



Committee of the Whole

Minutes - September 16, 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 Councillor J. Grace.

1. Minutes

Moved by J. Fergusson

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 12, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor's Issues

Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek requested staff to investigate and report back on whether there is a limit for an individual on how many coyote pelts you can submit in a one year time frame.

Councillor B. MacLellan requested that staff bring back a report on the Planning and Development Department to include department activities, responsibilities, staff and their functions, and duties of the positions including hours used performing those roles. Councillor B. MacLellan also requested a status report on the Ethanol Plant.

Warden J. Bezaire informed the committee that he has requested that two (2) Strategic Planning days be incorporated into the 2009 Calendar for endorsement at the November meeting.

Councillor D. Kelly inquired about the Service Delivery Review. The CAO informed the committee that the Treasurer is currently working on it and a full report on the plan, strategy and timeline will be forthcoming in the fall.

2. "IN CAMERA"

Moved by B. Dykstra

Seconded by J. Dietrich

That the committee proceed "In Camera" at 9:13 a.m. to discuss personal and legal matters and that Greg Stewart, Larry C. Adams, and D. Michaud remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Kelly

Seconded by B. Dowson

That the committee rise from "In Camera" at 9:50 a.m.

CARRIED

Moved by N. Vincent

Seconded by D. Shewfelt

That staff be authorized to proceed as directed "In-Camera".

CARRIED

3. Presentation of Service Awards

The following staff were presented with their awards and congratulated by Warden J. Bezaire, Larry C. Adams, CAO, and D. Carey.

10 Years Service	Treasury	Nancy Rennick
30 Years Service	Administration	Barb Leamen

FOR INFORMATION

4. Homes for the Aged, Dr. Maarten Bokhout

Dr. Maarten Bokhout, the Medical Director at Huronlea, wishes to present the results of his research study, "Falls in Long Term Care" for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by B. Dowson

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That Dr. Bokhout be invited to a future meeting to present his report.

CARRIED

**5. Delegation, Marissa Scott

Marissa Scott, a thirteen year old resident of Seaforth in the Municipality of Huron East, requested the opportunity to speak to Council on the topic of plastic shopping bags. Marissa shared the attached speech with the committee that she prepared for school and presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "The Plastic Plague". Each Councillor was presented with a reuseable shopping bag that Marissa purchased with her babysitting money. To-date she has given away almost 400 bags. Councillors were requested to be an example to their communities by using the bags. Ms. Scott is requesting that the County of Huron consider either posing a tax on plastic shopping bags or ban them completely.

Moved by J. Seili

Seconded by D. Kelly

That staff be instructed to bring back a strategy report on how to proceed with banning the usage of plastic shopping bags in Huron County.

Councillor D. Johnston requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Bezaire, Vincent, MacLellan, Shewfelt, Collyer, Scott, Dowson, Fergusson, Demaray, Kelly, Dykstra, Van Diepenbeek, Dietrich, Seili, Johnston, Robertson, Rintoul, Oke, Siemon = 19

NAYS: = 0

ABSENT: Grace = 1

CARRIED

Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by B. Siemon

That a letter of appreciation be sent to Marissa Scott regarding her environmental efforts and presentation today.

CARRIED

6. Delegation, Transportation Task Force

Rebecca Rathwell and Rosemary Rognvaldson of the Huron Transportation Task Force made a brief PowerPoint presentation (attached) and distributed a copy of the 2008 Huron Transportation Task Force Report that is an inventory of transportation services and agencies providing transportation in Huron County.

The task force requested that the committee accept the report and appoint a County Councillor to their task force.

Moved by B. Dowson

Seconded by B. Dykstra

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by B. Siemon

That the appointment of a County Councillor to the Huron Transportation Task Force be referred to the Striking Committee of the Inaugural Session of County Council for the 2009 term.

CARRIED

7. Delegation – Community Notification Service (PRISM-911)

The Protection Response Interactive Services Management (PRISM) 911 system is based on GIS mapping that utilizes 911 addresses and phone numbers to warn of impending danger, lost children, boil water advisories etc. PRISM 911 is an automated system that takes the guess work out of contacting affected individuals. It is a comprehensive system that can be utilized by all emergency agencies for notification of personnel and/or citizens in times of disasters and/or emergencies.

Mr. Ed Wood, representative from the Municipality of Quinte West, conducted a presentation from Trenton Ontario, via "*internet meetings*" to discuss the integration of this system with our emergency agencies. Local representatives have had similar presentations and were invited to attend to review and answer questions that Council may bring forward regarding their particular expertise and how this system would be of benefit.

