



Committee of the Whole

Minutes - May 20, 2008

GODERICH, ONTARIO



Goderich, Ontario
May 20, 2008

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

1. Minutes

Moved by D. Kelly

Seconded by B. Siemon

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 15, and April 22, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Delegation, Rural Health Centre

Gwen Devereaux, Recruitment Development Leader, Dr. Claudio Munoz and Lin Steffler made a presentation with regard to the GATEWAY Rural Research Education Academic Teaching (GRREAT) Centre project. It was noted that this would be the 1st community-driven Rural Health Research Facility in Canada. The project team is requesting that the County of Huron make a financial commitment of \$500,000 in 2009.

Moved by B. Dykstra

Seconded by B. Siemon

That the presentation be received and the GATEWAY delegation be requested prior to the end of the year to update Council on their project progress; and further the request for \$500,000 proposed for the 2009 Budget be re-presented at that time.

CARRIED

3. Delegation, ACT High School CPR Program

Ms. Perpetua Quigley, Program Manager, The Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation of Canada, submitted the attached letter inviting Council to learn more about the ACT program. A representative of Goderich District Collegiate Institute, Victor Kloeze, President of Student Council and Dave Sykes, of Goderich Signal Star, spoke to Council regarding this High School CPR Program.

Moved by J. Dietrich

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Moved by N. Vincent

Seconded by B. Dowson

That letters of thanks be sent to our Provincial partners for donating 160 mannequins to the six schools and 18 teachers who have been trained to teach CPR to the students as part of their curriculum.

CARRIED

4. Sick Time - March 31, 2008

David Carey, Treasurer and Deputy CAO, presented the attached report (Appendix A) dated April 21, 2008 for the information of committee and Council.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the absenteeism statistics of the Homes for the Aged with Director, B. Springall, and the Human Resources Director, D. Michaud, answering questions of Council.

Moved by D. Shewfelt
Seconded by M. Scott
That the report be received.

CARRIED

Councillor D. Shewfelt left the chambers at 10:45 a.m.

5. Septic Re-inspection Program

Committee of the Whole reviewed the 2005 – 2007 County of Huron On-site Sewage System Reinspection Program at their December 18, 2007 meeting. Staff were instructed to bring forward a comprehensive report on Mandatory Septic Reinspection. Pam Scharfe, Public Health Manager, presented the report and its recommendations for the information of committee and Council.

It is recommended that:

- i. That the County of Huron implement a mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance program in the spring of 2008 managed by the Huron County Health Unit.
- ii. That the Huron County Health Unit carry out a mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance program in 2008 in those communities with on-site sewage systems located within 100 metres of a municipal well, or 200 metres of a surface water intake as identified by the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee.
- iii. That the County of Huron pass a “cost recovery” by-law to cover the cost of a mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance program.
- iv. That the County of Huron approve a 2008 mandatory on-site sewage maintenance program budget of \$163,000.
- v. That the Huron County Health Unit not inspect properties that were inspected during the 2005-2007 voluntary program until the second five year cycle (2013-2017) unless requested by the property owner.
- vi. That the Huron County Health Unit not carry out the mandatory program in the first five year cycle (2008-2012) for communities that have been identified as having the potential to be hooked-up to a municipal sewer system.
- vii. That the Health Unit on behalf of County Council prepare a position paper to submit to the provincial government on the need for an on-site sewage system loan program similar to the provincial tile drain program administered by municipalities with the loan funds provided by the Ministry of Environment.

Moved by B. Siemon
Seconded by B. Van Diepenbeek
That the recommendations be approved.

Councillor D. Johnston requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Dowson, Siemon, Rintoul, Fergusson
Van Diepenbeek, Johnston = 6

NAYS: Robertson, Scott, Dykstra, Collyer,
Seili, Vincent, Oke, Dietrich, Bezaire,
Demaray, MacLellan, Kelly = 12

ABSENT: Shewfelt, Grace = 2

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by J. Seili
That recommendations No. i, ii, iii, iv, v and vii be approved.

Warden J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Robertson, Dietrich, Collyer, Johnston,
Rintoul, Van Diepenbeek, Kelly, Fergusson,
Bezaire, Oke, Dykstra, Siemon, Demaray
Dowson, Scott, Seili, Vincent, MacLellan = 18

NAYS: = 0

ABSENT: Grace, Shewfelt = 2

CARRIED

6. Time-Off-in-Lieu

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

Moved by K. Oke
Seconded by M. Scott
That the report be received.

CARRIED

7. Human Resources Policies

At the April 2, 2008 Session of County Council a notice of motion was submitted by Councillor D. Shewfelt, "That County Administration develop a Procedural Policy on dealing with personnel matters as it pertains to managers as well as non-union employees." This item was deferred from the April 15, 2008 Committee of the Whole.

The existing Human Resources policies serve as a compilation of rules and procedures to address personnel matters as it pertains to managers as well as non-union employees. As "personnel matters" encompass a large field of issues or events, each issue or event with potentially specific and/or distinct circumstances, there can be no 'one' HR policy covering 'all things.' In all cases, the County of Huron and the Human Resources Department refer to existing County policy, and whether the issue or event is addressed by County policy, always to the *Employment Standards Act* and any other relevant legislation.

