



**County  
of Huron**

## **Cultural Services and Seniors Committee**



**Minutes - March 15, 2007**

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The CULTURAL SERVICES AND SENIORS COMMITTEE met in the Auditorium of the Health and Library Complex, Clinton at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

## **SENIORS AND MUSEUM**

### **1. Minutes**

**Moved by M. Demaray**

**Seconded by J. Fergusson**

**That the minutes of the Seniors and Museum portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of January 11, 2007 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

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

Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, presented the attached reports for the information of committee and Council.

- a) Administrative Update dated February 15, 2007 (Appendix A)

**Moved by G. Robertson**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

- b) Administrative Update dated March 15, 2007 (Appendix B)

There was a lengthy discussion on Bill 140 and a review of its amendments. It was noted that the penalty provision for municipal officers of a charitable or non-profit home has been lowered to an individual liability of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000.

**Moved by J. Fergusson**

**Seconded by M. Demaray**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

- c) Correspondence

- i. Thank you letter from Julia Hogan, Co-op placement student to Ruth Craig, Director of Care, Huronview, January 14, 2007.
- ii. AMO, Member Communication dated January 16, 2007 re: AMO Responds to "Heavy-Handed" Bill 140.
- iii. Assignment of Service Agreements to LHINs: Letter from Ron Sapsford, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, undated, received February 27, 2007.
- iv. Funding Implementation of the 2007 Levels of Care Acuity Increase: Letter from Leo Nusink, Regional Director (A), Ministry of the Health and Long Term Care, February 15, 2007.
- v. Follow-up to an Unusual Occurrence Report: Letter from Karin Mussart, Environmental Health Advisor, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, February 23, 2007.

- vi. LHIN Liaison Branch Organizational Chart: Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, February 2007.
- vii. Bill 140, Summary of Amendments: OANHSS, February 2007.

**FOR INFORMATION**

- d) Flooring 100 Wing, Huronview

Nancy Kalbfleisch, Operations Manager, presented the attached report dated March 15, 2007 and answered questions for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt**  
**Seconded by T. Collyer**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**3. 2007 Draft Budget**

The preliminary budget was distributed and reviewed at the January meeting. Councillors were requested to examine the package and bring back any questions for continuing review and discussion. Barb Springall reviewed the details of the homes budget for 2007 with the committee. Mike Blumhagen, Treasury, was also in attendance to answer questions.

**Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt**  
**Seconded by J. Fergusson**

**That the draft budget be accepted and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion in the consolidated budget.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Accounts for Homes**

Accounts for January 2007 in the amount of \$216,208.06 and February 2007 in the amount of \$231,417.59 were reviewed.

**Moved by G. Robertson**  
**Seconded by T. Collyer**  
**That the accounts be received.**

**CARRIED**

**5. Report of the Museum Curator**

Pat Hamilton, Curator, submitted the attached reports (Appendix C) which includes the December reporting period and the month of January for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by G. Robertson**  
**Seconded by M. Demaray**  
**That the reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **6. Heritage Policy and Fund**

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

Over the past year, Council has discussed the possibility of establishing a Heritage Fund to assist communities to preserve their heritage assets. Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, submitted the attached report (Appendix D) for review and discussion.

It is recommended that:

- i. A Huron Heritage Reserve Fund be established with an annual contribution from the County Levy as well as a process to encourage donations to the fund.
- ii. That policies and procedures be developed to invite applications on an annual basis for support from the fund with the intention of preserving Huron County's heritage.
- iii. That the contribution for 2007 be \$20,000.

A lengthy discussion ensued. There was a general consensus that a fund of this sort would be a benefit to the County and would be important for economic development. It could also provide an opportunity to catalogue heritage sites throughout the County through the application process.

**Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt**

**Seconded by T. Collyer**

**That the recommendations be approved and forwarded to budget deliberations.**

**CARRIED**

Warden D. Shewfelt left the auditorium at 11:15 a.m.

