



# Cultural Services and Seniors Committee

## Minutes - May 15, 2008

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 Library Board Member C. Heath.

## **SENIORS AND MUSEUM**

### **1. Minutes**

**Moved by T. Collyer**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the minutes of the Seniors and Museum portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of April 10, 2008 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

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

Ruth Craig, Director of Care, presented the attached report (Appendix A) as submitted by Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by J. Seili**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

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

Accounts for April 2008 in the amount of \$178,013.68 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2008 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Homes for the Aged	2,504,329	3,453,213	2,656,247	3,847,770	151,918	394,557

**Moved by G. Robertson**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

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

**CARRIED**

### **4. Delegation, Huron East Heritage Advisory Committee**

Mr. Brad Knight, Secretary, Huron East Heritage Advisory Committee, requested a delegation to make the attached presentation regarding a proposal for tax reductions for owners of heritage properties. Also distributed was the attached pamphlet entitled, "Municipality of Huron East, Incentive Programs for Heritage Property Owners".

After a brief consultation with the Director of Cultural Services, the department is recommending that the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee support the tax reduction initiative for heritage properties. The County's Treasurer was in attendance for this meeting and stated that he had no objections.

**Moved by D. Kelly**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the County of Huron support the tax reduction initiative for Heritage properties and that the appropriate by-law be passed so that all lower tier municipalities may participate if desired.**

**CARRIED**

Mr. Brad Knight was requested to make a similar presentation at the June Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

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

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding facilities issues and the roof leakage problems at the museum. There was a general consensus that the roof needs to be a top priority as identified last year. Warden J. Bezaire informed the committee that facility reporting procedures have varied in the past. Facilities now reports directly to the CAO. In order to keep the whole of Council better informed it will now be reporting to the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee.

**Moved by N. Vincent**

**Seconded by J. Seili**

**That the Huron County Museum roof repair work be designated a high priority in 2008 and that the Facilities Manager be directed to effect this work as soon as possible.**

**CARRIED**

It was noted that this resolution is to be fast tracked to the May 20<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Moved by D. Kelly**

**Seconded by T. Collyer**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **6. Dunlop Tomb**

Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, presented the attached update report (Appendix C) for the information of committee and Council and conducted a virtual tour of the tomb.

**Moved by G. Robertson**

**Seconded by N. Vincent**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**7. Museum Study**

Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, informed the committee she will be attending a workshop that will be beneficial in developing Terms of Reference for the museum study and requested this item be deferred to the next meeting.

**Moved by Warden J. Bezaire**

**Seconded by T. Collyer**

**That the draft Terms of Reference for the Museum Study be deferred to the next meeting.**

**CARRIED**

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

Accounts for April 2008 in the amount of \$4,207.79 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2008 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Museum/Gaol	\$22,985	\$47,981	\$235,253	\$293,695	\$212,268	\$245,714
Heritage Fund	2,458		2,458	5,000		5,000

**Moved by D. Kelly**

**Seconded by G. Robertson**

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

**CARRIED**

**LIBRARY BOARD**

**9. Minutes**

**Moved by N. Fairles**

**Seconded by D. Kelly**

**That the minutes of the Library Board portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of April 10, 2008 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**10. 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.

Board Members were invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations for the Goderich Library on Friday, June 6, 2008 to be held at 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

b) Book Expenditure Report

Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian presented the Book Expenditure and Outstanding Book Order Report for the period ending April 30, 2008 which showed total purchases to date of \$204,498 with outstanding orders totalling \$61,864 leaving the approximate amount in the uncommitted book budget of \$221,200.

**Moved by N. Vincent**  
**Seconded by M. Menzies**  
**That the foregoing reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**11. Accounts and Financial Statement**

Accounts for April 2008 totalling \$50,730.64 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2008 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Library	\$59,435	\$100,830	\$639,564	\$636,294	\$580,129	\$535,464

**Moved by E. Nichols**  
**Seconded by N. Fairles**  
**That the accounts and financial statement be received.**

**CARRIED**

**12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at **9:00 a.m.** in the lounge at the Huron County Museum, Goderich. The Library Board portion will be held at **10:00 a.m.** Following the meeting there will be a tour of the Huron Historic Gaol.

**13. Adjournment**

**Moved by J. Seili**  
**Seconded by N. Vincent**  
**That the Library Board portion of the meeting adjourn at 10:24 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by D. Kelly**  
**Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire**  
**That the meeting adjourn at 11:30 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair