



Committee of the Whole

Minutes - October 14, 2008

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 Councillors J. Grace and J. Seili.

1. Minutes

Moved by B. Dowson

Seconded by B. Siemon

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 16, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

The CAO introduced the new Director of the Huron County Health Unit. Mr. Omid Pour-ahmadi, MPH, RPC will begin his position on November 3, 2008.

Mr. Pour-ahmadi currently holds a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He has focused most of his work, for more than 10 years, on family health, children and adult mental health and child welfare through research, health promotion, health education, and public health policy. His most recent contribution has been related to the development of a new children's mental health model and assessment scale called MTOT (Multidisciplinary Team Oriented Therapy) and PCBMS (Parent-Child Behavioural Management Scales). This program has been implemented for more than 2 years at the children's aid society with very promising and positive results. Through this program, which uses the Systems of Care approach, many families have been able to regain their function, develop a healthy relationship, and meet the needs of their families to build a healthy family unit. Council welcomed Mr. Pour-ahmadi.

2. Economic Development

Mike Pullen, Senior Economic Development Officer and Kerri Herrfort, Community Revitalization Coordinator, provided the attached PowerPoint update on marketing and economic development initiatives and answered questions of the committee.

Larry C. Adams, CAO, and Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development, and Mike Pullen, Senior Economic Development Officer, distributed the attached report for the information of committee and Council.

It is recommended that staff be authorized to make application to the Communities in Transition program of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT).

Moved by B. MacLellan

Seconded by D. Shewfelt

That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

A newsletter entitled, "Community Revitalization in Huron County, October 2008 Update" was distributed to members.

Moved by D. Kelly

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That the report be received.

CARRIED

3. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

Chuck Egner, Municipal Relations Representative, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) was in attendance to report on the new Property Assessment Notices for the information of committee and Council (presentation attached).

Moved by G. Robertson
Seconded by D. Kelly
That the report be received.

CARRIED

4. Shakespeare to the Shoreline - Marketing Program

Cindy Fisher, Senior Planner, and Laurel Armstrong, Coordinator for this marketing partnership, presented the attached PowerPoint Shakespeare to the Shoreline marketing initiative, including current programs, success indicators and future plans. Council was also introduced to Bob Marshall, Tourism Goderich, and Kelly Lynn Baird, Town of St. Mary's Tourism representing the Perth partnership.

Moved by B. Siemon
Seconded by B. Van Diepenbeek
That the report be received.

CARRIED

5. Wind Generator Feasibility Study

A mid-study progress report was presented by Gordon Reusing, Conestoga Rovers and Associates. The study includes an energy audit of Huronview, Health & Library Complex and Jacob Memorial Building, conservation strategy for energy management, a meteorological test tower (for wind analysis), environmental scan, and feasibility of a wind generator. This project received 50% funding from the Federation of Municipalities Green Municipal Fund. The study is guided by a County steering committee.

Moved by B. Dowson
Seconded by J. Dietrich
That the report be received.

CARRIED

6. Accessibility Advisory Committee - Facility Audits Report

At the August 22, 2008 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting Jennifer Cowan presented the following reports.

- a) Facility Audits (Appendix A)

Facility Audits were conducted on five county facilities; the Court House, the Health Unit, the Huron County Museum, the Jacob Memorial Building, and the Land Registry Office. Based on these audits Jennifer Cowan and Sandy McLean submitted the recommendations within the report. It was "Moved by R. de Weerd, Seconded by L. Harper, That the recommendations included in the Facility Audits report be approved and forwarded to Committee of the Whole for endorsement. Carried".

It is recommended that the Facility Audits report and its recommendations of August 22, 2008 be endorsed.

Moved by D. Johnston
Seconded by D. Kelly
That the recommendations be approved.

CARRIED

b) Accessibility Advisory Committee - Human Resources Policy No. 1.23

Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resources, and Jennifer Cowan, Accessibility Advisory Committee Coordinator, submitted the attached report (Appendix B) for the information of committee and Council. At the August 22, 2008 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting Jennifer Cowan presented the report. It was "Moved by B. Fisher, Seconded by L. Harper, That the policies be approved and forwarded to Committee of the Whole for endorsement. Carried".

It is recommended that the Human Resources Policy No. 1.23, Section 1, Employment Policies, "Accessibility Standards for Customer Service and Use of Assistive Devices" be endorsed.

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by B. Dykstra
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

7. Treasury Policies and Procedures

David Carey, Treasurer, submitted the Treasury Policies and Procedures (distributed under separate cover) and its report dated September 23, 2008, for the information of committee and Council. It is recommended that Treasury Policies and Procedures be approved effective January 1, 2009.

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by B. MacLellan
That the Treasury Policies and Procedures be deferred to the next meeting to allow Council further time to review.

CARRIED

8. Coyote/Wolf Predation Compensation Claims

Barbara A. Leamen, County Clerk, submitted the attached report (Appendix C) for the information of committee and Council.

