



**County
of Huron**

Cultural Services and Seniors Committee



Minutes - August 3, 2006

GODERICH, ONTARIO

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The CULTURAL SERVICES AND SENIORS COMMITTEE met in the Court House at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

LIBRARY BOARD

1. Minutes

Moved by C. McDonnell

Seconded by N. Fairles

That the minutes of the Library Board portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of June 8, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Delegation/Presentation

Representative Cultural Services students, noted below, from the Museum and Library highlighted the projects and significance of their work this summer. Attached is a leaflet explaining the purpose of the Community Access Program (CAP). The students were thanked for their contributions to the programs and recognized with applause.

Summer Reading Program

Natalie Vander Burgt
Amy McConnell

CAP Youth Workers
Internet Access Assistants

Jeff Brall, Rosalyn McFarlan

Museum Students

Mary Fincher, Kelly McGregor, Jeanette Welsh

FOR INFORMATION

Councillor / Board Member Issues

Board Member C. McDonnell presented the County Librarian with a "coloured infra red" picture of the Goderich Library as a thank you for her term as Board Member for the County of Huron.

The Chair, R. Rognvaldson, circulated an article from the Wingham Advance Times, which congratulates the opening of Howick Library and Arena Renovations. The Chair announced that the formal opening ceremonies will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 11 a.m. Some complaints had been received by the Chair regarding the lack of books in the new library and she expressed concern that patrons have been discouraged due to the lack of materials. She suggested that maybe each branch could loan 100 books to Howick on a temporary basis. She felt that it was especially important for children to see the books rather than depending on internet searches.

The Deputy County Librarian informed the committee that the intent of the Library headquarters was to have a change for the patrons and not simply return all the books from the Gorrie and Fordwich Branches. Some of the books from the old collections were musty. Currently, two boxes full of books are being sent each week so as not to overwhelm staff. Completing the transfers was targeted for the fall. It is possible to send 1,000 books next month if the committee wished to do so.

Warden R. Morley informed the committee that the Exeter Branch had a similar experience with their transition period and suggested that the new shelving contributes to a different visual perception and

the process is all part of the growing pains. Board Member Fairles commented that books are also out in the community with numerous children taking up to five books at a time.

3. Library

a) Reports for Information/Updating Purposes

Beth Ross, County Librarian, and Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian, presented the attached report (Appendix A) which includes statistics.

b) Book Expenditure Report

Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian presented the Book Expenditure and Outstanding Book Order Report for the period ending July 31, 2006 which showed total purchases to date of \$257,225 with outstanding orders totalling \$89,085, leaving the approximate amount in the uncommitted book budget of \$223,728.

c) Report of the Southern Ontario Library Services Trustee Council Representative

Board Member P. Elgie distributed a page from the 2005/2006 SOLS Annual Report for the committee's information.

Moved by D. Kelly

Seconded by R. Anderson

That the foregoing reports be received.

CARRIED

4. Ministry One-Time Funding

The County Librarian informed the committee that the consortium is still negotiating and as of July 31, 2006 final figures had not yet been received. The report is to provide information on funding activities to date and proposals for future investment in library activities supporting family literacy and lifelong learning. When all the figures have been finalized the report will be brought forward to committee.

FOR INFORMATION

5. Food for Fines Proposal

The County Librarian distributed the attached report dated August 2, 2006 along with a Food Banks pamphlet, for the information of committee and Council.

It is recommended that the Huron County Library have a "Food for Fines" initiative during Ontario Public Library Week, October 16-22, 2006.

A discussion ensued. Councillor B. Dowson questioned how the public would be informed. The County Librarian is expecting good publicity on the initiative with articles in the paper. Word of mouth will be a big part of it, along with Media Releases.

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

CARRIED

6. Library Accounts and Financial Statement

Accounts for June 2006 totalling \$125,350.80 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2006 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Library	\$129,250	\$211,050	\$1,144,396	\$1,110,358	\$1,015,146	\$899,308

Moved by D. Layton
Seconded by N. Fairles
That the accounts and financial statement be received.

CARRIED

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by B. MacLellan
That the Library Board portion of the meeting adjourn at 10:20 a.m. and be declared a half day meeting.

CARRIED

MUSEUM AND SENIORS

9. Minutes

Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by D. Kelly
That the minutes of the Museum and Seniors portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of June 8, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

10. Report of the Museum Curator

Pat Hamilton, Curator, presented the attached report (Appendix B) for the information of committee and Council. Statistics for June and July are also included. It was noted that the Ontario Museum Association Conference will be held October 18 – 20, 2006. Registration forms were distributed to the committee.

A discussion ensued on the McGee Military Collection. The committee was informed that Mr. McGee is hoping to find a location that would permanently exhibit his collection. He expressed concern that if his collection goes to auction, it could be lost from the County.