## **7. 2007 Museum Budget**

The preliminary budget was distributed and reviewed at the January meeting. Councillors were requested to examine the package and bring back any questions for continuing review and discussion.

**Moved by J. Fergusson**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the draft budget be accepted and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion in the consolidated budget.**

**CARRIED**

## **8. Accounts Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol**

Accounts for January 2007 in the amount of \$19,183.17 and for February 2007 in the amount of \$4,964.51 were reviewed.

**Moved by T. Collyer**

**Seconded by M. Demaray**

**That the accounts be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **LIBRARY BOARD**

### **9. Minutes**

**Moved by C. Heath**

**Seconded by G. Robertson**

**That the minutes of the Library Board portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of January 11, 2007 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

### **Board Member Issues**

At the January 11 meeting, Councillor M. Demaray requested a report on the total expenditures for the Ontario Library Association Conference. The report (Appendix E) is attached.

**Moved by T. Collyer**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

Members who attended the Ontario Library Association Superconference spoke about their experiences. Board Member C. Heath distributed the attached report for the trustee's information.

### **10. Library**

Beth Ross, County Librarian, and Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian, presented the attached reports for December and January, which include statistics for the relevant month.

- a) December Report for Information/Updating Purposes (Appendix F)
- b) January Report for Information/Updating Purposes (Appendix G)
- c) Book Expenditure and Outstanding Book Order Report

| Period Ending                      | December 31, 2006 | January 31, 2007 | February 28, 2007 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Total Purchases to Date            | 427,324           | 80,097           | 117,013           |
| Total Outstanding Orders           | 104,929           | 113,422          | 105,137           |
| Approx. in Uncommitted Book Budget | 4,898             | 311,307          | 282,676           |

**Moved by M. Menzies**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the foregoing reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **11. 2007 Library Budget**

The preliminary budget was distributed and reviewed at the January meeting. Board members were requested to examine the package and bring back any questions for continuing review and

discussion. The County Librarian gave a brief overview and answered questions.

**Moved by N. Fairles**

**Seconded by C. Heath**

**That the draft budget be accepted and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion in the consolidated budget.**

**CARRIED**

## **12. Provincial Funding for Library Capital Project**

Media items have brought attention to provincial funding for libraries, museums, and heritage buildings as the first provincial investment in library and museum capital projects since the 1980's. Grants include \$1.6M to the Fort Frances Public Library, and \$330,000 to the West Perth Public Library in Mitchell. (News release attached).

**Moved by M. Menzies**

**Seconded by P. Chisholm**

**That the Chair send a letter to the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Finance, with a copy to C. Mitchell, M.P.P. commending the McGuinty government on this initiative.**

**CARRIED**

## **13. Trillium application for Automated Door Openers**

Chair J. Seili has received a letter from the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee requesting that the entrance to the Blyth Branch Library be made accessible for a wheelchair. Staff have determined that what is required is an automated door opener. In consultation with Bruce Skillings and Pat Newson of the Township of North Huron, as well as Theron Kramer of the Trillium Foundation, an efficient way to accomplish this is to have the County Library submit one application on behalf of all libraries for a Trillium grant for automated door openers. It would be most effective if the participating libraries are otherwise accessible and only require the automated door openers.

It is recommended that the County Librarian contact the municipalities with suitable libraries requiring automated door openers and submit an application for a Trillium grant on their behalf, at no cost to the County.

**Moved by N. Vincent**

**Seconded by C. Heath**

**That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

## **14. Accounts for the Library**

Accounts for January 2007 totalling \$84,077.71 and February 2007 totally \$90,433.14 were reviewed.

**Moved by N. Fairles**

**Seconded by E. Nichols**

**That the accounts be received.**

**CARRIED**

**15. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Social and Cultural Services Committee will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at Huronview, Clinton. The Library Board portion will be held at 11:00 a.m.

**16. Adjournment**

**Moved by B. Austin**  
**Seconded by P. Chisholm**  
**That the meeting adjourn at 12:15 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair