



Day One:
Committee of the Whole
Highways, Facilities, Planning & Corporate

Minutes - September 9, 2009

GODERICH, ONTARIO



DAY 1 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Goderich, Ontario
September 9th, 2009

The Day 1 Committee of the Whole met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the Wednesday September 9th, 2009. In Chair Fergusson's absence Warden Oke called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

All members of Council were present except for Councillor Fergusson. Councillor Dietrich arrived at 9:25 a.m., Councillor Bezaire arrived at 9:27 a.m., and Councillor J. Seili arrived at 11:23 a.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest and the General Nature Thereof:
There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

Councillor's Issues:

Councillor B. Dykstra requested a representative from County Council to bring greetings at the Open House of the REACH centre in Clinton on Saturday September 12th, at 10:00 a.m. Warden Oke assured Councillor Dykstra a representative from County Council would be in attendance. Warden Oke had a prior commitment out of the Huron County for that day.

4. Report from the Regional Information Co-ordinator OMAFRA:

Jane Muegee, Regional Information Co-ordinator, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture highlighted some of the information in the package she handed out to members of the COTW.

Jane Muegee advised the International Plowing Match is going to be held for the first time in northern Ontario.

Warden Oke requested that tourism brochures from Huron County be included in more tourist destinations throughout Huron County. He advised of dining in a restaurant in Wingham and the brochure rack did not have any Huron County brochures.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The verbal report of the Regional Information Co-ordinator, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs be received.

CARRIED

5. Public Works Department:

5.1 Administrative Update

Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works and Mike Alcock, Civil Engineering Technologist presented the following reports for the information of Committee.

Director Laurie reminded members of Council of the road trip October 6th at 8:45 a.m. The bus will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. sharp. There is a full day of sights for members to see and there will be a stop for lunch.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor T. Collyer:

THAT:

The Report entitled Information Report be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

The Report entitled 2 Tandem Plow Trucks & Centre-Line Painter Truck be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councilor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent:

THAT:

The recommendation from Walter Johnston, Fleet Manager that the County proceed with a tendering process for the replacement of two tandem snow plow trucks and one centre-line painter truck in September 2009; be approved.

CARRIED

5.2 “Walk in Report” - Selection of a Consultant for the Proposed 2010 Bridge and Culvert Repair Reports:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

The Report entitled Selection of a Consultant for the Proposed 2010 Bridge and Culvert Repairs be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor D. Johnston:

THAT:

The recommendation from Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works that the County accept the proposal submitted by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited for the preliminary design, detailed design, approvals, construction review and administration for the proposed 2010 bridge and culvert repair projects, in the amount of \$131,275.00 (excluding GST) based on the anticipated scope of work and that they be authorized to proceed on September 15th, 2009;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The fees be transferred from the Highways existing Reserve to cover this expenditure.

CARRIED

6. Planning and Development:

6.1 Consents:

The authority to grant or refuse to grant consents is delegated to the Committee of the Whole under By-law 5-2009. Decisions become effective upon a carried motion of the Committee of the Whole. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

a) B33/09 Lyle & Yvonne Youngblut, Kendra & Dan Prescott, Owners Pt Lot 32, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Hullett, East Ward, Central Huron:

The purpose and effect of this application is for the creation of a new lot under the surplus severance policies. The lands to be severed contain an existing residence and garage approximately 4.2 ac. (1.7 ha) in size. The lands to be retained contain an existing silo and barn approximately 80 ac. (32 ha). The Planning report is attached as Appendix C. The severance meets all the criteria with regards to Central Huron Official Plan, PPS, and the Huron County Official Plan; however correspondence has been received from neighbouring property owners Barbara and Chris Cowan & Cowan Crest Poultry Inc. therefore it is being brought before the Committee as a disputed consent for review and decision.

Craig Metzger reviewed the application for the members of the Committee. Kendra Prescott, one of the applicants and the proposed purchasers Barb and Chris Cowan were present.

Kendra Prescott answered questions from the Committee. There was some discussion regarding the demolition of the silo and the storage/driving shed. It was stated that this application is for a severance and the job of the members of the Committee is to decide if it is good planning and not to get involved in the negotiations with the purchasers of the retained portion and the applicant.

The property has been squared up to include four acres for the severed portion of the property. These four acres includes approximately 30 trees that if not included in the severed portion of the application would go with the farmland for the retained portion and may be destroyed.

Barb and Chris Cowan own the lands to the west of the subject property. They were available to answer questions from the Committee.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The application requesting separation and conveyance of a parcel of land as described be given Provisional Consent with conditions; as the severance conforms to Section 5.3.1.9. of the Official Plan and Section 51(24) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.

CARRIED

6.2 Delegated Consents:

The authority to grant undisputed consents is delegated to the Director of Planning and Development under By-law 5-2009. Appendix D lists the applications which received provisional consent approval since the last report. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

6.3 Official Plans and Amendments

a) County Official Plan Five Year Review:

As outlined in the attached report – Appendix E, the Official Plan review has included public comment cards and written submissions, public workshops, statutory meetings to determine the need for revisions to the Plan, statutory public open houses, agency circulation, and stakeholder meetings. The draft revised Official Plan (attached under separate cover) is now ready for the required public meeting and final consideration by Council.

Craig Metzger and Sandra Weber delivered a power point presentation on the Five Year Official Plan Review. Members of the Committee were given an opportunity to ask questions. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the severance of existing residences surplus to a farming operation as a result of the acquisition of an additional farm property. There was also some discussion regarding Minimum Distance Separation (MDS).

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Grace and Seconded by: Councillor B. Dykstra:

THAT:

The Report entitled Huron County Official Plan Five-Year Review be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor J. Bezaire:

THAT:

The COTW agree to include in the Huron County Official Plan Five-Year Review that the policy option on the required age of a surplus dwelling be changed from 25 years to 10 years;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The policy options for the MDS formula remain as printed.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

The statutory public meeting for the Huron County Official Plan Five-Year Review be scheduled for October 8, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Holmesville Hall;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The following two members of County Council be appointed to represent Council at the meeting;

Councillor J. Bezaire and Councillor B. MacLellan.

CARRIED

b) Morris-Turnberry Official Plan - Ontario Municipal Board Hearing:

The Morris-Turnberry Official Plan was modified and approved by County Council on November 5, 2008. The approval of the Highway Commercial policies and designation was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by Loblaw Properties Limited. The primary issue is whether a grocery store and the retail sale of food stuffs should be prohibited on Highway Commercial lands east of Wingham, as the policy had stated in the former Turnberry Secondary Plan. The Ontario Municipal Board has scheduled 2 weeks for the hearing beginning September 15, 2009. Greg Stewart will be representing the County at the hearing. This is for the Committee's information only.

6.4 Zoning By-laws:

Zoning By-laws and amendments are circulated to the County from local municipalities. These by-laws are reviewed for conformity with the County Official Plan and with the local Secondary/Official Plan. The By-laws are listed in the attached report as Appendix F.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor T. Collyer:

THAT:

The Report entitled Zoning By-laws be received;

AND FURTHER THAT:

No objections be lodged.

CARRIED

6.5 Community Economic Development

a) Tourism

Promotion of Huron County at Regional Conferences:

At the May 13, 2009, Committee of the Whole Day 1 meeting, a suggestion was received regarding the display of County promotional materials at regional conferences. The Planning and Development Department reviewed this request and Senior Economic Development Officer Mike Pullen reviewed the report.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

The Report entitled Promotion of Huron County at Regional Conferences be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The recommendation from Mike Pullen, Senior Economic Development Officer and Cindy Fisher, Senior Planner/Tourism Coordinator that the County consider purchasing banners and literature racks for promotions at municipal and political conferences/meetings to be determined within CAO/County budget; be approved.

CARRIED

6.6 Notices of Intent Under the Tree By-law

NOTE: Abbreviations are for municipalities, the Wards are named in the following table.

Bluewater (B)	Howick	North Huron (NH)	Ashfield-Colborne-
Central Huron (CH)	Huron East (HE)	South Huron (SH)	Wawanosh (A-C-W)
Goderich	Morris-Turnberry (MT)		

	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Dryad Services	Elizabeth Lee Knowles	100	Lot 21, Con. 4, MT, (Ward M) Morris
2	Miller Wood Products	Wim Klessen	20	Lot 16, Con. North East Boundary, SH, Ward 3 (Usborne)
3	Miller Wood Products	Les Falconer	25	Lots 44 & 45, Con. 2, HE, Tuckersmith Ward
4	G & D Forestry	Jerry Zwep	60	Lot 14, Con. 16, HE, Grey Ward
5	J.H. Keeso & Sons Ltd.	Ivan Dane	30	Lots 3 & 4, Con. 14, Howick

	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>
6	Bernie McGlynn Lumber	Rob & Sherri Haldenby	1	Lot 13, Con. 13, A-C-W, Wawanosh Ward
7	Bernie McGlynn Lumber	Bruce Raynard	5	Lot 13, Con. 14, A-C-W, Wawanosh Ward
8	Bernie McGlynn Lumber	Helm Welding Ltd.	2	Lot 13, Con. 13, A-C-W, Wawanosh Ward
9	Bernie McGlynn Lumber	Snobelen Farms Ltd.	2	Lot 13, Con. 14, A-C-W, Wawanosh Ward
10	Ontario Thinning Specialists	Ausable Bayfield C.A.	18	Lots 11 & N. Pt. 10, Con. SB, B, Hay Ward
11	Ontario Thinning Specialists	Ausable Bayfield C.A.	5	Lot 6, Con. 6, B, Hay Ward
12	Ontario Thinning Specialists	Ausable Bayfield C.A.	27	Lot 6, Con. 7, B, Hay Ward

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The Notices of Intent Under the Tree By-law Report be received.

CARRIED

6.7 County of Huron Forest Management Plan:

Erica Garfat, Forest Conservation Officer delivered a power point presentation on the County of Huron Forest Management Plan.

A 20 year draft Forest Management Plan has been prepared covering all thirteen County owned forests which includes 605 hectares (1,494 acres) of forested land. An Executive Summary of the Plan was reviewed by Erica Garfat, Forest Conservation Officer. The plan will serve as the governing document for all forest management activities. This document will provides guidance for the development of operating plans for each County forest property.

Forests provide a multitude of functions and benefits to agriculture, tourism, recreation, the environment, education, research, and the economy. The goal of the Plan is to manage County owned forest stands on a sustainable basis to ensure the forest ecosystems are kept in a diverse, vigorous, healthy condition, while maintaining or improving habitat, contributing to the aesthetic and recreational values of the property, providing social and economic benefits, and aiding in the enjoyment of the attributes of the forests now and in the future. Full copies of the document are available at the Planning and Development Department and on the Huron County Website.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

The Report entitled County of Huron Forest Management Plan be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor B. Dykstra:

THAT:

The draft Forest Management Plan be forwarded to the Terrestrial Team (Maitland Valley Conservation Authority) for review prior to County Council's consideration of approval.

CARRIED

6.8 Maple Syrup Production in County-owned Forests:

A Report from the Forest Conservation Officer is attached as Appendix I in response to Council's request.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The Report entitled Maple Syrup Production Potential in County Owned Forests be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor D. Johnston:

THAT:

The Recommendation from Erica Garfat, Forest Conservation Officer that staff be directed to conduct further research on the use of County-owned forests for maple syrup production with a report back to Council; be approved.

CARRIED

6.9 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update:

The County of Huron was placed under ministerial order (Emerald Ash Borer Infested Place Order) on July 9, 2009. Also in July the CFIA confirmed that EAB is present in Goderich. Final approval is in process from MTO for highway signage regarding EAB. This is for Committee's information.

6.10 Application for Funding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Municipal Grant Program:

Director of Planning and Development Scott Tousaw reviewed the report entitled Application for Funding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Municipal Grant Program.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The Report entitled Application for Funding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Municipal Grant Program be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Dykstra and Seconded by: B. Siemon:

THAT:

The recommendation from Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development that an application be submitted to the MTO for the development of a TDM Plan under the guidance of the Transportation Task Force.

CARRIED

7. Facilities:

Sandy McLean, Facilities Manager, presented his Report for the information of Committee.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

The Report entitled Information Report be received.

CARRIED

8. Administration Policies & Other Issues:

8.1 Request to purchase MTO Park – Municipality of Morris Turnberry Park

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

The Report entitled Request to purchase MTO Park – Municipality of Morris Turnberry be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:

THAT:

The offer by Mitch Skinner to purchase the MTO Park located in the Municipality of Morris Turnberry and owned by the County of Huron; be declined.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor Dykstra:

THAT:

Staff be directed to forward a letter from County Council to the Ministry of Natural Resources supporting the letter from Ron and Linda Stewart;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A copy of the letter of support be forwarded to MPP Carol Mitchell for her information.

CARRIED

10. Accounts and Financial Statement:

Accounts for July and August (only to August 27th) 2009 will be reviewed.

Highways	\$4,256,654.13
Fleet	53,188.36
Buildings	131,972.38
Planning	203,593.41

Financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2009 will be reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Highways	51,128	2,035,759	10,453,220	8,029,065	10,402,092	5,993,306
Fleet	944,325	1,209,880	1,144,605	1,048,259	200,280	(161,621)
Buildings	918,424	931,200	1,135,854	1,309,589	217,430	378,389
Planning	509,236	352,384	889,524	1,024,833	380,288	672,449

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor N. Rintoul:

THAT:

The accounts for July and up to August 27th, and financial statements for July 2009 be received.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Day 1 Committee of the Whole will be in Goderich on Wednesday October 14th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor B. Seili:

THAT:

Allow Councillor B. MacLellan to proceed with discussion.

CARRIED

Councillor B. MacLellan requested a letter for support from County Council as he goes to Ottawa with MP for Huron Bruce Ben Lobb on Tuesday for the implementation of a program for windmills for the farming community. Councillor MacLellan's company – Jamco Trailers is established to produce the windmills. The potential for this Huron County based company may be with full production about 100 people over the next five years. This is a five year project and the wages paid to the employees will be comparable to Volvo prior to its closing in June of 2009. The funding by the Federal Government is \$500 million and the product will be 100% built in Canada.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron agree to prepare a letter of support for Councillor MacLellan to deliver with his presentation regarding the funding for windmills for the farming community in Canada.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor M. Demaray:

THAT:

The meeting adjourn at 12:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair J. Fergusson