



**County
of Huron**

Cultural Services and Seniors Committee



Minutes - October 11, 2007

GODERICH, ONTARIO

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 except Councillor J. Fergusson, Councillor G. Robertson and Warden D. Shewfelt.

SENIORS AND MUSEUM

1. Minutes

Moved by T. Collyer

Seconded by M. Demaray

That the minutes of the Seniors and Museum portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of September 13, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Report from the Homes for the Aged

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

- a) Administrative Update (Appendix A)

Moved by N. Vincent

Seconded by T. Collyer

That the report be received.

CARRIED

- b) Homes Reserve (Appendix B)

It is recommended to approve the Homes' Capital Reserve 2008 Expenditures Plan in the amount of \$249,500 plus \$14,970 GST for a grant total of \$264,470.

Councillor J. Seili suggested that solar lighting be installed in one home first as a trial before installing in the second home.

Moved by T. Collyer

Seconded by M. Demaray

That the recommendation be approved and forwarded to the October Committee of the Whole meeting to be included with discussions of the Capital Budgets and incorporated into the 2008 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

3. Accounts and Financial Statements Homes for the Aged

Accounts for September 2007 in the amount of \$281,499.18 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2007 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Homes for the Aged	9,089,255	8,908,337	9,657,535	9,925,198	568,280	1,016,861

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by M. Demaray
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

4. Report of the Museum Curator

- a) Museum Gaol Information Report.

Pat Hamilton, Curator, presented the attached report (Appendix C) which includes statistics for the August reporting period for the information of committee and Council.

A discussion ensued on the Sunday Flea Markets at the Gaol. The Director of Cultural Services informed the committee that there has been talk of the Flea Market moving to the square.

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by T. Collyer
That Director of Cultural Services be instructed to investigate and report back to the committee on the expenditures and revenues of the Gaol hosting the Flea Market on Sundays and budget impacts if discontinued in the future.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

- b) 2008 Museum Capital Projects

The Director distributed and presented two capital expenditure projects for 2008: the Museum Study and the Historic Gaol Wall Restoration.

It is recommended to approve the Museums Capital Reserve 2008 Expenditures Plan for the Museum Study in the amount of \$50,000.

It is further recommended to approve the Museums Capital Reserve 2008 Expenditures Plan for the Historic Gaol Wall Restoration in the amount of \$116,000.

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by T. Collyer
That the recommendations be approved and forwarded to the October Committee of the Whole meeting to be included with discussions of the Capital Budgets and incorporated into the 2008 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

5. Accounts and Financial Statements for the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol

Accounts for September 2007 in the amount of \$10,105.50 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2007 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Museum/Gaol	\$107,455	\$82,963	\$642,145	\$661,777	\$534,690	\$578,814

Moved by M. Demaray
Seconded by T. Collyer
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

6. Minutes

Moved by C. Heath
Seconded by P. Chisholm
That the minutes of the Library Board portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of September 13, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

7. Library

- a) Reports for Information/Updating Purposes

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

- b) Book Expenditure Report

Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian presented the Book Expenditure and Outstanding Book Order Report for the period ending September 30, 2007 which showed total purchases to date of \$329,277, with outstanding orders totalling \$73,255, leaving the approximate amount in the uncommitted book budget of \$102,294.

- c) Library Community Survey

Meighan Wark, Branch Services Coordinator, presented the attached report (Appendix E), for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by N. Fairles
That the foregoing reports be received.

CARRIED

8. Library Bus Tour

A compilation of the evaluations and comments from participants on the tour was distributed at the meeting for discussion entitled, "Rating Summary and Comments".

It is recommended that the report from the tour be forwarded to local municipalities, along with recommendations specific to any branches that are the responsibility of the local municipality.

Board Member B. Austin found the tour conducted in September very informative and wished to thank the staff for efforts in organizing the tour. The committee then reviewed the summary and expressed which comments and concerns that they would like highlighted in the letter to municipalities.

A lengthy discussion ensued on branch signage, topics included: design and costs, who pays for signage the County or lower tier, possible funding to lower tiers, and promoting/marketing the branches. Councillor M. Demaray requested the total cost of the tour.

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by N. Fairles
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

9. Food for Fines

Huron County Library's first Food for Fines initiative was held during Ontario Public Library week (October 16-22, 2006) and seen as an overall success for the Huron County Library, local food banks and the Huron County Health Unit. Over 623 individuals donated 927 items during the week long program. Library staff noted that some 'lost' or 'missing' library items were returned to the Huron County Library system as a result of this initiative. The program was popular with both staff and communities and generated considerable media attention.

It is recommended that the Huron County Library run the Food for Fines program again in 2007, in co-operation with local food banks and the Huron County Health Unit.

Moved by B. Austin
Seconded by C. Heath
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

10. 2008 Library Capital Reserves

The Director of Cultural Services distributed and presented the capital expenditures for 2008. It is recommended to approve the Library Capital Reserve 2008 Expenditures Plan.

Moved by N. Fairles
Seconded by T. Collyer
That the recommendation be approved and forwarded to the October Committee of the Whole meeting to be included with discussions of the Capital Budgets and incorporated into the 2008 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

11. Accounts and Financial Statement

Accounts for September 2007 totalling \$35,262.33 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending August 31, 2007 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Library	\$172,757	\$335,892	\$1,624,207	\$1,660,899	\$1,451,450	\$1,325,007

Moved by C. Heath

Seconded by P. Chisholm

That the accounts and financial statement be received.

CARRIED

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Social and Cultural Services Committee will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at **9:00 a.m.** in the Auditorium at the Health and Library Complex, Clinton. The Library Board portion will be held at **10:00 a.m.**

13. Adjournment

Moved by C. Heath

Seconded by P. Chisholm

That the meeting adjourn at 12:03 a.m.

CARRIED

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Chair