.

Councillor Oke commented that the Municipality of South Huron was encountering the same problem with employees leaving to go and work for the County of Huron. He advised that subsided when South Huron started paying better wages.

Correspondence:

CAO Adams brought to everyone's attention the Howick Township Fire Department Firemen's Breakfast that Councillor Demaray had discussed earlier. He also commented on the Huron County Health Unit 2009 Annual Report. The items that are highlighted in blue on the Report are links to

various web sites that will give a wealth of information. Councillor Bezaire complimented the Health Unit and Dr. Cameron on a very informative Annual Report.

Reports of Committees:

Board of Health

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the regular Board of Health meeting held on March 4th, 2010. Councillor D. Johnston, Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

Councillor Johnston requested the Report on Holiday Hours be moved to the COTW Day 1 Agenda on Wednesday April 14th. This request from Councillor Johnston was so that Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resources, could be in attendance for that portion of the meeting.

Councillor Van Diepenbeek commented on the proposed County-wide Mandatory Septic System Mandatory Inspection Program presentation recently made at their Council. He advised that Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) Council has recently considered and supported the program. ACW are investigating methods to financially assist residents in ACW that are in need of septic repair or replacement and that would qualify for financial assistance. Councillor Van Diepenbeek suggested it is time to move ahead with this program and that the County had considered a loan style program for qualified septic system repairs, for the past several years.

MOTION: 60 - 10

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

THAT:

The Board of Health Report; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 14.

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, March 10th, 2010 meeting. Councillor D. Kelly, Chair of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

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MOTION: 61-10

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor J. Ferguson:

THAT:

The Motion to table the increase of compensation paid for a coyote pelt from \$50 to \$100; now rise from the table.

CARRIED (with the prescribed 2/3 majority)

There was a great deal of discussion regarding this increase of compensation for a coyote pelt from \$50 to \$100.

MOTION: 62-10

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The Motion to increase the compensation paid for a coyote pelt from \$50 to \$100; be tabled pending receipt of a Staff Report from the joint meeting with the Counties of Bruce, Grey and Huron.

DEFEATED

MOTION; 63-10

Moved by: Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

The compensation paid to any licensed trapper or licensed hunter who has met the regulations and satisfied the requirements of the County of Huron By-law be increased from \$50 per coyote pelt to \$100 per coyote pelt effective when the revised By-law is passed by Council;

Motion Con't. on Page 6.

Motion Con't. from Page 5.

AND FURTHER THAT:

In the March 10th, 2010 COTW Day 1 minutes, that Motion 9.3; be repealed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 64 - 10

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

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 1 minutes and reports be adopted as presented and amended and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 15.

CARRIED

Library Board

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Library Board, March 17th, 2010 meeting. Councillor G. Robertson, Chair of the Library Board was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 65 - 10

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace

THAT:

The Library Board Report be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 16.

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, March 17th, 2010 meeting. Councillor N. Vincent, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 2 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 66 - 10

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:

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. 17.

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 November 9th, 2009 meeting. Councillor D. Kelly, Chair of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 67 - 10

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

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes and reports be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 18.

CARRIED

Inquiries:

Councillor J. Bezaire questioned in the Health Unit Annual Report; in particular the total number of people vaccinated by the Health Unit against the H1N1 and seasonal influenza. Health Unit Business Manager Brad Lucas was present to respond to the question. It is a fact that only about 20% of Huron County residents were vaccinated for H1N1 in 2009. These numbers are kept for the Ministry as they are billed back to the Province for payment to the Health Unit.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

MOTION: 68 - 10

Moved by: Councillor J. Seili and Seconded by: Councillor M. Demaray:

THAT:

A vote of appreciation be extended to Lauren Thompson, for acting as Page at the Fifth Session of County Council.

CARRIED

Public Question Period:

There were no questions for the Public Question Period.

By-laws:

MOTION: 69 - 10

Moved by: Councillor D. Johnston and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-law No. 10-2010; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron with Respect to Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Its Local Board;

By-law No. 11-2010; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario (*Ontario Transportation Demand Management Municipal Grant Program*).

CARRIED

MOTION: 70 - 10

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent:
THAT:

By-laws No. 10-2010 and 11-2010; be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-laws No. 10-2010 and 11-2010; as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 71 - 10

Moved by: Councillor M. Demaray and Seconded by: Councillor T. Collyer:
THAT:

By-law No. 10-2010; be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the
Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2;

Motion Con't. on Page 8.

Motion Con't. from Page 7.

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 10-2010; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden
and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 72 - 10

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:
THAT:

By-law No. 11-2010; be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the
Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 11-2010; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden
and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Arrangement of Committee Meetings:

- Thursday April 1st, at 9:00 a.m., Board of Health in Clinton at the Health Unit
- Wednesday April 14th, at 9:00 a.m., Committee of the Whole Day 1 in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich
- Friday April 16th, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., Huron County Municipal Officers' Day, Royal Canadian Legion, 56 Kingston Street, Goderich

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- Wednesday April 21st, at 9:00 a.m., Library Board in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich
- Wednesday April 21st, at 9:45 a.m., Committee of the Whole Day 2 in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich
- Tuesday_May 4th, at 9:00 a.m., Board of Health in Clinton at the Health Unit (Please note change of Board of Health meeting; due to the OSUM Conference held in Stratford May 5-7th, 2010)

Adjournment:

MOTION: 73-10

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor M. Demaray:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron adjourn the Fifth Session of Council at 12:20 p.m. to meet again on the 5th of May, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich, or at the call of the Warden and the County Clerk.

CARRIED

The Fifth Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Bert Dykstra

County Clerk Barbara L. Wilson