



**County  
of Huron**

## **Committee of the Whole**



**Minutes - August 8, 2006**

*GODERICH, ONTARIO*

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The COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE met in the Court House at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek.

### **1. Minutes**

**Moved by D. Layton**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 13, 2006 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

### **Councillor's Issues**

The Warden announced that the Town of Goderich will be receiving a Blue Flag designation today as part of a clean beach program funded by the Ministry. Councillor D. Shewfelt described the program and thanked the Health Unit for their part in achieving this honour. Only one other beach in Ontario has received this distinction.

The committee discussed and set a Strategic Planning Day for Tuesday, October 24, 2006. Councillor B. Dowson volunteered Bluewater as the host for this event. The location is to be announced.

### **2. Huron County Child Abuse Prevention Committee**

The Huron County Child Abuse Prevention Committee (HCCAPC), Rural Response for Healthy Children, submitted a funding proposal requesting \$23,000 to support program delivery costs for three innovative programs. Dorothy Beuermann, Program Services Manager, and Marie Tyler, Executive Director, were in attendance to present the proposal.

Ms. Tyler informed the committee that the monies are to enhance the Family Ties program over the next three years and to maintain the B.U.S Program. It was questioned what the difference between the HCCAPC is and Early Years. The Director answered that driving was primarily the difference. The HCCAPC serves members of the community that do not drive or have access to a vehicle.

**Moved by J. Fergusson**

**Seconded by E. Connelly**

**That the presentation be received and that Social Services staff be instructed to prepare a report on this funding request and report back to the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee.**

**CARRIED**

### **3. Audited 2005 Consolidated Financial Report**

Eugene Bender of the County's Auditing Firm, Vodden, Bender and Seebach was in attendance to present the attached Audited County of Huron Consolidated Financial Report, December 31, 2005 and the 2005 Audit Management Letter.

**Moved by D. Shewfelt**

**Seconded by B. Dykstra**

**That the audited financial statements be approved and the 2005 Audit Management Letter be received.**

**CARRIED**

Warden R. Morley and Councillors D. Shewfelt, J. Bezaire, N. Rintoul, and E. Connelly rose and left the chambers at 10:00 a.m. to attend the Blue Flag ceremony for the Town of Goderich and returned at 10:41 a.m.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by P. Klopp**

**That Councillor D. Layton be Acting Chair until the return of the Warden.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Housing Study**

Don Brisson, Manager of Housing Services, presented the attached PowerPoint presentation and answered questions for the information of committee and Council.

**FOR INFORMATION**

#### **5. Household Hazardous Waste Depot**

Craig Metzger, Senior Planner presented the attached report entitled, "Canada-Ontario Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) Intake Three Application for a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Depot" (Appendix A).

It is recommended that Huron County designate a permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) depot as Council's top priority for the purposes of a COMRIF Intake Three application and that staff prepare and submit a COMRIF application for a permanent HHW depot.

**Moved by B. Dowson**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

#### **\*\*6. Participation in Source Water Protection Planning**

Larry C. Adams, CAO and Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development, submitted the attached report (Appendix B) for the information of committee and Council.

It is recommended that Cathie Brown, Project Manager for Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Source Water Protection Planning, be advised that:

- County Council requests the opportunity to appoint one of its members to sit on the Source Water Protection Planning Committee;
- County Councillors will participate on the Municipal Working Group(s);
- Relevant County staff will participate on area Working Groups (e.g., staff from the Planning and Development Department and Health Unit); and

- Specific persons will be named at the time the committee/groups are being formed.

**Moved by D. Kelly**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the recommendations be approved.**

**CARRIED**

## **7. WSIB Schedule 2**

Darcy Michaud, Health and Safety Manager, presented the report (Appendix C) which outlines the Schedule 2 figures for 2006, January to June and updates on the Ministry of Labour Compliance.

The Human Resources Director announced that Mr. Michaud was asked by the WSIB Schedule 2 group, to sit on a policy review panel, one of four people from across Ontario invited. This speaks to the expertise that the County currently employs.

**Moved by D. Layton**  
**Seconded by B. MacLellan**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **8. Conference**

Counties, Regions, Single Tier Municipalities and District Social Services Administration Boards annual Conference is October 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Delta Pinestone in Haliburton, Ontario. *Please contact the Clerks office if you wish to attend.*

**FOR INFORMATION**

## **9. Mutual Assistance Agreement**

By-law No. 4, 2006 to ratify a Mutual Assistance Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Huron and the lower tiers, with respect to Emergency Management, was given first and second reading February 2, 2006. Lower tier Clerks were requested to pass a by-law and sign the agreement.

At the March 2, 2006 session of County Council, Councillor B. Dykstra requested that concerns of the lower tiers be addressed. The attached responses have been received from the nine municipalities. A response from Central Huron, received August 2, was also distributed to the committee.

A discussion ensued. The CAO suggested that the agreement be sent to Mr. G. Woods, Huron County's Emergency Management Coordinator, to finalize the draft agreement addressing concerns and suggested revisions from the lower tiers before it is sent to County Council for third reading.

**Moved by P. Klopp**

**Seconded by B. MacLellan**

**That the draft agreement be referred to the County's Emergency Management Coordinator to incorporate lower tier comments and finalize the draft before third and final reading of County Council.**

**CARRIED**

#### **10. Human Resources - Policies and Procedures**

Richard Hulley, Director of Human Resources, presented the attached report (Appendix D) for the information of committee and Council. All the policies have been discussed in conjunction with the Senior Management Team. It is recommended that the draft Human Resource policies submitted be approved.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by D. Layton**

**That Policy No. 3.10 "Leaves - Education and Staff Development" be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by J. Seili**

**Seconded by J. Bezaire**

**That Policy No. 4.6 "Discipline/Reprimands" be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by B. Dykstra**

**Seconded by E. Connelly**

**That Policy No. 4.7 "Separation Allowance" be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by M. Scott**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That Policy No. 4.8 "Immediate Dismissal" be approved.**

**CARRIED**

#### **11. Time-Off-in-Lieu**

David Carey, Treasurer, submitted the attached report (Appendix E) for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by J. Bezaire**

**Seconded by R. Rognvaldson**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### **\*\*\*12. Lake Huron Learning Collaborative**

At the August 3, Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, presented a report seeking County support for the courses delivered by the University of Western Ontario in 2006-2007. It was recommended that the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee request funding of up to \$8,000 from County Council to defray the costs to the Museum to support the Lake Huron Learning Collaborative in bringing University of Western Ontario courses to Goderich during the 2006-2007 term. The motion was deferred to the Committee of the Whole for discussion with additional input and clarification from Treasurer, D. Carey, to be provided.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Councillor D. Shewfelt informed the committee that the Town of Goderich has supported the group and was in favour of the County supporting a venue for the group to move forward.

It was questioned if the museum was the best location. The Director of Cultural Services informed the committee that the group toured the museum and considered it favourably. The group wished to have a different location from the high school. The \$4,500 rental costs would offset the cost of staffing and the equipment and upgrades are not charged to the group.

Treasurer Carey was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in the family, subsequently Council passed the following motion.

**Moved by N. Rintoul**

**Seconded by J. Bezaire**

**That the recommendation be approved with the monies to be garnered from within the approved 2006 Budget and further with the Treasurer's input.**

**CARRIED**

### **13. Ambulance Centre, North Street, Wingham**

Don Pletch, County Engineer, submitted the attached report dated July 26, 2006. At the August 1, 2006 Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting the committee discussed and endorsed the following recommendation and requested that it be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole meeting for approval by County Council in order that construction may be completed by December 1, 2006. This report was also reviewed for information at the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works meeting of August 2, 2006.

It is recommended that the County accept the tender submitted by DOMM Construction Ltd. for the construction of a new, three-bay ambulance centre, including site servicing, on property previously purchased by the County on North Street, Wingham, for the tendered price of \$482,088.00 (including GST).

The County Engineer answered questions of the committee and noted that the monies will be utilized from the general capital reserves for contingencies.

**Moved by D. Urlin**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the recommendations be approved.**

**CARRIED**

#### **14. Purchase of Three 2006 Model Year, Ford F350 Ambulances for EMS**

Don Pletch, County Engineer, submitted the attached report dated July 19, 2006. At the August 2, 2006 Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee meeting the committee discussed and endorsed the following recommendation and requested that it be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole meeting for approval by County Council in order that staff may proceed as soon as possible with the purchase of the specified vehicles.

It is recommended that the quotation submitted by Demers Ambulances in the amount of \$108,281.60 each (excluding GST) be accepted for three 2006 model F350 158" chassis with ambulance packages for use by the EMS.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by D. Layton**  
**That the recommendations be approved.**

**CARRIED**

#### **15. Historical Monuments, Municipality of Huron East**

Attached is correspondence from J. R. McLachlan, Clerk Administrator, Municipality of Huron East and related materials received July 24, 2006. Mr. McLachlan is requesting financial assistance to offset repair costs of approximately \$6,870 plus GST. The CAO requested direction on the appeal from Huron East.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Councillor J. Seili spoke in support of the request stating that the site was downloaded to the municipality and funding all or part of the costs would be appreciated. Councillor B. MacLellan informed the committee that it took Huron East three years to find someone able to do the repairs and the need is immediate. The committee questioned if it is a County responsibility and compared it to Tiger Dunlop's Tomb.

Councillor D. Shewfelt requested a report on all historical sites located in the County and expressed concern regarding excessive requests for similar funding. The Director of Cultural Services informed the committee that there is a Cultural Plan in the works which will likely address Heritage and Cultural assets of the County.

**Moved by D. Layton**

**Seconded by P. Klopp**

**That the Treasurer be instructed to find 50% of \$6,870 plus GST for the restoration project from within existing funds.**

Councillor B. Dykstra requested a Recorded Vote.

**RECORDED VOTE**

**YEAS:** Scott, Seili, Klopp, Rognvaldson, MacLellan, Shewfelt, Connelly, Layton = 8

**NAYS:** Fergusson, Kelly, Urlin, Bezaire, Dowson, Oke, Rintoul, Dykstra, Morley= 9

**ABSENT:** Van Diepenbeek = 1

**DEFEATED**

**Moved by B. Dowson**

**Seconded by J. Seili**

**That this issue be deferred to the establishment of a written policy on funding these types of restoration projects of historical venues within the County, and further that the request from Huron East on the restoration of the gates to the Vanastra Radar site will fall under the establishment of this policy.**

**CARRIED**

**16. Correspondence Attached – For Information**

a) AMO – Member Communication – Alert

- Government Responds to Operating Farmers Markets and Community Events Concerns
- Helping Farmers
- Province Introduces Changes to the Municipal Act
- MOE Improves Drinking Water Regulation 170
- AMO Supports McGuinty's Fiscal Imbalance Efforts
- AMO Report on Brownfields Redevelopment Now Online
- Government Announces Next Steps in AODA
- AMO Position on Household Hazardous Waste/Household Special Waste

b) Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- Backgrounder June 15, 2006 regarding Proposed Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act, 2006
- News Release, June 15, 2006 McGuinty Government Introduces Legislation to Strengthen Ontario's Municipalities

c) The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, Dale Mercer, MD, President received June 6, 2006 regarding physicians in Ontario.

- d) Bell, Yves Caron, Assistant Corporate Secretary, received June 13, 2006 regarding public emergency reporting service agreement between Huron County and Bell Canada.
- e) Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, Minutes of May 18, and June 15, 2006. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- f) Canadian Federation of Independent Business, Judith Andrew, Vice President, received May 29, 2006 regarding Bill 53 and News Release of May 17, 2006.
- g) The DMS Group, letter received July 13, 2006 regarding lease fees for the Tiger Dunlop Tomb.
- h) Paul Steckle, M.P., Huron-Bruce, letter received July 5, 2006 regarding the Rural Ontario Development Fund. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- i) Resolutions
  - Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands re: Watertight Panel Report
  - Township of Georgian Bay re: Water levels on Lakes Huron, Michigan and Georgian Bay

**Moved by D. Urlin**

**Seconded by B. MacLellan**

**That the resolution from the Township of Georgian Bay be supported.**

**CARRIED**

- Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal re: Farmers' Market
- Regional Municipality of York re: Family Physician Shortage
- Municipality of Clarington re: Ontario Clean Water Act

**Moved by B. Dykstra**

**Seconded by J. Seili**

**That the resolution from the Municipality of Clarington be supported.**

**CARRIED**

- Regional Municipality of York re: Internationally Trained Physicians
- Municipality of Brockton re: Child Care

**FOR INFORMATION**



**Clause #6 Participation in Source Water Protection Planning**

It was recommended that Cathie Brown, Project Manager for Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Source Water Protection Planning, be advised that:

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- Specific persons will be named at the time the committee/groups are being formed.

Original motion was:

"Moved by D. Kelly  
Seconded by M. Scott  
That the recommendations be approved. Carried"

Moved by Councillor P. Klopp  
Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan  
That the recommendations be approved with the amendment that Council request the opportunity to appoint up to three (3) members to sit on the Source Water Protection Planning Committee.

Carried

**Clause #12 Lake Huron Learning Collaborative**

It was recommended that the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee request funding of up to \$8,000 to defray the costs to the Museum to support the Lake Huron Learning Collaborative in bringing University of Western Ontario courses to Goderich during the 2006-2007 term.

Original motion is:

"Moved by D. Urlin  
Seconded by B. Van Diepenbeek  
That the recommendation be approved with the monies to be garnered from within the approved 2006 Budget and further with the Treasurer's input. Carried"

The Treasurer reported that since it is an economic development activity the funding could come from the Economic Development Reserve Fund.