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

CARRIED

9. Good Food Box Program

David Carey, Treasury, submitted the attached report (Appendix D) dated September 28, 2008 as requested at the October 1, 2008 Session of County Council for the information of committee and Council. This report was also reviewed at the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee and the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meetings this month.

Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by J. Fergusson
That the report be received.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) AMO – Member Communication – Alert
 - Application Site for Intake One of Building Canada Fund Communities Component Now Open.
 - AMO Seeking Comment on it Immigration Paper: “Putting Out the Welcome Mat: Why Immigration Matters to Ontario’s Municipalities”. Comments are to be forwarded by November 7, 2008. (*Package available in the Clerk’s office upon request.*)
- b) Ministry of Natural Resources, Cameron Mack, Director, Fish and Wildlife Branch, re: regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act dealing with Sunday hunting. Municipalities wishing to have hunting on Sunday are asked to forward a certified true copy of a resolution no later than January 1st or June 1st respectively.
- c) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Chuck Egner Municipal Relations Representative, re: updated assessed value of property based on January 1, 2008 valuation effective for the 2009-2012 tax years. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
- d) AMO, Peter Hume, AMO President, re: 2007 Annual Report. (*Report available in Clerks office on request.*)
- e) Lower Maitland Stewardship Group re: outing for landowners along the Lower Maitland River, held in partnership with the Friends of Ball’s Bridge, official re-opening, Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 10 a.m.
- f) Resolutions
 - Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley re: requests that the Minister of Finance amend the Assessment Act to exempt municipally owned property that is located in neighbouring municipalities from all municipal and education taxes.
 - City of Orillia re: use of coal generation in Ontario.
 - Municipality of Tweed re: request to Provincial and Federal governments to reduce taxes on petroleum products, including the Provincial road taxes and the Federal Excise Tax.

FOR INFORMATION

11. Court House Roof Replacement

Sandy McLean, Facilities Manager, distributed the attached report dated October 14, 2008 for the information of committee and Council.

It is recommended that the County of Huron accept the base bid submitted by Smith-Peat Roofing and Sheet Metal Ltd., for the total price of \$299,069 + GST for the replacement of the County Court House roof.

Moved by B. MacLellan

Seconded by B. Siemon

That the recommendation be approved and forwarded to a Special Session of County Council immediately following for early endorsement.

CARRIED

12. 2009 Proposed Committee Structure

At the September 16, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting Council made a motion that County Council meet on the first Wednesday and two (2) Committee of the Wholes on a trial basis effective the 2009 term of Council. The CAO was directed to bring back a report on the optimum methodology to move forward. The attached draft 2009 Committee Schedule was distributed for discussion. The CAO reported that the Senior Management Team (SMT) reviewed the draft and revisions were also made in consultation with the Warden. Councillors were encouraged to contact the CAO with any concerns or revision suggestions. This item will be on the November agenda for discussion along with the draft Standing Rules and Regulations for Councils review.

There was a brief discussion regarding appointment of committee Chair's. The CAO suggested that whoever is appointed to the Board of Health and Library Board could continue to chair the Day 1 or Day 2 Committee of the Whole respectively. If a Councillor is appointed Chair they would not be required to be appointed to the other committee's that the County is required to have a Councillor appointment on. Councillor B. Dowson requested that a Vice Chair also be appointed at that time to cover any absence. Chairs would also be required to present the reports at the Sessions of County Council, as they do now.

The CAO recommended to Council that SMT not be required to attend the morning session of Day 1 or Day 2 of the meeting if they are not scheduled to report. All SMT will be required to attend at noon; thus allowing for the opportunity for Councillors to have any questions answered that may have arisen.

There was a brief discussion on revising the committee start time to 8:30 a.m. The Warden requested a show of hands supporting the suggestion. The majority of Council did not wish to change the start time.

Moved by B. Siemon

Seconded by

That the motion to move to two (2) Committee of the Wholes be repealed.

Motion Lost

FOR INFORMATION

"IN CAMERA"

Moved by T. Collyer

Seconded by J. Dietrich

That the committee proceed "In Camera" at 12:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and that Larry C. Adams remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Proposed Revisions to Administrative Operations

At the August 12, 2008 Committee of the Whole a motion was deferred that an Executive Assistant be retained for the Warden and CAO pending further financial input. A report was presented to Council "In-Camera" to discuss the personnel matter providing additional information.

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That the committee rise from "In Camera" at 12:57 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That an Executive Assistant be retained for the Warden and CAO.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Dykstra

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That the report from the CAO regarding the financial costs of adding an Executive Assistant to Administration be received; and further that the CAO be authorized to fill this position.

CARRIED

13. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for May 2008 were reviewed.

Members of Council	\$13,610.17
Corporate	\$1,212,323.33

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

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Council			275,275	339,430	275,275	339,430
General Gov't	31,729,051	30,636,609	8,870,493	8,236,337	(22,858,558)	(22,400,272)

Moved by J. Dietrich

Seconded by M. Demaray

That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

15. Adjournment

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by B. Dowson
That the meeting adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair