



Day One: Committee of the Whole

Highways, Facilities, Planning & Corporate

Minutes - January 13, 2010

GODERICH, ONTARIO



DAY 1 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Goderich, Ontario
January 13th, 2010

The Day 1 Committee of the Whole met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 13th of January, 2010. All members of Council were present except for Councillor D. Shewfelt. Chair D. Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

CAO Adam advised of the passing of Helene Alcock. She was the wife of the former County of Huron Treasurer Bill Alcock and the mother of Mike Alcock, Civil Engineering Technologist with the Department of Public Works and Highways. Mrs. Alcock's funeral is today at 11:00 a.m. and CAO Adams will be leaving the meeting to attend the funeral. A moment of silence was observed for Helene Alcock by the members of County Council.

Councillor's Issues:

Councillor J. Seili reported he is unable to participate as a County representative on the Huron Economic Development Matters.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor Siemon:

THAT:

Councillor J. Grace be nominated to fulfill the appointment to the Huron Economic Developments Matters as the County of Huron representative on that Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor MacLellan questioned the possibility of Council considering the relocation of the proposed Huronview site apartments to Vanastra. It has recently come to the attention of the Huron East Council that there exists a 36 unit apartment complex that is vacant at present. This property has become the property of the Municipality of Huron East.

After a great deal of discussion the following Motion was considered.

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden B. Dykstra and Seconded by: Councillor B. MacLellan:

THAT:

The Affordable Housing Committee meet to discuss the option presented at the COTW meeting on January 13th to renovate the vacant 36 unit apartment building in Vanastra, owned by the Municipality of Huron East;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This information be passed along to Director of Social Services Overboe for a Report to Council at an upcoming meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

The Day 1 Committee of the Whole Agenda be accepted and all Reports included in the Agenda; be received.

CARRIED

Delegation:

Pam Stanley Vice Chair and Paul Nichols, Community Development Manager of the Huron Business Development Corporation (HBDC) were present. A copy of the presentation is attached as Schedule A to these minutes.

A great deal of discussion took place.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent:

THAT:

The County of Huron Council support the Huron Business Development Corporation by sending a letter to Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb and the Honourable Dr. Gary Goodyear, Minister for FedDev Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A copy of the presentation be forwarded to South West Economic Alliance and to all Counties in the Province of Ontario requesting their support to our local HBDC to deliver the following message to our Federal representatives:

- To date, investments through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario have made a significant contribution to Huron County's economic recovery;
- However, the Huron County economy is not "out of the woods yet" and further federal investments are required;
- The Huron Business Development Corporation has a proven track record of cost-effective delivery of federal program dollars. Given the results to date, it only makes sense to re-instate enhanced economic stimulus funding via the Huron Business Development Corporation;
- In this way, the Government of Canada can be confident that the entrepreneurs, workers and communities of Huron County share fully in our nation's economic recovery.

CARRIED

5. Report of the Regional Information Co-ordinator OMAFRA:

Jane Muegge, Regional Information Co-ordinator, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs delivered a presentation for the information of Committee.

Jane Muegge answered questions from the members of the Committee. Councillor Van Diepenbeek requested that the Province be lobbied on behalf of the beef farmers for herd reduction similar to the program that took place for the hog farmers.

6. Public Works Department:

There were no reports from the Public Works Department for this Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. Planning and Development:

7.1 Consents:

The authority to grant or refuse to grant consents is delegated to the Committee of the Whole under By-law No. 5-2009. Decisions become effective upon a carried motion of the Committee of the Whole. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

7.1 a) B43/09 Bert & Tina Visscher & Peter & Tanya Janssen (owners) Pt Lot 11, North Boundary Concession, Stephen Ward, Municipality of South Huron:

Sally McMullen, Planner reviewed the application. The purpose of this application is for the creation of a new lot under the surplus severance policies. The lands to be severed is approximately 5.4 ac (2.2 ha) containing an existing house and barn. The vacant lands to be retained is approximately 91.4 ac (37 ha). Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) references protection of prime agricultural land. This application would be removing approximately 1.3 ac (0.5ha) more agricultural land than is required to support the residence. The South Huron Official Plan requires the house be built prior to June 28, 1973. The house was constructed in 1977 and therefore does not meet the criteria. It is recommended that this application for consent be denied.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:

THAT:

The application requesting separation and conveyance of a parcel of land described as Pt. Lot 11, North Boundary Concession, Stephen Ward, Municipality of South Huron; be approved, subject to conditions.

CARRIED

7.1 b) B49/09 John Lawrence Ryan and Marianna Ryan (owners) Pt Lot 28, Concession 14, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East:

Carol Leeming, Planner reviewed the application. The purpose of the application is for approval of a validation certificate under Section 57 of *the Planning Act* to correct a descriptive error. The application does not create a new lot; it will simply recognize the intended description of an existing property for which a consent had been granted. The original severed property was created by a severance approved by the Huron County Land Division in 1974. It was discovered that the point of commencement in the deed was incorrect. The description in the original deed commenced at the southwest angle of Lot 28, Concession 14, being 33 feet south of the intended point of commencement. The description should have commenced on the north limit of Canada Company Road or 33 feet north from the southwest angle of Lot 28, Concession 14. It is recommended that the Validation Certificate under Section 57 of *the Planning Act* be approved subject to conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan were in attendance.

The Municipality of Huron East is supporting this application.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent:

THAT:

The application for a Validation Certificate for property at Pt. Lot 28, Concession 14, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East; be approved; subject to conditions.

CARRIED

7.2 Delegated Consents:

The authority to grant undisputed consents is delegated to the Director of Planning and Development under By-law No. 5-2009. Report 7.2 lists the applications which received provisional consent approval since the last report. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The recommendation by Senga Smith, Land Division Secretary that no objections be lodged further to the Delegated Consents submitted with the Report of January 13th, 2010; be approved.

CARRIED

7.3 Zoning By-laws:

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.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent:

THAT:

The recommendation by Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development that no objections be lodged further to the Zoning By-laws submitted with the Report of December 24th, 2009; be approved.

CARRIED

7.4 Community Economic Development:

7.4 a) Planning by Design: a healthy communities handbook:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute have published a new document called Planning by Design: a healthy communities handbook. The handbook showcases Huron County's sustainability planning program (Take Action for Sustainable Huron) as one of several "innovative ways to meet the challenges of planning and designing for healthy communities." The handbook also contains several photographs of sites in Huron County, which were provided to the Ministry by County tourism staff.

7.4 b Take Action for Sustainable Huron:

On September 2, 2009, County Council approved a funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund (GMF) to advance the Take Action for Sustainable Huron initiative. The application was approved for \$103,125. The funding will enable the hiring of a consultant coordinator for a two year period to develop the Take Action report into a Sustainable Community Plan which will set the course for implementing sustainable actions, decisions and projects across Huron County. Local communities that are aware, creative, connected, self-reliant and resourceful will be better able to cope with change resulting from economic, environmental and societal pressures.

It is recommended that the funding contract be approved and the necessary By-law be passed authorizing the Warden and Clerk to sign the contract no later than January 25, 2010.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The recommendation by Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development that the Take Action for Sustainable Huron funding contract; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be considered by County Council at a Special Council meeting following the COTW Day 2 meeting on January 20th, 2010 authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to sign the contract between the County of Huron and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED

7.4 c) Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan:

On October 7, 2009, County Council approved a funding application to the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario TDM Municipal Grant Program, to develop a TDM Plan under the guidance of the Transportation Task Force. MTO staff advised that funding is expected to be approved for \$37,250; a matching contribution is contained in the Planning and Development Department's draft budget. The funding will enable the hiring of a consultant for one year to work with the Transportation Task Force. The TDM Plan will focus on reducing single vehicle trips through such measures as education, carpooling, and promotion of alternatives (walking, cycling). Transportation is one of the major themes in the Take Action for Sustainable Huron report.

It is recommended that the funding contract be approved and the necessary By-law be passed authorizing the Warden and Clerk to sign the contract.

Director Tousaw was questioned about a trail running along the west side of Highway 21 from Goderich to Point Farms; similar to the trail that runs along the west side of Highway 21 south of Grand Bend. He advised that this would require Ministry of Transportation approval as Highway 21 is their jurisdiction. All municipalities within the County of Huron will be approached for their recommendations toward the TDM Plan.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor K. Oke:

THAT:

The recommendation by Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development that the funding application to the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be considered by County Council authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to sign the contract between the County of Huron and the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

7.4 d) 2010 Huron County Vacation Guide:

A request for quotations for the printing of the 2010 Vacation Guide was sent to five local printers and advertised on the County website and accessible to printers external to the County in November 2009. It is recommended that the quote from Commercial Print Craft Ltd. be accepted.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor J. Fergusson:

THAT:

The recommendation by Cindy Fisher, Senior Planner and Tourism Co-ordinator and Jenna Ujiye, Tourism Marketer, that the 2010 Huron County Vacation Guide be printed by Commercial Print Craft Ltd. for a cost not exceeding \$35,700 plus applicable taxes for 104 inside pages with 8 page cover; be approved.

CARRIED

7.4 e) Local Immigration Partnership Council:

The County of Huron has received preliminary funding approval from Citizenship and Immigration Canada to develop a Local Immigration Partnership Council over 2010. The funding announcement is anticipated soon.

It is recommended that the Local Immigration Partnership Agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada be approved and the necessary By-law be passed, and that two Councillors be appointed to the Huron Immigration Partnership Council.

Councillor K. Oke nominated Councillor B. MacLellan.

Councillor B. MacLellan nominated Councillor K. Oke.

Councillor G. Robertson nominated Councillor J. Fergusson.

Councillor J. Dietrich nominated Councillor J. Bezaire.

Councillors J. Fergusson and J. Bezaire withdrew their nominations.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor J. Fergusson:

THAT:

The recommendation by Carol Leeming, Planner that the Local Immigration Partnership Agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be considered by County Council authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to sign the Agreement at a Special Council meeting following the COTW Day 2 meeting on January 20th, 2010;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The following County Councillors be appointed to the Huron Immigration Partnership Council:

1) Councillor K. Oke and 2) Councillor B. MacLellan.

CARRIED

7.5 Notices of Intent Under the Tree By-law:

NOTE: *Abbreviations are for municipalities, the Wards are named in the following table.*

Bluewater (B)	Howick	North Huron (NH)	Ashfield-Colborne-
Central Huron (CH)	Huron East (HE)	South Huron (SH)	Wawanosh (A-C-W)
Goderich	Morris-Turnberry (MT)		

	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<i>Acres</i>	<u>Location</u>
1.	Saratoga Sawmill	John Elliot	12	Pt. Lot 14., Con. 1, A-C-W, (Wawanosh)
2.	Bernie McGlynn Lumber	Gamma Ontario Ltd.	8	Lot 21, Con. 4, HE, (McKillop Ward)
3.	Eli G. Bauman	Harvey Kuntz	30	Lot 11, Con. 2, MT, (Morris Ward)
4.	Miller Wood Products	Wayne Prance	15	Lot 15, Con. 10, SH (Ward 3, Usborne)
5.	Miller Wood Products	Matt Rynen	10	Lot 9, Con. 9, SH (Ward 3, Usborne)
6.	Ontario Selective Harvest Ltd.	Ivan Dow	25	Lot 29, Con. 10, NH (East Wawanosh)
7.	Ontario Selective Harvest Ltd.	Fred & Ruth Armstrong	35	Lot 27, Con. 3 & 4, A-C-W, (Wawanosh)
8.	J.H. Keeso and Sons Ltd.	Jim McLaughlin	5	Lot 27, Con. 15, Howick
9.	J.H Keeso and Sons Ltd.	McLaughlin Farms	10	Lot 28 Con. 16, Howick
10.	J.H Keeso and Sons Ltd.	McLaughlin Farms	10	Lot 29 Con. 16, Howick

7.6 Water Protection:

7.6 a) Mandatory Septic System Maintenance Program:

Matt Pearson, B.M. Ross & Associates was in attendance and delivered a very informative presentation on the mandatory septic system maintenance program that is operating in the Municipality of Huron-Kinloss. The Water Protection Steering Committee recommended this presentation as background to a possible Huron County program.

The cost per property owner with a septic system in the Municipality of Huron Kinloss is \$55 per year. This is paid every year and the program operates with a small surplus each year.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor B. Dowson:

THAT:

The Mandatory Septic System Maintenance program presented by Matt Pearson, from B.M. Ross & Associates; be received.

