The Committee of the Whole Day 1 met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 12th day of November 2015.

1. **Call to Order:**

All members of Council were present except Councillor MacLellan. Chair Versteeg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Ginn and Seconded By: Warden Gowing
THAT:
The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Agenda for November 12, 2015 be accepted and all reports included in the Agenda be received as presented.
CARRIED

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:** There were no declarations of pecuniary interest stated.

4. **Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:**

4.1 Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre: Mary Ellen Zielman, reported on the use of previous funds supplied by Huron County Council and requested funds for 2016. This financial request will be considered during budget process.

5. **Councillor’s Issues:**

Councillor Donnelly indicated that the map on the cover page of the “Shared Services” agenda item 10.3 did not include Goderich. Staff will correct this oversight.

Warden Gowing informed members that there were numerous Remembrance Day services held all throughout Huron County yesterday.

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 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 October 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 Museum and Gaol Information/Updating Report for October 2015: (prepared by Claire Carter and Meighan Wark)

ACTION: Receive for information.

6.5 Cultural Planning and Community Development Report for Information/Updating Purposes: (prepared by Rick Sickinger and Meighan Wark)

ACTION: Receive for information.

6.6 Sky Harbour Gallery: (prepared by Meighan Wark)

ACTION: Receive for information.

6.7 Collection Deaccession: (prepared by Meighan Wark)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
THAT:
The recommendation of the Huron County Museum Collections Committee that the Royal North West Mounted Police uniform (M978.0056.001a&b) be transferred to the RCMP Heritage Centre, Historical Collections Unit in Regina, be approved.

6.8 Transfer to Reserve: (prepared by Scott Tousaw)

The Huron Economic Development Partnership (HEDP) recommended that unspent community grant funding (estimated $5,000 - $7,000) from 2015 be placed in reserve for future projects.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
That the 2015 unallocated HEDP funding be placed in reserve (for economic development) at yearend.

6.9 Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts up to and including October 22, 2015 were reviewed.

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Financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2015 were reviewed.

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ACTION:

THAT:
The accounts up to and including October 22, 2015 and the financial statements as of September 30, 2015 be received.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Watt and Seconded By: Councillor Fergusson
THAT:
Items 6.1 through 6.5 and 6.7 through 6.9 be approved with the actions as noted.
CARRIED

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Morrison and Seconded By: Councillor Donnelly
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron send correspondence to the Town of Goderich supporting the following recommendation from the Strategic Plan for HCMHG in relation to 2015:
“As far as possible, remove collections from the Sky Harbour Gallery. Incorporate the collection into rotations in the Military Gallery or into travelling exhibits.”
CARRIED

7. Report of the Agricultural & Rural Economic Development Advisor OMAFRA:
(presented by Vicki Lass, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)

A presentation entitled “Huron County-Wide Economic Development Strategic Planning Train the Trainer Project Update”. Next steps include completion of economic development strategic plans and action plans.

8. Planning and Development:

8.1 Planning and Development Consents under the Planning Act (9:15):

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.

a) B45/15 – Verona and Russell Snider (owner), Drew Robertson (agent), Part Lot 304, Registered Plan 376, being Part of Part 2, 22R-3221, Exeter Ward, Municipality of South Huron: (presented by Sandra Weber)
The purpose and effect of this application is to create a new lot in a developed residential area within the Exeter Ward of the Municipality of South Huron. The vacant land to be severed is 464.3 sq. metres. The land to be retained is 517.8 sq. metres with an existing house. The consent is considered disputed as a petition and letters of objection have been received from neighbours. South Huron Council recommended that the application be approved. Johannes Owendyk, adjacent land owner, was in attendance and stated his objections to the application which are included in written correspondence. Drew Robertson, agent, spoke in favour of the application.

**MOTION:**
Moved By: Councillor Ginn and Seconded By: Councillor Fergusson

**THAT:**
The Committee of the Whole, Day 1, approves the recommendation of Sarah Martin, Planner, that Consent Application B45/15 by Verona and Russell Snider (owner), requesting separation and conveyance of a parcel of land described as Part Lot 304, Plan 376, being Part of Part 2, 22R-3221, Exeter Ward, Municipality of South Huron, be approved with conditions.

**CARRIED**


A member of Council is required to attend a joint public meeting of the County of Huron and the Town of Goderich for a Condominium application. The application proposes to modify an existing single detached residence and accessory buildings into a five unit condominium. The public meeting for this application is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015 at 4:30 pm in the Council Chambers, Goderich Town Hall.

**MOTION:**
Moved By: Councillor Vincent and Seconded By: Councillor Ginn

**THAT:**
Councillor Frayne be appointed to represent County Council at the public meeting for Condominium application 40CDM15002.

**CARRIED**

8.3 Cycling Initiatives: (presented by Scott Tousaw)

At its meeting of September 2, 2015, County Council endorsed a motion from Committee of the Whole directing staff “to investigate and prepare a report on the Share the Road program.” A Staff Committee on Cycling was formed, including County Departments and the Health Unit, to conduct research on possible actions of awareness, signage, best practices, cycling guide enhancements, paved shoulders and funding sources. The report contains recommendations to enhance cycling safety with initiatives that can be implemented immediately, as well as the development of a Cycling Strategy in 2016 with stakeholder consultations and using in-house resources.

**MOTION:**
Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Ginn

**THAT:**
The recommendation of the Staff Committee on Cycling be approved to initiate a comprehensive program to enhance the safety of all road users, with primary emphasis on cyclists, commencing with the following actions:
- participate in Share the Road education programs;
- investigate the feasibility of a pilot project of wider paved shoulders outside of the fog line during the reconstruction of County Road 31 from Saltford to Benmiller;
- enhance the County Cycling Guide and website with additional information for cyclists;
- support, where possible and feasible, community initiatives for off-road cycling facilities such as the existing Goderich-Auburn Rail Trail (GART) and the proposed Goderich to Guelph rail trail (G2G) and Port to Point trail (P2P);

AND FURTHER THAT:
A Cycling Strategy (signage, legal considerations, bicycle infrastructure, etc.) be developed in 2016 with stakeholder consultations and using in-house resources. CARRIED

8.4 Guelph to Goderich (G2G) Rail Trail: (presented by Cindy Fisher and Rebecca Rathwell)

The G2G Working Committee has completed its review of issues. The staff report summarizes the working committee results and recommends holding open houses, reconfirm Council support in principle, staff representation on the G2G Inc. Board, and further information from G2G Inc. before a final decision is made on the County entering into a lease with the province.

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Steffler and Seconded By: Councillor Van Diepenbeek
THAT:
Warden Gowing be appointed to attend the G2G Working Committee Open House on November 26, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Perth East Recreation Centre, Milverton;
AND FURTHER THAT:
Warden Gowing be appointed to attend the G2G Working Committee Open House on November 28, 2015, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Blyth Community Centre;
AND FURTHER THAT:
Council reconfirms its support in principle for the signing of the lease with the Province of Ontario for the Huron portion of the former CPR rail corridor (G2G);
AND FURTHER THAT:
The County be represented by a staff member and alternate on the G2G Inc. Board;
AND FURTHER THAT:
G2G Inc. be requested to provide a work plan, costing, and detailed update by November 2016 for consideration in Council’s decision to sign the lease with the Province.
CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:19 a.m. and resumed at 10:32 a.m.

9. Cultural Services:

9.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Resolution regarding Fair Pricing of E-Books for Public Libraries: (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Frayne and Seconded By: Councillor Hessel
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Resolution regarding Fair Pricing of E-Books for Public Libraries as follows:

Whereas: public libraries provide residents with a community space where they can freely access a wide variety of information in both print and digital format;
Whereas: municipal governments are key funders of public libraries, appoint public library boards and work in partnership with public library boards to deliver library services that are responsive to community needs;

Whereas: electronic books (e-books) are becoming an increasingly preferred medium for library users to access content and information;

Whereas: major multi-national publishers are charging public libraries significantly higher costs to purchase e-books for their collections than they charge consumers;

Whereas: imposing unreasonably high costs on public libraries to purchase e-books is not an appropriate solution to the publishing industry’s concerns regarding the evolution of digital technology, including piracy;

Therefore be it resolved: that the County of Huron requests the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport work with the federal and the other provincial and territorial governments to find a solution that will allow public libraries to purchase e-books from publishers at a fair and reasonable price. And that: a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

10. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

10.1 2015 Midyear Departmental Performance Dashboards: (presented by Scott Currie)

To provide County Council with a semi-annual performance update, departments have compiled summary data on key metrics. Using the tabulated raw data, a series of graphics were created as cover pages to make some of the performance information more visually appealing to the casual observer. A pilot project, these ‘info-graphics’ are meant to help expand the public’s understanding and appreciation of their upper tier municipal government.

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Watt and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent
THAT:
The report presented by Communications/Grants Coordinator Scott Currie entitled “2015 Mid-year Departmental Performance Dashboards” be received as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Winter Road Closure Communications: (presented by Scott Currie)

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Ginn
THAT:
The report presented by Communications/Grants Coordinator Scott Currie entitled “Winter Road Closure Communications” be received as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.3 2015 Shared Services Report: (presented by Brenda Orchard)

MOTION:
Moved By: Warden Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Watt
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron approves the “2015 Shared Services Report”.
  CARRIED

10.4 2015 Christmas Luncheon: (presented by Brenda Orchard)

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Ginn and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to organize a Christmas luncheon with Council and the Past Wardens and their spouses on December 16th, 2015 following COTW Day 2.
  CARRIED

11. Correspondence:

11.1 Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington re: Resolution for Fairness in Provincial Infrastructure Funds.

11.2 Drew Fagan, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport re: 2016 Premier’s Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Frayne and Seconded By: Councillor Morrison
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron accept correspondence not specifically dealt with, for information.
  CARRIED

12. Closed to the Public Session: None.

13. Next Meeting:

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

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Vincent and Seconded By: Councillor Morrison
THAT:
The meeting adjourn at 10:49 a.m.
  CARRIED

Chair Art Versteeg

Clerk Susan Cronin