



**County
of Huron**

Committee of the Whole



Minutes - May 15, 2007

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The COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE met in the Court House at 9:00 a.m. with all Councillors present except Councillor J. Grace.

1. Minutes

Moved by B. MacLellan

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 17, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor's Issues

Warden D. Shewfelt displayed a zippered vest supplied by Sales Creators that are going to be available to order for Councillors and all County staff. The vests will be offered for purchase, prices pending further research: Men's in Black with the coloured crest; and Women's in Light Blue or Red with the coloured crest. County Shirts will also be available to order.

Councillor M. Demaray questioned if there was any decision on Wroxeter Bridge rehabilitation project, regarding repairs and road closure. It was announced that the Highways Department is in favour of single phase rehabilitation which includes closing the road during the repairs. On October 5, 2006 Council adopted a policy to close roads, when possible, during road rehabilitations.

Councillor M. Demaray also wished clarification on the placement of defibrillators around the County particularly if Belmore and Howick Arenas are included on the list. The Warden noted that these two arenas were requested to be placed on the list.

The draft program for the AMO Conference, August 19 to 22, 2007 at the Ottawa Congress Centre and Westin Ottawa Hotel was distributed. Councillors are to contact the administration office if they wish to attend.

2. Waste Management - Delegation

Representatives of Leader Resources Corporation - Renewable Energy Development Company: Tom Thomson, Project Manager, and Heather Boa, Community Relations Officer; were in attendance to make the attached presentation on gasification technology (energy from waste) as requested by Council.

Leader Resources Corporation is owned by Leader Capital Corporation partnered with GEM Canada to develop waste into energy projects in Ontario. GEM Canada is the Canadian division of GEM U.K. the technology developer. The U. K. has had a pilot plan in operation for ten years. There are also pilot projects in Ohio and New York. A lengthy question and answer period ensued.

FOR INFORMATION

3. Town of Goderich - Delegation

Larry McCabe, Clerk Administrator, Town of Goderich made a presentation at the January 16, 2007 Committee of the Whole requesting County approval for the Town of Goderich to commission a study to determine the feasibility of the Town of Goderich having the authority to establish their own tax ratios. At that time there was a motion that the study be investigated and it

was tabled. Mr. McCabe and Carla Nell, Municipal Tax Equity Consultant, were in attendance to speak to the request and presented the attached dated May 15, 2007.

Moved by B. Dykstra

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That the January 16, 2007 Committee of the Whole tabled motion “for the study to be investigated with the intent to have the process in place for the February 2008 deadline” be called up for consideration.

CARRIED

Moved by B. MacLellan

Seconded by J. Bezaire

That the original motion include a friendly amendment “that there be an upset limit of \$28,000 to come from the Counties Reserve for Contingencies”.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Dowson

Seconded by J. Grace

That the study be investigated with the intent to have the process in place for the February 2008 deadline and further that there be an upset limit of \$28,000 to come from the Counties Reserve for Contingencies.

Warden D. Shewfelt requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Fergusson, Rintoul, Shewfelt, Dowson,
Bezaire, Oke, Demaray, Dietrich, Kelly,
Collyer, Dykstra, Vincent, MacLellan,
Van Diepenbeek, Robertson, Scott = 16

NAYS: Siemon, Johnston, Seili = 3

ABSENT: Grace = 1

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

4. Time-Off-in-Lieu

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

Moved by J. Bezaire

Seconded by J. Dietrich

That the report be received.

CARRIED

5. MTE Services Proposal - Delegation of Tax Ratio Setting Authority

At the April 17, Committee of the Whole, David Carey, Treasurer and Deputy CAO, submitted the attached report (Appendix B). The CAO and the Treasurer requested direction from the committee on how to proceed. County Councillors wished time to speak with their lower tier Treasurers and the report was deferred.

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

CARRIED

6. Huron County Fire Coordinator Request

Attached is correspondence from Paul Josling, Huron County Fire Coordinator, dated April 12, 2007. Mr. Josling is requesting consideration for the County of Huron to donate one of the Huron County cube van ambulances that is to be decommissioned as an ambulance in 2007 to the Huron County Mutual Aid Association for use as a tow vehicle for the Huron County Mutual Fire Aid Associations Fire Safety House.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The Treasurer informed the committee that to support this request would have a negative impact on the Fleet Reserve. When surplus vehicles go to auction the County receives approximately \$5,000 to \$20,000 salvage costs which is transferred directly back to the Emergency Management Services (EMS) Fleet. There was a general consensus that it was beneficial to support the firefighters with their educational endeavours.

Moved by J. Seili
Seconded by B. Siemon
That County of Huron donate a used decommissioned ambulance cube van to the Huron County Mutual Aid Association for use as a tow vehicle for the Huron County Mutual Fire Aid Associations Fire Safety House.

CARRIED

7. Warden's Economic Development Task Force

A meeting summary and reports are attached (Appendix C) from the April 27, 2007 meeting of the Task Force.

The Task Force recommends that subject to Rural Economic Development (RED) funding approval from the Province, that the structure and governance contained in the attached report (Appendix D) for the Huron Economic Development Matters project be approved.

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by J. Bezaire
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

The Task Force recommends that the resolution of the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus supporting the SWEA initiative as contained in the report (Appendix E) be approved.

Moved by B. Dowson

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That the recommendation be approved and endorsed to support the resolution of the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus.

CARRIED

8. Lease Renewal - Epilepsy, Huron-Perth-Bruce

The attached correspondence from Caroline Simons, Executive Director, Epilepsy, Huron-Perth-Bruce was received April 4, 2007. The Board of Directors is requesting a further one year lease with the County of Huron for the office at the Jacob Memorial Building.

The current agreement commenced July 1, 2004 with an extension option, renewed annually, exercisable upon sixty (60) days notice to the Landlord until December 31, 2008.

Moved by J. Fergusson

Seconded by M. Scott

That the correspondence be received and that Huron-Perth-Bruce Epilepsy lease be extended to June 30, 2008.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Bezaire requested that staff begin communications now with the Epilepsy Huron-Perth-Bruce office regarding future lease renewals.

9. West Nile Virus Surveillance Program

The Huron County Health Unit accepted tenders until May 14, 2007 for the mosquito identification and viral testing portion of the West Nile Virus Surveillance Program for 2007. The attached report dated May 15, 2007 was distributed for review.

It is recommended that Cosray Nucleic Acid Research Labs Inc. be awarded the 2007 contract to provide adult mosquito identification and viral testing services for the West Nile Virus Program in Huron County.

Moved by B. Siemon

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

10. Highways Department, County Engineer Reports

a) Wroxeter Sand/Salt Storage Building

At the May 9, 2007 Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee there was a review of the County Engineer's April information report. Item four of the Engineers' report sparked a debate on tarp-type (coverall) buildings vs. wood frame buildings with steel cladding. It was: "Moved by J. Grace, Seconded by B. Dykstra, That the report be received and further that the proposed

Wroxeter Sand/Salt storage building be deferred to the May 15, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting for information and debate. Carried." A discussion ensued.

Starting in 2005, the Highways Department reviewed the sand and salt storage needs at the four patrol yards. The focus narrowed down to the greatest need; that being the Wroxeter patrol yard. The existing storage facilities are in need of repairs that will cost approximately \$100,000 - \$140,000. Following the repairs, the facilities will still only accommodate approximately 50% of the storage needs for the Wroxeter patrol.

After considerable debate, the Highways Department is not in support of using funds to rehabilitate the old facility that can only offer insufficient capacities. The existing facilities have served the department for a reasonable lifespan and it's now time for a new replacement building.

The Highways Department planned and budgeted for a new building in 2006 but the project was deferred to 2007 due to lack of adequate funds to build the size of building they require. In 2007, the department continued to initiate preliminary investigations to determine the most suitable type, size and location for a new proposed sand/salt storage building to best suit their needs.

The Highways Department has a total of \$500,000 in the 2007 budget to fund the new building. They are currently preparing to contract the design/build of the new storage building at the Wroxeter patrol. The Planning, Agriculture, Public Works Committee and Council will be informed all of future proceedings with this project.

FOR INFORMATION

- b) Boundary Bridge Rehabilitation Projects, BB18 (on Hensall Road) and BB19 (on Rodgerville Road)

The Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee reviewed a report for two boundary bridge rehabilitation projects on Hensall Road and on Rodgerville Road at the May 9, 2007 committee meeting. It was recommended that the County accept the tender submitted by Weathertech Restoration Services for the two (2) Boundary Bridge Rehabilitation Projects (Contract No. BR880), for the tendered price of \$337,846 (excluding GST) based on estimated quantities not including Engineering, Supervision or Provisional Items.

The CAO advised the committee that there was a tabled motion from the March 7, 2007 Session of County Council regarding boundary bridge policy; resulting in this recommendation being tabled until the Boundary Bridge Policy is resolved. Staff were requested to prepare and bring forward additional information to the May 15, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting. A motion to raise from the table was required to speak to these projects.

Moved by J. Bezaire

Seconded by B. Dykstra

That the tabled motion for the Boundary Bridge Rehabilitation Projects BB18 (on Hensall Road) and BB19 (on Rodgerville Road) be called up for consideration.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Bezaire

Seconded by B. Dowson

That the motion to adopt a policy for the removal of all boundary bridges from the County Highway system be called up for consideration.

CARRIED

The CAO read the original motion that was presented with the Boundary Bridge Summary report of the February 14, 2007 Planning Agriculture and Public Works Committee meeting and subsequently tabled at the March 7, 2007 Session of County Council. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by J. Dietrich

That the County of Huron adopts a policy for the removal of all boundary bridges from the County highway system, pursuant to section 52(4) of the Municipal Act R.S.O. 2001 and further that prior to passage of a by-law removing a boundary bridge from the County highway system, one of the following conditions must be met: (1) The boundary bridge in question must have been remediated to County standards, or (2) The County and the municipalities under whose jurisdiction the bridge will fall will have entered into an agreement for a mutually agreeable one-time cash payment to be applied toward the remediation of the bridge.

Councillor D. Shewfelt requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Oke, Shewfelt, Dykstra, Dietrich,
Robertson, Johnston, Rintoul, Demaray,
Fergusson, Scott, Collyer, Bezaire,
Van Diepenbeek, Kelly, Vincent, Dowson = 16

NAYS: Seili, MacLellan, Siemon = 3

ABSENT: Grace = 1

CARRIED

Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by B. Siemon

That the County accept the tender submitted by Weathertech Restoration Services for the two (2) Boundary Bridge Rehabilitation Projects (Contract No. BR880), for the tendered price of \$337,846 (excluding GST) based on estimated quantities not including Engineering, Supervision or Provisional Items.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence Attached – For Information

a) AMO – Member Communication – Alert

- Federal Public Transit Capital Trust Funds
- Bill 198, Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario's Water Act
- AMO Report to Members on March 2007 Board Meeting
- Update on Highway Traffic Act Hours of Service Regulation
- Proposed Changes to the Waste Diversion Act

- b) Maitland Trail Association, 2007 Spring/Summer Newsletter. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- c) House of Commons, Inky Mark, M.P., Dauphin - Swan River - Marquette, Manitoba requesting support regarding Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- d) AMO, Request for Nominations, 2007 - 2008 AMO Board of Directors. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- e) 2006 Annual report and Financial Statements, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).
- f) OGRA Meets with Ministers to Discuss Key Municipal Issues.
- g) Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, Minutes of March 15, 2007. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- h) Association of Municipal Emergency Medical Services of Ontario (AMEMSO), Terri L. Burton, President, correspondence dated May 1, 2007 regarding direct access to Central Ambulance Communication Centre (CACC) data.

FOR INFORMATION

12. Accounts

Accounts for April 2007 were reviewed.

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| Members of Council | \$11,271.84 |
| Corporate | \$1,183,931.22 |

Moved by B. Dykstra
Seconded by N. Vincent
That the accounts be received.

CARRIED

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

14. Adjournment

Moved by J. Bezaire
Seconded by J. Dietrich
That the meeting adjourn at 11:32 a.m.

CARRIED

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Moved by K. Oke

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That the committee move into a Special Session of County Council at 11:33 a.m.

CARRIED

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Chair