CARRIED

7.6 b) 2009 Clean Water Project:

The County of Huron contributes \$250,000 annually to the Clean Water Project, which provides land stewardship grants to improve water quality. The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority deliver the program to the residents of Huron County under the direction of the Clean Water Project Committee. Susanna Reid, Planner provided a summary of the 2009 projects funded by the Clean Water Project.

Councillor N. Vincent commented on the positive programs especially the manure storage decommissioning program. For the farmers who have used this they want to pass along their thanks to the County for this program and the County's support.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott and Seconded by: Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek:

THAT:

The 2009 Clean Water Project Report prepared by Susanna Reid; be received.

CARRIED

7.6 c) Huron County Sentinel Wells:

The Huron County Sentinel Well program was initiated following recommendations from the Groundwater Quality Assessment in 2001. As a result of this study, representative wells, termed "Sentinel Wells" from six clusters were identified for long-term monitoring.

In 2004 ABCA, MVCA and Huron County agreed that all wells would be sampled on an annual basis and analyzed for the general chemical parameters and a limited suite of metals. In addition, two of the six wells considered to be more susceptible to contamination would be analyzed for a more comprehensive suite of parameters, including hydrocarbons, organic pesticides and metals. The remaining four wells, considered less susceptible to contamination would be submitted for tritium analysis.

In 2009, all wells were sampled for hydrocarbons, organic pesticides and metals.

Luinstra Earth Sciences reports that two of the wells have microbiological results which could indicate that the well is under some influence from a nearby source of pathogens although it may be the result of lack of use of that well. Luinstra Earth Sciences concludes that the data from the 2009 sampling program indicates no significant decrease in the quality of groundwater from previous sampling years. All water quality parameters are within a normal range for the types of aquifers in Huron County.

MOTION

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

The Huron County Sentinel Wells report prepared by Scott Tousaw; be received.

CARRIED

8. Facilities:

8.1 Information Report:

In CAO Larry Adams' absence, Treasurer David Carey presented the Facilities report for the information of Committee.

9. Administration, Policies & Other Issues:

There were no Administration, Policies and other issues for this meeting.

10. Correspondence:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support the Resolution from the Township of Mapleton requesting the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of the Environment to issue a moratorium on wind energy projects until a health study has been completed by an independent third party.

DEFEATED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor K. Oke:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support the Resolution from the County of Grey requesting the Federal and Provincial government agencies responsible for public health, energy creation and energy management to complete the following:

1. Dedicate resources to the necessary scientific research to consider the impact of
 - Low frequency noise, and
 - Electrical and electromagnetic disturbances in areas of industrial wind turbines with the intent to confirm/deny public health implications
 - Technology and infrastructure being used; and
2. Create and provide authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and wind energy developers.

DEFEATED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor K. Oke:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support the Resolution from the City of Kawartha Lakes requesting in advance of the issuance of any permits and the commencement or continuance of any projects that the appropriate Provincial Health Officials conduct a study of the adverse health effects now being experienced where windmill projects are fully operational to determine the possible adverse health effects; a full environmental study be done to determine the possible impact on the conservation areas and the Oak Ridges Moraine and that an independent economic impact study be done to determine all related potential costs that will be incurred by the Municipality and the effect on property values in the affected areas.

CARRIED

11. Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts for December 31st, 2009 will be reviewed.

Highways	\$2,434,476.21
Fleet	61,577.16
Buildings	73,400.76
Planning	206,353.01

Committee of the Whole Day 1
January 13th, 2010
Page 13 of 13

Financial statements for the period ending November 30th, 2009 will be reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Highways	\$1,016,751	\$3,199,050	\$22,772,174	\$12,617,103	\$21,755,423	\$9,418,053
Fleet	1,608,164	1,901,240	1,405,148	1,647,264	(203,016)	(253,976)
Buildings	1,458,914	1,463,315	1,862,933	2,057,930	404,019	594,615
Planning	685,401	786,578	2,820,045	2,788,988	2,134,644	2,002,410

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

The accounts up to and including December 31st, 2009 and the financial statements as of November 30th, 2009; be received.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Day 1 Committee of the Whole will be in Goderich on Wednesday February 10th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

The meeting adjourn 11:47 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair D. Kelly