



**County  
of Huron**

## **Committee of the Whole**



**Minutes - April 17, 2007**

*GODERICH, ONTARIO*

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April 17, 2007

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 B. Dowson**

**Seconded by B. Dykstra**

**That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meetings of March 20 and March 22, 2007 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

## **Councillor's Issues**

Councillor M. Demaray inquired about detours planned for the Wroxeter bridge rehabilitation. Howick Township would like to see the project completed one lane at a time in order to avoid trucks using a shorter detour route instead of the planned route. The County Engineer informed the committee that roads are closed to complete construction in order to save money, but agreed that in this instance it might be best to fix one lane at a time.

Councillor B. Dykstra wished to discuss Source Water Protection. The first phase of regulations under the Clean Water Act, 2006 (formerly Bill 43) passed third reading on October 18, 2006 and received Royal Assent on October 19, 2006. The first phase includes the development of Source Protection Committees comprised of watershed representatives, one third municipal members, one third agricultural, industrial or commercial sector members and one third other members. Councillor B. Dykstra and Councillor N. Vincent our current representatives expressed interest to be part of the proposed Source Protection Committee. Members were asked to discuss future appointments with their municipality. The Director of Planning suggested inviting Cathie Brown, Project Manager for the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Partnership, to a Planning, Agriculture and Public Works meeting to discuss the phases of the regulation and committee appointments.

Councillor B. Dykstra wished to open discussions regarding County-wide Policing. In his opinion there could be some savings to municipalities. There was question whether plans would be for a County Police Force or a County contract with O.P.P. Councillor Dykstra volunteered to host a meeting in Central Huron to open a dialogue on the issue.

## **2. Council Photo**

One quotation was received from Westcoast Photography and Framing of Goderich, who took the Council photo last year. To photograph council group in July 2007 on date requested is \$85.44. The quotation to supply up to 30 photographs is as follows:

11 x 14 Plaqued Photograph \$36.59 each (taxes included)

8 x 10 Plaqued Photograph \$27.48 each (taxes included)

Council was requested to come to a consensus for either the 8 x 10 or 11 x 14 photo.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That the quotation for up to 30, 8 x 10 plaqued photographs with names as supplied previously at \$27.48 each plus \$85.44 from Westcoast Photography and Framing of Goderich be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

### **3. MTE Services Proposal - Delegation of Tax Ratio Setting Authority**

David Carey, Treasurer and Deputy CAO, presented the attached report (Appendix A) and answered questions for the information of committee and Council.

The CAO and the Treasurer requested direction from the committee on how to proceed. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**Moved by D. Kelly**

**Seconded by D. Johnston**

**That the report be deferred to the May 15, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **4. Salary Disclosure Act, 1996**

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

**Moved by J. Bezaire**

**Seconded by M. Scott**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **5. Draft Budgets**

The Senior Management Team presented and discussed, with all committees, the final drafts of the 2007 Budgets which were approved by each committee during the February meetings and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole meeting for consolidation into the overall 2007 Budget.

Meetings were conducted in Wingham and Exeter in March providing opportunity for public comments and questions. Treasurer, D. Carey, conducted a thorough review and provided a report of controllable expenditures and the impact to County operations if eliminated.

The Warden's Task Force 2007 and Beyond also conducted reviews of the draft budget at their meetings of January 4, January 19, February 19, March 28 and April 2 (Minutes attached). Also attached is the revised Consolidated Budget of April 2, 2007.

The recommendations of the Warden's Task Force (WTF) were presented by the Treasurer. A lengthy discussion ensued on the role and membership of the task force. The CAO informed the committee that the members were named at the January 3, Session of County Council, which is composed of the three Committee Chairs, the Warden, Past Warden and one member at large. The 2007 WTF is as follows: Warden D. Shewfelt; Three Committee Chairs – Councillor J. Seili, Councillor B. Dowson, Councillor J. Bezaire; Past Warden B. Van Diepenbeek, and Councillor K. Oke.

The CAO then read the mandate and mission statement of the Warden's Task Force 2007 and Beyond. "To act as an advisory committee to the Warden and to report to County Council on any and all matters/issues not addressed by existing committees; and to deal with, in a timely fashion, sensitive issues requiring an immediate political response."

After discussion there was a consensus to deal with the task force recommendations item by item and that the CT Scanner issue would be dealt with separately.

**Moved by B. MacLellan  
Seconded by J. Bezaire**

**That the Minutes of the Warden's Task Force 2007 and Beyond be received.**

**CARRIED**

- a) Tenders for Goderich Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Office

At the Warden's Task Force 2007 and Beyond, Minutes dated March 28, 2007 there was a consensus reached to allocate an additional \$72,000 of the One-Time Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) to this project and that this go to the April County Council meeting for approval.

**Moved by B. MacLellan  
Seconded by J. Bezaire**

**It is recommended that an additional \$72,000 be allocated, from the One-Time OMPF funding, to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation office project.**

**CARRIED**

- b) Social Housing One-Time Grant of \$915,000 for Capital Purposes

The Warden received a letter from Minister John Gerretsen informing him that the County will be receiving a one-time capital grant of \$915,000 under the provincial program Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters. Dave Overboe spoke to the Task Force. The funding appears to be unconditional. It is recommended that \$300,000 be brought into revenue to offset Social Housing capital for 2007 and that the balance be set aside in a restricted reserve for Social Housing capital purposes.

**Moved by N. Rintoul  
Seconded by M. Scott**

**That the County use \$300,000 of the additional grant to offset current year capital and place \$615,000 in a restricted reserve for Social Housing capital projects.**

**CARRIED**

- c) Highways Winter Maintenance

Reduce the \$700,000 1.39%, saving \$300,000 out of the winter snow removal to place it from \$1.7 Million to at \$1.4 Million.

**Moved by M. Scott  
Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That the winter snow removal allocation be reduced \$300,000 to \$1.4 Million.**

**CARRIED**

- d) Purchase Order Clerk for the Homes: Eliminate 38,500

**Moved by B. Siemon**

**Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the \$38,500 allocated for the Purchase Order Clerk for the Homes be eliminated.**

**CARRIED**

- e) Waste Management

Reduce amount to waste management reserve from \$400,000 to \$350,000. Savings is \$50,000.

**Moved by J. Seili**

**Seconded by J. Grace**

**That the County of Huron reduce the amount raised for Waste Management in 2007 to \$350,000.**

**CARRIED**

- f) Provision for Unforeseen: Eliminate the \$25,000 for savings.

**Moved by J. Bezaire**

**Seconded by J. Dietrich**

**That the provision for unforeseen allocation of \$25,000 be eliminated.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by N. Rintoul**

**That the 2007 Budget increase be set at 3.95% with any additional funding being set in a Miscellaneous Reserve.**

**CARRIED**

## **6. Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation, CT Scanner**

Bill Thibert, President and CEO, Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AM&GH), attended the March 7, 2007 Session of County Council to answer questions and provide a breakdown of the dollars for the CT Scanner. The CAO informed the committee that a motion was required to discuss this issue.

**Moved by B. Siemon**

**Seconded by B. MacLellan**

**That the CT Scanner funding request be raised from the table for consideration.**

**CARRIED**

A lengthy discussion ensued. The mover and seconder agreed to make a friendly amendment that the monies are to come out of reserves.

**Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by Councillor B. Siemon**

**That \$300,000 be included in the 2007 budget with the funding to come from reserves for the costs of a CT Scanner at AM&GH.**

Councillor D. Kelly requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION

YEAS: Siemon, MacLellan, Rintoul, Vincent = 4

NAYS: Grace, Demaray, Oke, Kelly, Dowson, Johnston,  
Fergusson, Seili, Bezaire, Roberston, Dykstra,  
Dietrich, Collyer, Shewfelt, Scott = 15

ABSENT: Van Diepenbeek = 1

**AMENDED MOTION DEFEATED**

**Moved by B. Dowson**

**Seconded by J. Grace**

**That Huron County contribute \$100,000 per annum for five years towards the costs of a CT Scanner for Alexandra Marine and General Hospital.**

Councillor D. Kelly requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Oke, Fergusson, Rintoul, Johnston,  
Vincent, Dowson, Shewfelt, Grace = 8

NAYS: Demaray, Robertson, Kelly, Seili,  
Bezaire, Siemon, Dykstra, Scott  
Collyer, Dietrich, MacLellan = 11

ABSENT: Van Diepenbeek = 1

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**Moved by J. Bezaire**

**Seconded by B. Dykstra**

**That a letter be sent to Alexandra Marine and General Hospital advising them that Huron County Council has denied their request for financial support for their CT Scanner and wishes them well with their endeavour.**

**CARRIED**

## **7. Septic Reinspection**

At the February 20, Health Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting options were presented regarding possible septic reinspection programs. At the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting staff reported the County solicitors' comments and distributed the attached proposed budget. It was "Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt, Seconded by N. Rintoul, That the Septic Reinspection Program proceed in

2007 based on a Proposed Budget of \$58,224 with funding to come from an existing fund known as the Plumbing Approval Performance Bond Fund. Carried”.

**Moved by J. Seili**

**Seconded by B. Dykstra**

**That the 2007 Septic Reinspection Program Phase III budget of \$58, 224 be approved .**

**CARRIED**

## **8. Grant Requests**

- i. 4-H Leaders' Association
- ii. Colouring/Activity Book, Greg Gordon

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the existing County Policy “that no further requests for grants be accepted by the County” be supported and further that the correspondence be received and filed.**

**CARRIED**

## **9. 2007 Tax Rates and Ranges of Fairness**

D. Carey, Treasurer, presented the following for the information of committee and Council.

1. It is recommended that the transition ratios for 2007 tax purposes remain at the same level as 2006 and at the top of the ranges of fairness as follows:

Residential	1.0
Multi-residential	1.1
Commercial	1.1
Industrial	1.1
Pipelines	0.7
Farmlands	0.25
Managed Forests	0.25

2. It is further recommended that a by-law be enacted to set the County tax rates for 2007 as follows:

Residential	0.00624481
Multi-residential	0.00686929
Farmlands	0.00156120
Commercial	0.00686929
Industrial	0.00686929
Pipelines	0.00437136
Managed Forests	0.00156120

**Moved by K. Oke**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the recommendations be approved and the necessary by-law be passed.**

**CARRIED**

## 10. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) AMO – Member Communication – Alert
  - Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative Final List of Approved Grants Now Available
  - Ontario Budget 2007
  - HealthForce Ontario Recruitment Centre
  - Source Water Protection Symposium
- b) Minister Responsible for Seniors, received March 19, 2007 re: 2007 Senior of the Year Awards.
- c) Electricity Local Authority Services, Making the Most of Energy, received March 15, 2007 re: newsflash for electricity members.
- d) Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, Minutes of May 18, and June 15, 2006. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- e) Resolutions
  - Township of King re: Assistance for Municipal Infrastructure and to review certain programs.

**FOR INFORMATION**

## 11. Accounts

Accounts for March 2007 were reviewed.

Members of Council	\$14,749.36
Corporate	\$1,365,452.75

**Moved by B. Siemon**  
**Seconded by K. Oke**  
**That the accounts be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

## 13. Adjournment

**Moved by D. Kelly**  
**Seconded by B. Dykstra**  
**That the meeting adjourn at 11:24 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

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**Moved by K. Oke**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That committee move into a Special Session of County Council at 11:25 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair