



**County  
of Huron**

## **Cultural Services and Seniors Committee**



**Minutes - February 9, 2006**

*GODERICH, ONTARIO*

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

## **LIBRARY BOARD**

### **1. Minutes**

**Moved by P. Elgie**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That the minutes of the Library Board portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of January 12, 2006 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

### **Councillor / Board Member Issues**

Board Members reported briefly on the highlights of the OLA SuperConference. It was noted that the presentations and speeches were exceptional. Warden R. Morley attended a presentation on existing and future technologies.

Board Member R. Anderson discussed the repercussions of the Patriot Act from the United States and that Canada needs to be aware that if libraries or businesses outsource their information i.e. through servers located in the U.S.A., we are obligated to comply to their Act. Members were asked to test their knowledge of rules that affect the Board with the attached test entitled, "Rules? We Don't Need No Stinkin Rules! ...or Do We?"

The County Librarian attended workshops on writing plans and found a session entitled, "Strengthening Community in the Work Place" totally inspiring. The Deputy County Librarian thanked the Board for the opportunity for staff to attend and network with other colleagues. Of interest was the opportunity to observe first hand the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system which is a self-checking out system with computer chips embedded in books that are scanned over rubber mats and issues receipts to the patrons. Overall the Boards' consensus was that the OLA SuperConference was well run and a valuable experience for all.

### **2. Library**

#### **a) Reports for Information/Updating Purposes**

As directed by the Library Board in their meeting of January 12, 2006, the reports for information purposes, including statistics, will now be distributed one month behind so they can be included with the agenda in electronic form. This results in a gap this month in the reports.

#### **b) Book Expenditure Report**

Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian presented the Book Expenditure and Outstanding Book Order Report for the period ending January 31, 2006 which showed total purchases to date of \$50,289, with outstanding orders totalling \$3,970. There is no 2006 materials budget yet.

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

Board Member P. Elgie distributed an email regarding the Cambridge city council passing a resolution calling on the province to update its funding formula to boost grants to local libraries due to the 37 per cent decline in grants since 1995.

**Moved by B. Dowson**

**Seconded by B. MacLellan**

**That the Library Board requests that County Council return 100% of the Book Reserve taken from the Library Services in the 2006 Budget deliberations and that this item be forwarded to the February Committee of the Whole.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by B. Dowson**

**Seconded by B. MacLellan**

**That the foregoing reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Accounts**

Accounts for January 2006 totalling \$ 94,713.80 were reviewed.

**Moved by R. Anderson**

**Seconded by D. Layton**

**That the accounts be received.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Next Meeting**

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

**5. Adjournment**

**Moved by D. Kelly**

**Seconded by Warden R. Morley**

**That the Library Board portion of the meeting adjourn at 10:02 a.m. and be declared a half day meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## **MUSEUM AND SENIORS**

### **6. Delegation**

Jim Rutledge, Chairman, Veterans Book of Honour, gave a presentation about a book he is writing. The topic of his book covers veterans from Huron County who didn't come home from the war. The proposal entitled, "Our Men and Women of Honour" is attached.

Mr. Rutledge informed the committee that there were approximately 192 men who did not come back from the war. The executive wishes to do justice to their sacrifice to honour the veterans from Huron County. The executive is requesting financial assistance to bring this project to completion.

A lengthy discussion ensued. It was suggested to search for other groups to develop partnerships in order to apply for grants i.e. Trillium grants. It was estimated that the project would take at least two to three years and that the budget submitted might be spread over the three year period.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by D. Layton**

**That the committee recommends to County Council that we support Mr. Rutledge's proposal in principle and offer in-kind support as available.**

**CARRIED**

### **7. Minutes**

**Moved by B. Dowson**

**Seconded by D. Layton**

**That the minutes of the Museum and Seniors portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of January 12, 2006 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

### **8. Report of the Director of Cultural Services**

Cultural Plan Update

The County of Huron requires a Cultural Plan in order to re-apply for a Cultural Capitals Award. A survey to assess cultural activities and interests of Huron County residents is underway. This survey will be distributed through FOCUS (February 3, 2006), County Library branches, website and other community locations.

Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services and Cindy Fisher, Senior Planner, Huron County Department of Planning and Development are working with the Heritage and Culture Partnership's co-ordinator, Heather Boa, to compile the survey results. As per the report to Social and Cultural Services/ Health and Planning Committees in April 2005, the lack of a County Cultural Plan was a reason for not receiving the Cultural Capitals designation; once a Cultural Plan is completed, a submission of a future Cultural Capitals application will be considered.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**Moved by B. Dowson**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That the County receive the package from Mr. Ed Cunningham about Tiger Dunlop Tomb and that the Chair respond in writing that the County is aware of the issue and will be dealing with the project as priorities and finances permit.**

**CARRIED**

#### **9. Report of the Museum Curator**

Pat Hamilton, Curator, presented the attached report (Appendix A) for the information of committee and Council. January statistics were distributed at the meeting and are attached. Members are invited to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Sale April 1, to May 14, 2006.

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

**CARRIED**

"IN CAMERA"

**Moved by B. MacLellan  
Seconded by D. Kelly  
That the committee proceed "In Camera" at 11:25 a.m. to discuss personnel matters and that Larry C. Adams, Barb Springall and Richard Hulley remain in attendance.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by B. MacLellan  
Seconded by D. Layton  
That the committee rise from "In Camera" at 11:40 a.m. and that staff proceed as directed.**

**CARRIED**

#### **10. Report from the Homes for the Aged**

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

The attached letter dated January 31, 2006 from the Huron Perth Non-profit Homes and Services for Seniors was distributed to members. The letter to the Standing Committee on Social Policy, Anne Stokes, Clerk, supports the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) request to remove Section 28 from Bill 36.

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

**CARRIED**

#### **11. Accounts**

Accounts for January 2006 were reviewed.

Museum\Gaol	\$15,551.27
Homes for the Aged	\$173,764.64

**Moved by Warden R. Morley**  
**Seconded by D. Kelly**  
**That the accounts be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **12. Next Meeting**

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

## **13. Adjournment**

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by D. Kelly**  
**That the meeting adjourn at 12:08 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