



# Cultural Services and Seniors Committee

## Minutes - January 17, 2008

*GODERICH, ONTARIO*



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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 except Councillor D. Kelly, Councillor J. Seili and Library Board Member P. Chisholm.

## **SENIORS AND MUSEUM**

### **1. Minutes**

**Moved by T. Collyer**

**Seconded by G. Robertson**

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

**CARRIED**

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

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

- a) Administrative Update (Appendix A)
- b) Correspondence received from Brenda Fisher dated December 18, 2007.

**Moved by G. Robertson**

**Seconded by T. Collyer**

**That the foregoing reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **3. Accounts and Financial Statements Homes for the Aged**

Accounts for December 2007 in the amount of \$188,845.04 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2007 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Homes for the Aged	12,548,449	12,255,833	13,287,469	13,477,987	739,020	1,222,154

**Moved by Warden J. Bezaire**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the accounts and financial statements be received.**

**CARRIED**

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

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

**Moved by N. Vincent**  
**Seconded by T. Collyer**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### **5. Surplus from Community Museum Operating Grant from the Province of Ontario**

The Community Museum Operating Grant budgeted for 2007 was anticipated to be \$36,443 as in the past few years. In August, the Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol received a letter from the Hon. Caroline Di Cocco, Minister of Culture, indicating that the operating grant would be \$63,226 for 2007, to “protect and interpret Ontario’s heritage.” The grant was received in the fall without enough time to develop enhanced activities within the County’s fiscal year.

Therefore, it is recommended that any surplus in the 2007 Museum budget up to the amount of the difference in the budgeted grant from the Province and the actual grant received (\$26,783) be reserved for special projects in 2008.

The 2008 budget includes the full grant amount in the operating revenue.

**Moved by G. Robertson**  
**Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire**  
**That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

#### **6. Huron Heritage Fund**

One application has been received to the December 31, 2007 deadline for the 2007 Huron Heritage Fund. The purpose of the Huron Heritage fund is to encourage the preservation of heritage assets and activities of heritage importance to the County of Huron and its residents.

The applicant is the Municipality of Huron East, for the project of restoring a mural depicting the three plowing matches in Huron County. The mural was originally created for the International Plowing Match of 1999 and was purchased by the Town of Seaforth following the IPM and installed at the corner of Main Street and Gouinlock Street. The estimate to restore the mural is \$7,374.50.

The application to the Huron Heritage Fund is for \$2,458.17. Other revenue sources include the Municipality of Huron East, Seaforth BIA, and Seaforth Trust.

As the application meets all the criteria for the Huron Heritage Fund and there are funds available in the 2007 budget, it is recommended that the application be approved.

**Moved by N. Vincent**  
**Seconded by T. Collyer**  
**That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

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

Accounts for December 2007 in the amount of \$13,166.60 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2007 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Museum/Gaol	\$155,310	\$114,074	\$930,559	\$909,947	\$775,249	\$795,873
Heritage Fund	3,435		3,435			

**Moved by G. Robertson**

**Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire**

**That the accounts and financial statements be received.**

**CARRIED**

**LIBRARY BOARD**

**8. 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 December 13, 2007 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**Board Member Issues**

Board Member P. Menzies inquired about the Clinton Branch hours and days of operation. Wednesday is Seniors Day and the library is closed that day. Many members of the public have commented why that day would be chosen to be closed. B. Ross, County Librarian, informed the committee that it was traditional that many stores were closed on a Wednesday; hence the libraries were too. Staff had put in a proposal to expand hours of operation to include Wednesday but it was turned down due to budget constraints. Board Member P. Menzies requested that the hours of operation be reviewed. The County Librarian suggested that the review be conducted in the fall and should include all branches.

**9. Library**

- a) Reports for Information/Updating Purposes

Beth Ross, County Librarian, and Meighan Wark, Branch Services Coordinator, presented the attached report (Appendix C), which includes statistics for the relevant month.

- b) Book Expenditure Report

Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian, submitted the Book Expenditure and Outstanding Book Order Report for the period ending December 31, 2007 which showed total purchases to date of \$418,767, with outstanding orders totalling \$77,210 leaving the approximate amount in the uncommitted book budget of \$8,849.

**Moved by B. Austin**  
**Seconded by N. Fairles**  
**That the foregoing reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**10. Accounts and Financial Statement**

Accounts for December 2007 totalling \$47,827.48 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending November 30, 2007 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Library	\$309,630	\$461,851	\$2,170,188	\$2,283,733	\$1,860,558	\$1,821,882

**Moved by G. Robertson**  
**Seconded by E. Nichols**  
**That the accounts and financial statement be received.**

**CARRIED**

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2008 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.**

**12. Adjournment**

**Moved by N. Vincent**  
**Seconded by P. Menzies**  
**That the meeting adjourn at 10:48 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair