



Huron County Council

Minutes - September 7, 2011

Ninth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



NINTH SESSION HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Health & Library Complex,
South of Clinton
September 7th, 2011

Huron County Council met in the Auditorium of the Health and Library Complex on Wednesday September 7th, 2011. Warden Neil Vincent called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

In Chief Administrative Officer Larry C. Adams' absence Treasurer/Deputy CAO David Carey called the roll and all members of Council were present except for Councillor Jewitt. Councillor Shewfelt arrived at 9:15 a.m. Councillors Shewfelt and Grace left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Warden Vincent welcomed all present to the Ninth Session. Warden Vincent reviewed the Warden's report as it related to the F3 tornado that occurred on August 21st, 2011. Warden Vincent called on Huron County's Emergency Management Co-ordinator Gary Wood for an update on the tornado that struck the Town of Goderich, the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the Municipality of Central Huron.

Councillor Shewfelt thanked everyone for their support and assistance for the past two weeks resulting from the F3 tornado that devastated parts of Goderich.

Minutes of the previous session:

MOTION: 180 - 11

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

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being the Eighth Session on July 6th, and the Special Session of August 10th, 2011; 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:

County Councillor and member of the Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) Board of Directors, John Grace introduced Serge Lavoie, President, Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA).

Mr. Lavoie delivered a presentation on the economic development initiatives undertaken by SWEA.

Councillor's Issues:

Councillor MacLellan questioned if the County and the Town of Goderich could coordinate their efforts to do their Emergency Training Exercises. Since the F3 tornado that has devastated parts of Goderich there are a lot of lessons we could learn from this experience. Councillor Shewfelt advised the Town of Goderich is putting together a presentation for OSUM. Goderich would be happy to work with County Council in Emergency Training Exercises.

Councillor MacLellan was interested in knowing if the PRISM911 program that the County has in place was used for the F3 tornado.

Councillor Shewfelt advised the Town of Goderich did use PRISM911 on Wednesday when there was a scare of the second tornado event. There were many phones that were down due to the tornado from Sunday.

Warden Vincent advised that the biggest limitation with PRISM911 is those residents who have not signed up to it.

Treasurer/Deputy CAO Carey suggested that a report be prepared and presented to an upcoming Committee meeting outlining what PRISM911 is for and a policy of when the County would be using it.

Councillor Frayne reported the Township of North Huron had requested the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) to forward a letter of support for the funding they are applying for as it applies to the accessibility renovations to the Wingham Police Office.

MOTION: 181 - 11

Moved by Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor P. Gowing:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; direct staff to forward a letter of support for accessibility funding for the Wingham Police Office to the Township of North Huron.

CARRIED

Councillor Ginn inquired if the Courts are interested in using the entire Court House.

Treasurer/Deputy CAO Carey advised there has been no formal request at this time.

Director of Social Services Overboe who is responsible for physical services for the County reported that there have been 24 samples from the rooms in the Court House for asbestos and three tests have indicated a positive result of asbestos. It is necessary for the entire Court House to be decontaminated. This will extend the time staff will be out of the Court House. An extensive report was filed by Director Overboe later in the meeting. That report is attached as Schedule "A" to these minutes.

Correspondence:

County of Huron Appreciation and Recognition Day for Emergency Workers – Sunday September 11th, 2011

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 August 4th, 2011. Councillor B. MacLellan, Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 182 - 11

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:
THAT:

The Board of Health Report of August 4th, 2011; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 29.

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, August 3rd, 2011 meeting. Councillor B. Dowson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 183 - 11

Moved by: Councillor B. Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:
THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 1 minutes and reports of August 3rd, 2011; be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 30.

CARRIED

Library Board

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Library Board August 10th, 2011 meeting. Councillor B. Barnim, Chair of the Library Board was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

Councillor Robertson questioned the E-readers at the Library and training for the staff. County Librarian Meighan Wark responded that staff training is on going.

Councillor MacLellan reported that the Township of Huron East Council has agreed to proceed to renovate the Library in Brussels. He requested County Librarian Wark to contact his office to set a time to meet with the Huron East Council before they meet with the architect to discuss the renovations.

MOTION: 184 - 11

Moved by: Councillor B. Barnim and Seconded by: Councillor T. Hessel:

THAT:

The Library Board Report of August 10th, 2011 be amended to show that Member Riach was absent; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 31.

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, August 10th, 2011 meeting. Councillor J. Steffler, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 2 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 185 - 11

Moved by: Councillor J. Steffler and Seconded by: Councillor D. Frayne:

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 2 August 10th, 2011 minutes and reports; be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 32.

CARRIED

Inquiries:

There were no inquiries for this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Director of Social Services Dave Overboe had prepared a report updating Council on the services that the County had administered since August 21st, 2011 when the devastating F3 tornado struck down in the Town of Goderich, the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the Municipality of Central Huron. This report is attached to these minutes as Schedule "A".

Councillor Shewfelt asked how many residents had to be relocated. Director Overboe reported that on a nightly basis 25 families needed to be relocated.

Public Question Period:

There were no questions from the public.

By-laws:

MOTION: 186 - 11

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

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-law No. 40-2011; being a By-law of the County of Huron to authorize the sale of land to the Township of North Huron;

By-law No. 41-2011; being a By-law of the County of Huron to establish decrease limits for certain property classes;

By-law No. 42-2011; being a By-law of the County of Huron to authorize the County of Huron to enter into a New Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Services Agreement with Stewardship Ontario.

CARRIED

MOTION: 187 - 11

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

THAT:

By-law No. 40-2011, 41-2011 and 42-2011; be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 40-2011, 41-2011 and 42-2011; as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 188 - 11

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

THAT:

By-law No. 40-2011; 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. 40-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

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MOTION: 189 - 11

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

THAT:

By-law No.41-2011 ; 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. 41-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

MOTION: 189 - 11

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

THAT:

Third reading; in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2 for By-law No. 41-2011; be tabled until the Tenth Session of County Council.

CARRIED

MOTION: 190 - 11

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

THAT:

By-law No. 42-2011; 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. 42-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

A certification by Clerk Wilson was read by Treasurer/Deputy CAO Carey, delegating the Clerk's powers and duties under *Section 228(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25* for the 7th day of September, 2011 to County of Huron legal counsel Gregory Stewart. The purpose for this delegation was a Closed to the Public Session was held without the Clerk or the Treasurer/Deputy CAO.

"Closed to the Public Session"

MOTION: 191 - 11

Moved by: Councillor B. Barnim and Seconded by: Councillor P. Gowing:

THAT:

County Council do now go into a "Closed to the Public Session" at 11:09 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;*
- *Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;*

AND FURTHER THAT:

The following staff members remain in attendance: Greg Stewart who was delegated the Clerk's powers and duties.

CARRIED

MOTION: 192 - 11

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

THAT:

County Council rise from the "Closed to the Public Session" at 12:12 p.m. with report.

CARRIED

Arrangement of Committee Meetings:

- Board of Health in Clinton at the Health and Library Complex Auditorium, Thursday September 1st, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
- Committee of the Whole Day 1 at the Health and Library Complex Auditorium, Wednesday September 14th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
- Library Board at the Health and Library Complex Auditorium, Wednesday September 21st, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 at the Health and Library Complex Auditorium, Wednesday September 21st, 2011 at 9:45 a.m.
- Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee at the Health and Library Complex Auditorium, Monday September 26th, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION: 193 - 11

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; adjourn the Ninth Session of Council at 12:14 p.m. to meet again on the 5th of October, 2011 in the Auditorium of the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton or at the call of the Warden and the County Clerk.

CARRIED

The Ninth Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Neil Vincent

County Clerk Barbara L. Wilson

SCHEDULE "A" to the September 7th, 2011 Minutes

Department Emergency Response

Summary of Social Services Activities August 21, 2011 to September 6, 2011:

1. Emergency Declaration – Mandated response activities
 - Respond as part of the EMC Team
 - Set Up Emergency Assistance Centre (financial)
 - Coordinate Service Provider Response
 - Evacuation and Reception Centre
 - Registration and Inquiry Centre
 - Food Services for evacuees
 - Food Services for responders
 - Shelter for victims
 - Billeting for responders
 - Volunteer registration
 - Recording and receiving donations
 - Food, clothing and financial
 - Information service
 - Red Cross, Salvation Army, Food bank and Faith Groups, 211
2. Recovery Phase
 - Longer term housing
 - Transition emergency assistance to Ontario Works
 - CISM team – Door to door response
 - Ensure smooth reduction in frontline service

Summary of Physical Services Activities:

1. Public Housing
 - Ensure safety of tenants and integral structure of buildings
 - Assist with clean up and provide repairs as needed
 - Support tenants during hydro/ gas outage
 - Provide building life security response pending restoration of normal service

2. Other Buildings

- Ensure safety and security pending return of hydro/gas
- Assist with reoccupation of buildings

3. Courthouse

- Work with the Town of Goderich, MOL, MOE, OPP, MAG to ensure the safety of the Courthouse structure and assess damages
- Liaise with Insurance Adjuster
- Develop appropriate protocol to access and remove material in a safe and coordinated manner
- Engage appropriate professionals to ensure reasonable completion of restoration of the Courthouse

SCHEDULE "A" to the September 7th, 2011 Minutes

Relocation Response

1. Temporary Accommodation

- Identify short term space to accommodate displaced staff while maintaining continuity of service
- Ensure program activity was prioritized and maintained to a reasonable level given the situation
- Provide support to displaced staff – office supplies, technology etc.

2. Court Relocation

- Provide access to H&LC for Courtrooms and meeting rooms to support conducting court.
- Assist MAG in determining a semi permanent location while Courthouse is restored.

Considerations:

- Physical Services Manager was given direction to accommodate Courtrooms to H&LC and provide suggestions as to relocating County Staff who worked in the Courthouse.
- Availability of IT – Phone System –
- Potential of need to house Emergency Control Group if County declared Emergency
- Potential need for County Council to meet
- Proximity of those who required access to other Departments
- Minimum disruption of service for Social Services programs
- Potential to extend beyond 8 week window

Process:

- PS Manager attended meetings with Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) to assist Courts relocation
 - The Court expectations grew very quickly from offering Courtrooms to a need for 40,000 sq ft.
- SS management team determined availability of space for estimated 6-8 week window
- Space allocation was determined
 - POA located in the community meeting room near reception
 - Treasury located in the IT training room
 - HR located in Children's Services Meeting area
 - Admin Staff located in Early Years office
 - Larry Adams located in Community Kitchen office
 - Barbara Wilson located in Community Kitchen office