



Day One:
Committee of the Whole
Highways, Facilities, Planning & Corporate
Minutes - March 11, 2015

GODERICH, ONTARIO



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DAY 1 – MEETING MINUTES**

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The Committee of the Whole Day 1 met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 11th day of March 2015.

1. Call to Order:

All members of Council were present except Councillors Frayne and Steffler. Chair Versteeg called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Versteeg informed members that report 10.3, as amended, was presented to each member of Council.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Watt and Seconded By: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Agenda for March 11, 2015 be accepted and all reports included in the Agenda be received as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

No declarations were stated.

4. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

4.1 2014 Huron Clean Water Project Report:

Doug Hocking, Water Quality Specialist, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, presented the Huron County Clean Water Project Progress Report for 2014.

5. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Donnelly stated that he disagreed with names being listed in report 10.3 instead of positions. Discussion was deferred to 10.3 of the agenda.

6. Consent Agenda – Items 6.1 through 6.9:

6.1 Delegated Consents under the Planning Act: (prepared by Senga Smith)

The authority to grant undisputed consents is delegated to the Manager of Planning and Development under By-law No. 54-2014. The report lists the applications which received provisional consent approval since the last report. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

ACTION:

THAT:

The recommendation of Senga Smith, Land Division Secretary, that no objections be lodged to the Delegated Consents submitted with the Report of February 23, 2015, be approved.

6.2 Zoning By-laws: (prepared by Sandra Weber)

Zoning By-laws and amendments are circulated to the County from local municipalities. These by-laws are reviewed for conformity with the County Official Plan and with the local Official Plan. The by-laws are listed in the report.

ACTION:

THAT:

The recommendation of Sandra Weber, Manager of Planning, that no objections be lodged to the Zoning By-laws, be approved.

6.3 Forest Conservation: (prepared by Dave Pullen)

The Notices of Intent under the Forest Conservation By-law are listed in the report.

ACTION: Receive for information.

6.4 Huron Economic Development Partnership (HEDP): (prepared by Scott Tousaw)

The minutes of the HEDP Management Committee Meeting of February 13, 2015 are provided.

ACTION: Receive for information.

6.5 Ontario Self Employment Benefit (OSEB) Program Agreement between the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) and the County of Huron for 2015 – 2016: (prepared by Carol Leeming)

The County of Huron has delivered the SEB Program under agreement with MTCU since 1993. The SEB Program is 100% funded by MTCU and provides Employment Insurance (EI) eligible clients with training and counselling support to launch full-time businesses. The current agreement ends March 31, 2015. The Business Plan submitted to MTCU for April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 requires a new agreement with MTCU.

ACTION:

THAT:

The recommendation of Carol Leeming, SEB Co-coordinator, that a by-law be passed authorizing the Warden and Clerk to sign the agreement with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities for the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, be approved.

6.6 Sentinel Well Report: (prepared by Susanna Reid)

The Huron County Sentinel Well program was initiated following recommendations from the 2001 Groundwater Quality Assessment. Six “Sentinel Wells” representing different aquifer types in the County were identified for long-term monitoring. All six sentinel wells are sampled on an annual basis and analyzed for general chemical parameters and a limited suite of metals. In addition, two of the six wells considered to be more susceptible to contamination are analyzed for a more comprehensive suite of parameters, including hydrocarbons, organic pesticides and metals.

Sampling data from 2006 to 2014 indicates no significant decrease in the quality of groundwater over the time studied. All water quality parameters are within a normal range for the types of aquifers in Huron County. Two of the sentinel wells are likely under the influence of surface water and should be considered intrinsically susceptible to anthropogenic (human) influence. The sampling program will continue (with the Conservation Authorities) and a water quality database is being developed.

ACTION: Receive for information.

6.7 Museum and Gaol Information/Updating Report for February 2015: (prepared by Meighan Wark)

ACTION: Receive for information.

6.8 Cultural Program Information Report for February 2015: (prepared by Meighan Wark)

ACTION: Receive for information.

6.9 Accounts:

Accounts up to and including February 19, 2015 will be reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	ACCOUNT
Planning	29,873.44
Museum/Gaol	3,270.69
Council	3,437.31
Corporate	2,416,016.43
Ec Dev Board	214.56

ACTION:

THAT:

The accounts up to and including February 19, 2015 be received.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Warden Gowing

THAT:

Items 6.1 through 6.9 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

7. Report of the Agricultural & Rural Economic Development Advisor OMAFRA:
Vicki Lass was in attendance as the newly appointed Advisor OMAF/MRA for Huron and Lambton Counties.

8. Planning and Development:

8.1 Planning and Development Consents under the Planning Act:

The authority to grant or refuse to grant consents is delegated to the Committee of the Whole under By-law 54-2014. Decisions become effective upon a carried motion of the Committee of the Whole. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

There were no disputed consents this month.

8.2 Huron Business Numbers – Review of the 2014 Local Labour Market Plan:
(prepared by Mike Pullen)

County Council requested staff to research and report back on the apparent drop in the number of businesses operating in Huron County as reported by the Four County Labour Market Planning Board. Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development summarized the findings of this research report.

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The recommendation of Mike Pullen, Senior Economic Development Officer, that the report be shared with the Four County Labour Market Planning Board in the interest of understanding fluctuations in reported business numbers in Huron County, be approved.

CARRIED

8.3 2015 Clean Water Project: (presented by Susanna Reid)

The Clean Water Project has been funded by the County of Huron since 2005 as a grant program to assist farmers and rural landowners in making stewardship improvements on their properties. Revisions to the 2015 Project Requirements are recommended at the direction of the Clean Water Project Review Committee.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Watt and Seconded By: Councillor Van Diepenbeek

THAT:

The recommendation of Susanna Reid, Planner, to approve the proposed change and additions to the Clean Water Project, be approved.

CARRIED

8.4 Facilities Review – Report 1: (presented by S. Tousaw)

Report 1 of the Facilities Review provides background information on the County's office buildings and suggests options for further consideration. This will be considered at the County Council Priority Setting Session in April.

MOTION:

Moved By: Warden Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The recommendation of Scott Tousaw, Director, that a workshop meeting be scheduled to discuss options for the future accommodation of the County's office functions, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Cultural Services: none.

10. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

10.1 Town of Aurora re: Resolution regarding Bill 52, the Protection of Public Participation Act (Tabled at the Fourth Session of Council on March 4, 2015).

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Item 8.1 Town of Aurora re: Resolution regarding Bill 52, the Protection of Public Participation Act tabled at the Fourth Session Council meeting of March 4, 2015, be raised from the table.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron support the following motion:

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has recently introduced "Bill 52, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2014"; and

WHEREAS Bill 52 seeks to amend the *Courts of Justice Act*, the *Libel and Slander Act* and the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act* in order to protect expression on matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS Bill 52 is commonly referred to as Anti-SLAPP legislation and is intended to enact many of the recommendations put forward by the Anti-SLAPP Advisory Panel of 2010; and

WHEREAS SLAPP litigation, an acronym for Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation, is a tactic which is often viewed as a means to silence, intimidate and deter people from participating in discussions on matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS the Province has stated that the ability to freely participate in public discussion about matters of public interest, without fear of retribution, is fundamental to a fair and democratic society.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the County of Huron express its support for Bill 52 which should help protect and encourage freedom of expression on matters of public interest and discourage the use of the courts in ways that unduly limit that freedom; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the County of Huron would encourage the provincial government to make this legislation retroactive to include individuals that are in unresolved legal disputes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Warden be requested to write a letter and forward this resolution to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron Bruce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Clerk be requested to circulate this resolution to all other municipalities in Ontario to request endorsement of this resolution be sent directly to the Government of Ontario.

DEFEATED

10.2 2015 CHIP (Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention) Funding Request: (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron deny the request for financial support by Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention as the funding request does not adhere to the Huron County Grant Policy.

DEFEATED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the request for financial support by Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention;

AND FURTHER THAT:

These funds be allocated from “Unforeseen” budget funds.

CARRIED

10.3 Public Sector Salary Disclosure and Member of Council Remuneration: (presented by Michael Blumhagen). Clerk Cronin responded to Councillor Donnelly’s concerns from agenda item 5.1 stating that the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act states that names must be published as part of the requirements.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report from Treasurer Michael Blumhagen entitled “Public Sector Salary Disclosure and Member of Council Remuneration” dated February 20, 2015, as amended for information.

CARRIED

10.4 SWIFT Steering Committee:

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) requested a member of the Council of the County of Huron be appointed to the WOWC SWIFT Committee.

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek

THAT:

Councillor Watt be appointed to the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus SWIFT Committee.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence:

11.1 Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: 2015 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program. (Details on eligibility, innovation categories, assessment criteria, the application and selection processes can be found at www.ontario.ca/agrifoodinnovation or in the Clerk's Office)

11.2 Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2014.

11.3 Victim Services of Huron County re: Shaping Huron Together on April 23, 2015.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Morrison and Seconded By: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts correspondence not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:26 a.m. and resumed at 10:37 a.m.

12. Closed to the Public Session:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Committee do now go into a "Closed to the Public Session" at 10:37 a.m. under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Emergency Management;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Brenda Orchard remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Warden Gowing

THAT:

The Committee rise from the "Closed to the Public Session" at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Committee of the Whole Day 1 will be in Goderich on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

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Moved By: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent
THAT:
The meeting adjourn at 11:02 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Art Versteeg

Clerk Susan Cronin