Over the next few years, in collaboration with all County of Huron departments and with the approval of County Council, the Human Resources Department will strive to complete the intended list of policies, as outlined by the former Director of Human Resources. In the meantime, the County Administration and specifically the Human Resources Department will comply with existing County policy and all relevant legislation in dealing with any and all personnel matters in the County of Huron.

County Councillors received the current Human Resources policies in their orientation package for reference. Additional copies can be obtained from the Human Resources Department.

FOR INFORMATION

8. EMS Update

At the May 7, 2008 Session of County Council, Councillor M. Demarary requested information regarding an EMS vehicle requiring a tow truck in Brussels. David Lew, Manager, Emergency Medical Services, submitted the attached report dated May 14, 2008 for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by D. Johnston
Seconded by M. Scott
That the report be received.

CARRIED

Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by G. Robertson
That B. Springall and D. Lew bring back a report regarding the feasibility of EMS Vehicles continuing their arrangement with parking at the Homes and consider discontinuing the rent payment for the Brussels Fire Department with Huron East.

CARRIED

9. Museum Roof

At the May 15, 2008 Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting there was a lengthy discussion regarding roof leakage on a section of the north wall of the former Central School on both the first and second floors resulting in artifacts having to be removed or covered with plastic. It was:

"Moved by N. Vincent, Seconded by J. Seili, That the Huron County Museum roof repair work be designated a high priority in 2008 and that the Facilities Manager be directed to effect this work as soon as possible. Carried". The resolution was to be fast tracked to the May 20th Committee of the Whole for the Facilities Manager to update Council.

Moved by G. Robertson

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the Huron County Museum roof repair work be designated a high priority in 2008 and that the Facilities Manager be directed to effect this work as soon as possible.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) AMO – Member Communication – Alert
 - AMO Reports to Members on March 2008 Board Meeting includes AMO response to the Ontario Building Code Consultations: Mandatory Fire Sprinklers and Septic System Inspections.
 - Request for Expressions of Interest, Blue Box Recycling Training Implementation
- b) Request for nominations, 2008 – 2009 AMO Board of Directors. Qualified Nominees must obtain a Council resolution of support which also specifies the Caucus for which the individual is nominated. A completed Nomination Form and supporting material must be received no later than 4 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2008.
- c) Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) correspondence received April 4, 2008 re: County of Huron has not been selected for funding at this time.

Moved by J. Seili

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the County send a letter to our local MPP regarding the Province setting the rules for the MIII application process and request the reasons why the County and some lower-tier municipalities within Huron County did not receive approval for their projects even though all the criteria was met and why other lower-tier municipalities in Huron County received significant funding even though the projects did not meet the criteria.

CARRIED

- d) Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, Minutes of March 20, 2008. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- e) Ministry of Finance, Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance correspondence received April 10, 2008 re: Bill 35, the proposed Investing in Ontario Act, 2008.
- f) Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association, re: 29th Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony. Nominations to be received no later than May 23, 2008.
- g) Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Members Advisory: Largest ever survey on municipal issues shows Canadians want federal support for cities and communities.

- h) Huron County Clerks and Treasurers, Lori Rounds, Chairperson, re: resolution from the ODA Working Group – Accessibility Standards.
- i) Ministry of the Environment, Notice received April 21, 2008 re: change in jurisdictional boundaries.
- j) Canadian Nuclear Association, Murray Elston, President & CEO, re: 2008 edition of “World Energy: The Past and Possible Future”. (*Available in Clerks office on request.*)
- k) Stewardship Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario, April 24, 2008 Announcement re: appointment of Andy Campbell as the Managing Director of the Blue Box Continuous Improvement Fund.
- l) ROMA Board, Update from meeting held April 2008.
- m) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) 2007 Annual Report and Financial Statements. (*Available in Clerks office on request.*)
- n) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Dan Hefkey, Chief, received May 8, 2008 re: mandatory emergency management program.
- o) Ontario Power Generation, received May 7, 2008 re: semi-annual Performance Report.
- p) Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors Association, commemorative album illustrating the rich history of members of the association. (*Available in Clerks office on request.*)
- q) Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, NEWS: Ontario supports southwest economic development.
- r) Resolutions
 - City of Ottawa re: request that the Province of Ontario pay a proportional share of MPAC cost related to education property taxes.
 - Township of Tay Valley re: Provincial Funding, Evaluation & Approval Process.
 - City of Kingston re: request to give approval for the Zenn (Zero Emissions No Noise) car and other electric automobiles to be used on Ontario roads.
 - Township of Tiny: request for support of the resolution of Garfield Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North, 400th anniversary of the coming of the French explorer, founder and father of Canada, Samuel de Champlain to Ontario.

FOR INFORMATION

11. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for April 2008 were reviewed.

Members of Council	\$5,447.35
Corporate	\$1,372,498.83

Financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2008 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Council			116,849	137,899	116,849	137,899
General Gov't	10,209,709	11,488,728	2,000,609	3,118,629	(8,209,100)	(8,370,099)

Moved by B. MacLellan

Seconded by N. Rintoul

That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

Moved by J. Fergusson

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the meeting adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair