



# Huron County Council Minutes - January 6, 2010

Second Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



## **SECOND SESSION HURON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Goderich, Ontario  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Warden Bert Dykstra called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Larry C. Adams called the roll and all members of Council were present except for Councillors D. Johnston and K. Oke.

Warden Dykstra welcomed all present to the Second Session. He reviewed the Warden's report for the month of December, 2009.

Warden Dykstra welcomed the Page for the Second Session. He called on Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek to introduce the Page. Councillor Van Diepenbeek introduced Haydn Gibson, a grade 5 student from Brookside Public School in Ashfield Ward, of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. Haydn is former Huron County Warden Allan Gibson's grandson. Haydn helps out on the farm and plays hockey.

MOTION: 11-10

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor J. Fergusson:

THAT:

The minutes of the previous sessions being;

- a) The Twelfth Session of November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- b) The Special Session of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009
- c) The Inaugural Session of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009;

be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

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

**6. Petitions and Deputations:**

6.1 Chuck Hall, The United Way Campaign Chair was present to update Council on the recent amalgamation of the Perth United Way with the Huron United Way. Chuck Hall introduced Ellen Balmain, Director of the Perth-Huron United Way, who gave a brief synopsis of the amalgamation of the two United Ways that became effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. It was reported that the dollars earned in Huron will remain in Huron County and the same for fundraising dollars raised in Perth will remain in Perth County.

Ellen Balmain reviewed the soft launch of the 211 program in March. 211 offers a single point of access for anyone seeking non-emergency human services. This may include individuals, families, people facing barriers because of language, poverty or personal difficulty, professionals in government and business or community agencies.

6.2 Manny Page, President and Donna Watson Vice President of the Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association were present to request County Council to consider an increase to their fee schedule to \$4,955.00 for an indigent funeral service.

Director Overboe was questioned as to how many indigent funeral services the County has had to support in the past. Director Overboe advised that anywhere from three to four per year, however in 2009 there were twelve.

MOTION: 12-10

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

THAT:

The presentation by Manny Page and Donna Watson from Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association; be received;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Director of Social Services Overboe be requested to prepare a Report further to the delegation from the Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association regarding the costs of indigent funeral services, at an upcoming Committee of the Whole Day 2 meeting.

CARRIED

**Councillor's Issues:**

Councillor Demaray questioned new equipment installed in the ambulances and the cost associated with this. David Lew, Chief, Emergency Services advised there has been some new mounts installed to make tablets or laptops more

secure in the vehicles. The purpose for this was a health and safety issue recommended by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The total cost of the mounts installed between the front seats for eight vehicles was approximately \$30,000.

Councillor Dowson advised that County Councillor D. Johnston was involved in a motor vehicle accident on his way to Florida recently. Both he and Mrs. Johnston are fine now.

Councillor Fergusson, Council's appointment to the Huron Business Development Corporation (HBDC) advised that there could possibly be a change in the funding to HBDC as a Community Futures Development Corporation from the Federal Government. This could have a significant impact to Huron County. Councillor Fergusson felt it was appropriate to request representation from HBDC attend the next meeting as a delegation to confirm this possible change in funding.

MOTION: 13-10

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

THAT:

County Council agree to direct staff to invite a member from the Huron Business Development Corporation to the upcoming Day 1 Committee of the Whole meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to discuss the funding changes from the Federal Government.

CARRIED

Councillor D. Shewfelt advised that Bill 237, *the Sustainable Water and Waste Water Systems Improvement and Maintenance Act, 2009* was introduced and given first reading by the Province in December. This Act is to sustain and encourage improvement in Ontario's water and waste water services and to establish the Ontario Water Board.

This Act repeals *the Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, 2002*. According to Section 20(2) (of the proposed Act) Minimum customers "If a regulated entity provides water services or waste water services to fewer than 10,000 customers, that regulated entity shall consider whether it is possible to amalgamate those services with the services of one or more other regulated entities". Section 20(3) (of the proposed Act) "The Minister may direct two or more regulated entities to amalgamate their waste services or waste water

services if, after considering any advice provided by the Board, the Minister considers it appropriate to do so".

Councillor Shewfelt would like to see Bill 237 reviewed by the Clerks of the municipalities in Huron County and discussed with their Councils. In Councillor Shewfelt's opinion the control of water should remain with the local Council, not a Water Board.

Councillor Shewfelt requested anyone wishing to support him in the walks in January to support Alzheimer's is to see him for a pledge sheet.

**Correspondence:**

CAO Adams reviewed correspondence from Huron-Bruce MPP Carol Mitchell and from Chuck Reid, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board for the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) regarding the Accommodation Review for schools in Huron County. Warden Dykstra is planning to be a delegation at an upcoming ARC/AMDSB meeting. He invited members of Council to attend with him to show their support.

CAO Adams advised of the recent passing of Nancy McKinnon; former Director of Social Services John McKinnon's wife.

**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 December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. In the absence of Councillor D. Johnston, Chair of the Board of Health, Councillor N. Rintoul, Vice Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 14-10

Moved by: Councillor N. Rintoul and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The Board of Health Report be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 2.

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, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. Councillor D. Kelly, Chair of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the following Motion from Day 1 COTW:

MOTION: 15-10

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

THAT:

The County of Huron place a hiring freeze on new staff positions until the Service Delivery Review is completed.

Councillor J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote for this Motion:

YEAS:        MacLellan  
               Demaray  
               Seili  
               Rintoul  
               Scott  
               Siemon  
               Dowson  
               Fergusson

NAYS:        Bezaire  
               Robertson  
               Grace  
               Vincent  
               Dietrich  
               Collyer  
               Dykstra  
               Van Diepenbeek  
               Shewfelt  
               Kelly

ABSENT:     Johnston  
               Oke

YEAS: 8 – NAYS: 10 – ABSENT: 2  
MOTION LOST

After some discussion the following Motion was considered.

MOTION: 16-10

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All new positions created within the County of Huron be approved by Motion of County Council.

Councillor J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote for this Motion:

YEAS:       Shewfelt  
              Robertson  
              Siemon  
              Bezaire  
              Kelly

Recorded Vote Con't. on Page 5.

Recorded Vote Con't. from Page 4.

Dykstra  
Rintoul  
Fergusson  
MacLellan  
Vincent  
Collyer  
Demaray  
Scott  
Dietrich  
Grace  
Dowson  
Van Diepenbeek

NAYS:       Seili

ABSENT:    Oke  
              Johnston

YEAS: 17 – NAYS: 1 – ABSENT: 2  
CARRIED

Councillor Shewfelt requested Wendy Orchard the Executive Director of Easy Ride be invited to attend an upcoming meeting.

Councillor Bezaire advised that the South Western Economic Alliance (SWEA) is working with the Federation of Agriculture to try and bring together as many of the fractured agricultural groups together under one umbrella. The members of the Federation of Agriculture have requested to participate as members of the SWEA Agriculture/AgriBusiness Caucus that is being developed to lobby all levels of government on behalf of the agricultural sector.

Councillor J. Bezaire declared a conflict of interest regarding the "closed to the public session" in the Committee of the Whole meeting; as his spouse is a non-union staff member of the County. Councillor Bezaire left the meeting at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 10:37 a.m.

MOTION: 17-10

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

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. 3.

CARRIED

#### Library Board

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Library Board, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. Councillor G. Robertson, Chair of the Library Board was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 18-10

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

The Library Board Report be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 4.

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, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. Councillor N.

Vincent, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 2 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

**Report from the Affordable Housing Ad Hoc Committee (walk in):**

MOTIONS from the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 COTW Day 2 meeting as follows:

*“The Affordable Housing Project Ad Hoc Committee review the project and provide a Report with more concrete figures at the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 County Council meeting”;*

and;

*“The recommendation from Dave Overboe, Director of Social Services that the County of Huron endorses the proposal to develop a thirty unit Affordable Housing Project at the County site near Clinton, be tabled until the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 County Council meeting”.*

Director of Social Services D. Overboe read his “walk in” report entitled Affordable Housing Proposal – Huron East.

There was some discussion to proceed with the application for funding.

MOTION: 19-10

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

THAT:

County Council authorize staff to proceed with the application for funding under the Affordable Housing Program for Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT:

County Council agree to use Option No. 1 in the Report to cover any County commitment. (Option 1 is to finance the \$1.612 million internally over a period of 25 years).

CARRIED

MOTION: 20-10

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. 5.

CARRIED

**Inquiries:**

There were no inquiries.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business.

MOTION: 21-10

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

A vote of appreciation be extended to Haydn Gibson, for acting as Page at the Second Session of County Council.

CARRIED

**Public Question Period:**

There were no public questions

**By-laws:**

MOTION: 22-10

Moved by: Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-law No. 2-2010; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the County of Huron;

By-law No. 3-2010; 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 the Corporation of the County of Bruce.

CARRIED

MOTION: 23-10

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

THAT:

By-laws No. 2-2010 and 3-2010 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-laws No. 2-2010 and 3-2010as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 24-10

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott and Seconded by: Councillor N. Rintoul:

THAT:

By-law No. 2-2010, 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. 2-2010, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 25-10

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

By-law No. 3-2010, 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. 3-2010, 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:**

Board of Health	in Clinton at the Health Unit on Thursday January 7 <sup>th</sup> , at 9:00 a.m.
Day 1 COTW	in the Court House Council Chambers on Wednesday January 13 <sup>th</sup> , at 9:00 a.m.
Library Board	in the Court House Council Chambers on Wednesday January 20 <sup>th</sup> , at 9:00 a.m.
Day 2 COTW	in the Court House Council Chambers on Wednesday January 20 <sup>th</sup> , at 9:45 a.m.
2010 Budget	in the Court House Council Chambers on Wednesday January 27 <sup>th</sup> , at 9:00 a.m. (Lunch will be provided)
BOH Orientation	in Clinton at the Health Unit on Friday January 29 <sup>th</sup> , at 9:00 a.m. until noon.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION: 26-10

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor T. Collyer:

THAT:

County Council do now adjourn at 11:47 a.m.; to meet on Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.; or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The Second Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

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Warden Bert Dykstra

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County Clerk Barbara L. Wilson