It is recommended that the County of Huron purchase PRISM 911 for use by emergency agencies in Huron County.

Moved by B. MacLellan

Seconded by K. Oke

That the presentation be received and forwarded to the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee for further review.

CARRIED

8. Warden's Task Force 2008 & Beyond

The Warden's Task Force 2008 and Beyond met on July 30, 2008. The Chief Administrative Officer, Larry C. Adams, submitted the attached report (Appendix A) for the information of committee and Council.

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

CARRIED

9. County Council Restructuring

The Warden's Working Group on Council Restructuring met on July 30, 2008. The Chief Administrative Officer, Larry C. Adams, presented the attached report (Appendix B) for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by J. Fergusson
Seconded by D. Johnston
That Mr. Paul Mennill be allowed as a delegation to speak to the issue of County Council Restructuring.

CARRIED

Mr. Mennill addressed the committee and informed them that he speaks on behalf of the Board of the Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association (BSRA). Mr. Mennill presented the attached submission which lists their concerns with a change in the structure of County Council that would reduce their opportunity for effective representation. The BSRA is opposed to a reduction in the number of County Councillors.

The CAO presented each question posed to the task force and the consensus of the Warden's Working Group. A lengthy discussion ensued resulting in the following motions.

Moved by D. Johnston
Seconded by B. MacLellan
That Huron County remain as a two (2) tier system.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Siemon
Seconded by D. Shewfelt
That the issue of size of Council be referred back to the Warden's Working Group on County Restructuring for further review of various scenarios.

CARRIED

Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by J. Dietrich
That the duration of the Warden's tenure remain as is, one (1) year.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Seili

Seconded by D. Shewfelt

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; and further that the CAO bring back a report on the optimum methodology to move forward.

CARRIED

Moved by B. MacLellan

Seconded by J. Fergusson

That Councillors go paperless with the use of laptop computers effective with the next term (December 2010).

CARRIED

10. Blue Water Rest Home

At the August 12, Committee of the Whole meeting David Carey, Treasurer and Deputy CAO, presented a report dated July 8, 2008 as requested at the June 17, 2008 Committee of the Whole. Staff did not make a recommendation with respect to the Blue Water Rest Home ("BWRH") request for a \$1.264 million grant. The report was provided to assist the committee in their decision making process. It was then: "Moved by D. Johnston, Seconded by B. MacLellan; That the report be received and the decision deferred until after September 15, 2008 to allow further information following the meeting of the Municipality of Bluewater. Carried". The report was distributed under separate cover. (The full report and its attachments are available in the Clerk's office upon request.)

Councillor B. Dowson informed the committee that Bluewater Council has deferred decision to their 2009 budget.

Moved by B. Siemon

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the request for funding from the Blue Water Rest Home be deferred to the 2009 Budget deliberations; and further that clarification on any future County obligations should Blue Water Rest Home default in future be reported on.

CARRIED

Warden J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE

YEAS: Scott, Kelly, Siemon, Rintoul, Robertson,
Demaray, Dietrich, Dykstra, Vincent, Oke = 10

NAYS: Johnston, Dowson, Collyer, Van Diepenbeek,
MacLellan, Seili, Bezaire, Fergusson, Shewfelt = 9

ABSENT: Grace = 1

CARRIED

11. Time-Off-in-Lieu

David Carey, Treasurer, submitted the attached report (Appendix C) detailing the total dollar amount by department accrued for non-union staff with comparisons to previous quarters, for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by M. Scott
That the report be received.**

CARRIED

12. 911 Cellphone Issue

David Carey, Treasurer, submitted the attached report (Appendix D) dated August 29, 2008 for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by M. Demaray
Seconded by N. Rintoul
That the report be received.**

CARRIED

13. Mandatory Septic Maintenance Program Planning - Request for Approval to Hire a Temporary On-site Sewage System Inspector

At the September 9, 2008 Board of Health meeting Pam Scharfe, Public Health Manager, presented the attached report dated August 28, 2008 for the information of committee and Council.

It was recommended that the Health Unit hire a temporary, On-site Sewage System Inspector for a three month period (October to December 31, 2008), funded by the County Plumbing Performance Bond Account to assist with the necessary planning to implement a mandatory county-wide on-site sewage system maintenance program. It was then "Moved by D. Johnston, Seconded by M. Scott, That the recommendation be approved and that the Board of Health forward this recommendation to Committee of the Whole for endorsement. Carried". It was noted that the position is to prepare the program only; the program will be in the 2009 budget discussions.

**Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek
Seconded by B. Siemon
That the recommendation of the Board of Health to hire a temporary, On-site Sewage System Inspector for a three month period (October to December 31, 2008), funded by the County Plumbing Performance Bond Account to assist with the necessary planning to implement a mandatory county-wide on-site sewage system maintenance program be endorsed; and further that this item be forwarded to a Special Session of Council immediately following the meeting for early endorsement.**

CARRIED

14. Assessment Office

At the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee September 10, 2008 the Treasurer was requested to bring a report regarding total Architectural fees for the Assessment Office renovations. D. Carey, Treasurer, submitted the attached report entitled, "Architects' Fees for Assessment Office" dated September 12, 2008.

Moved by J. Seili

Seconded by J. Fergusson

That the report be received; and further that the treasurer be instructed to prepare a report to include a complete cost summary for the last five (5) years of expenditures on the Assessment Office building, as well as revenue received.

CARRIED

15. South West Economic Alliance (SWEA) Membership Fees

Larry C. Adams, CAO, presented the attached report dated September 12, 2008 for the information of committee and Council.

It is recommended that that the request from SWEA for payment of a \$5,000 membership fee be deferred to the 2009 budget deliberation.

Moved by D. Johnston

Seconded by J. Dietrich

That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

16. Correspondence Attached – For Information

a) AMO – Member Communication – Alert

- Municipal Input Requested On Areas of Amendment to Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.
- Canada and Ontario Sign Major Infrastructure Agreement.
- Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Phases 2 and 3 Program Plans Requested.
- Climate Change and Engineering Symposium.
- Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Program, Part 2.
- Important Infrastructure Funding Announcements at 2008 AMO Conference.

b) Ontario Good Roads Association

- Heads Up Alert, July 25, 2008: Canada and Ontario Sign Infrastructure Agreement.
- News Release, August 25, 2008 re: McGuinty Government Invest an Additional \$1.1 Billion in Municipal Infrastructure.

c) Drinking Water Source Protection, Grey Sauble Conservation, new contact details effective July 3, 2008 and website www.waterprotection.ca .

d) Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario, Communication No. 08/002, July 30, 2008 re: OMERS 2009 Contribution Rates Announced, No Rate Increase for 2009.

e) LAS Communication No. 08-004 re: New Energy Management Resources Available.

f) Conservation Review Board, Peter A.P. Zakarow, Chair, regarding contact information.

g) News Release, Office of the Premier re: Creating Jobs, Building Ontario.

- h) Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, Lori Theoret, correspondence acknowledging receipt of Warden Bezaires' letter asking for clarification on the MIII eligibility criteria, arrived at the ministry.
- i) Resolutions
 - Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey re: request to protect Canada's water resources from export discussions; and to protect Canada's fresh water lakes and rivers from being used as toxic dumps for the mining and oil refinery industries.
 - Town of Halton re: request for public inquiry into challenges facing municipalities from implementation of Places to Grow Act and Bill 51 amendments to the Planning Act.
 - Town of Milton re: endorses Region of Halton's resolution requesting the Minister of the Environment consider placing a deposit/return system on aluminium and plastic drink containers.
 - City of Owen Sound
 - Requests that the Government of Ontario provide a full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services to Ontario municipalities similar to the GST exemption.
 - Requests that the Government of Ontario provide a full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services for Ontario police similar to the GST exemption.

Moved by J. Seili

Seconded by N. Vincent

That the resolutions from the City of Owen Sound requesting full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services to Ontario municipalities and for Ontario police be endorsed.

CARRIED

- Township of North Stormont re: requesting the Board of Directors of MPAC to improve their operations.
- Town of Innisfil re: requesting AMO as an intervener at the Ontario Energy Board requests that the streetlight distribution charge be reviewed/reduced.

FOR INFORMATION

17. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for July and August 2008 were reviewed.

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Members of Council	\$4,956.04	\$3,444.96
Corporate	\$2,063,190.49	\$1,072,056.35

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

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Council	263,750	321,764	263,750	321,764	263,750	321,764
General Gov't	24,411,722	26,807,034	4,539,277	7,206,797	(19,872,445)	(19,600,237)

Moved by B. Dowson
Seconded by B. Dykstra
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

18. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

19. Adjournment

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by G. Robertson
That the meeting adjourn at 2:26 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair

Huron County Council
October 1, 2008

Clause #5. Delegation, Marissa Scott

Moved by Councillor N. Rintoul

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That Council provide up to \$100 to replenish the reusable bags distributed to Council for assistance in Ms. Scott's campaign.

Carried