Warden R. Morley commented that the Facilities Needs Study should include the future needs of space for the Huron County Museum. Councillor D. Layton questioned if there would be any space available at Sky Harbour. The Curator informed the committee that not all of the Sky Harbour collection is displayed and that should a space be shared there would have to be a clear division between two collections.

There was a consensus that it would be important to keep the collection in tact. Staff will be having follow up meetings with Mr. McGee in the hopes that he will donate his collection to the County without the limitation of the request for a permanent venue. This would allow for the availability of the collection for years to come.

Moved by D. Layton
Seconded by Warden R. Morley
That the report be received.

CARRIED

11. Report of the Director of Cultural Services

Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, presented the attached report (Appendix C) for the information of committee and Council.

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

CARRIED

12. Lake Huron Learning Collaborative

Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, presented the attached report (Appendix D) seeking County support for the courses delivered by the University of Western Ontario in 2006-2007.

It is recommended that the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee request funding of up to \$8,000 from County Council to defray the costs to the Museum to support the Lake Huron Learning Collaborative in bringing University of Western Ontario courses to Goderich during the 2006-2007 term.

A lengthy discussion ensued. There was a general consensus that delivering University Courses in the County is important. B. Ross informed the committee that the thirty-six evenings booked do include anticipated snow days which may not all be used.

Concern was expressed over setting precedence and the possibility of other groups requesting monies. The CAO suggested that the group be charged the fees and then be given a grant in order to keep track of all incurred costs. B. Ross also suggested that the video projector and whiteboards requested be purchased and owned by the County.

**Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by B. Dowson**

That the recommendation be approved and the request be forwarded to Committee of the Whole for approval.

DEFEATED

**Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by B. Dowson**

That the recommendation be deferred to the August 8, 2006 Committee of the Whole for discussion with additional input and clarification from Treasurer D. Carey to be provided.

CARRIED

**Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by D. Kelly**

That a letter be forwarded to the Town of Goderich requesting assistance in funding this project.

CARRIED

13. Howick 150th Anniversary History Committee

Correspondence received July 13, 2006 from the Chair of the History Committee thanking the Huron County Curator and staff, on behalf of the Howick Township Anniversary Committee, for their support during the Howick 150th celebrations.

FOR INFORMATION

14. Museum\Gaol Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for June 2006 totalling \$6,656.64 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2006 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Museum/Gaol	\$43,429	\$68,072	\$386,567	\$414,475	\$343,138	\$346,403

**Moved by B. Dowson
Seconded by D. Layton**

That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

15. Report from the Homes for the Aged

Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, presented the attached report (Appendix E), for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by Warden R. Morley
Seconded by D. Layton
That the report be received.

CARRIED

16. Admission to Secure Unit Policy

Barb Springall, Administrator of the Homes, along with the Director of Care presented the attached report (Appendix F) which includes the policy regarding admission to the secure units at Huronlea and Huronview.

Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by D. Layton
That the Admission to Secure Unit Policy be adopted for use at the Homes.

CARRIED

17. Farmland Agreement

The Homes Administrator, Barb Springall, has received a request for an extension to the tenancy of Bill Fotheringham for the homes farm land. The attached report (Appendix G) provides background information for the committee.

Should the request be granted, extending the lease for farmland for one additional year, January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 would be at the annual rate of \$7,020 plus GST, for a total of \$7,441.20 (\$130 per acre).

The Homes Administrator requested direction on this request. It was noted that Mr. Fotheringham is a good tenant and there have not been any problems noted.

Moved by D. Layton
Seconded by B. MacLellan
That the lease for farmland to Bill Fotheringham for one additional year January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 at the annual rate of \$7,020 plus GST, for a total of \$7,441.20 (\$130 per acre) be approved.

CARRIED

18. 2007 Homes Reserves Report

Nancy Kalbfleisch, Operations Manager for the Homes, presented the 2007 Homes Reserves Report (Appendix H). The 2007 Capital expenditures have been prepared in co-operation with Don Pletch and Barb Springall.

It is recommended that the 2007 Expenditures Plan in the amount of \$65,500 plus \$3,930 GST for a grand total of \$69,430 be approved.

It is further recommended that the capital savings totaling \$87,071.70 as per the Overview of Approved Capital, Year 2005-06, be uncommitted in the Homes Reserve for year 2006.

Moved by Warden R. Morley
Seconded by D. Kelly
That the recommendations be approved.

CARRIED

19. Homes for the Aged Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for June 2006 totalling \$251,550 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2006 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Homes for the Aged	\$6,425,328	\$6,845,313	\$6,676,676	\$7,194,674	\$251,348	\$349,361

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

CARRIED

20. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

21. Adjournment

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by B. MacLellan
That the meeting adjourn at 12:20 p.m. and be declared a full day meeting for those Councillors in attendance for more than two and half hours.

CARRIED

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Chair