



Day One:
Committee of the Whole
Highways, Planning & Corporate
Minutes - November 14, 2012

GODERICH, ONTARIO



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DAY 1 – MEETING MINUTES

Goderich, Ontario
November 14, 2012

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 14th day of November 2012. All members were present. Councillor N. Vincent left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

1. Call to Order:

Councillor J. Grace called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest:

Councillor Van Diepenbeek declared a pecuniary conflict of interest with respect to Report Item 7.1 b.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Robertson and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg
"THAT

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Agenda for November 14th, 2012; be accepted and all reports included in the Agenda; be received."

CARRIED

4. Delegations:

4.1 Chair J. Grace and Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development, presented a Service Pin Award to Ms. Cindy Fisher for 30 years with the County of Huron.

4.2 Mr. Dan Mathieson, Mayor of City of Stratford, re: Intelligent Communities.

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Mr. Matheson is present to speak about the economic challenges facing the southwest region. It is noted that quality of life is the driving factor of choosing a place to live, along with future community development.

An overview of the Intelligent Community is provided, including broadband connectivity and advanced manufacturing. In order to be economically competitive in the future, municipalities need to utilize these new resources and this can be a challenge in a rural setting.

The City of Stratford has developed a strategic plan working towards an economic Intelligent Community that will be able to compete in the future.

4.3 Mr. Brian Barnim, re: Proposed Mandatory Septic Inspection By-law.

Mr. Barnim is present to speak about the Proposed Mandatory Septic Inspection By-law. Mr. Barnim is representing several ratepayers that have concerns with the proposed program and some facts are provided with general consensus that they are not in favour of the mandatory septic inspection system proposed by the County.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Robertson and Seconded By: Councillor Gowing

“THAT:

The delegation from Mr. Brian Barnim, re: Proposed Mandatory Septic Inspection By-law be received.”

CARRIED

4.4 Mr. Frank Rattasid, re: Drainage Ditch Issue – 43738 Amberley Road, Howick Township.

Mr. Rattasid is present to speak about a drainage ditch issue whereby Mr. Rattasid has recently purchased property to develop an auto wrecker and scrap metal recycling yard located at 43738 Amberley Road in Wroxeter, Ontario.

Mr. Rattasid is present to request a resolution with the County on the proposed drainage ditch which will resolve water drainage to the satisfaction of both parties.

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MOTION:

Moved By: Warden MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Gowing

“THAT:

The delegation from Mr. Frank Rattasid, re: Drainage Ditch Issue – 43738 Amberley Road, Howick Township be received;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The CAO and Director of Public Works be authorized to work with Mr. Rattasid on resolving the drainage ditch issue on 43738 Amberley Road.”

CARRIED

5. Councillor’s Issues:

Councillor Shewfelt – advises that he can no longer fulfill his duties on the CAO Selection Committee and advises that Councillor Gowing is willing to replace him on the Committee.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Klopp and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent

“THAT:

The CAO Selection Committee membership be amended to replace Councillor Shewfelt with Councillor Gowing.”

CARRIED

6. Ms. Jane Muegge, Agriculture & Rural Economic Development Advisor, OMAFRA, re: Update on Agriculture and Economic Development Affairs:

Ms. Jane Muegge delivered a presentation for the information of Committee on initiatives related to agriculture and economic development opportunities within the County.

7. Consent Agenda:

Planning and Development

- 7.1 Report from Ms. Senga Smith, Planning and Development, re: Delegated Consents.

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The purpose of the report is to delegate authority to grant undisputed consents to the Director of Planning and Development under By-law No. 5-2009. The report lists the applications which received provisional consent approval since the last report.

ACTION:

"THAT:

The recommendation of Senga Smith, Land Division Secretary, Planning and Development Department; that no objections be lodged further to the Delegated Consents submitted with the Report of November 14, 2012; be approved."

7.2 Report from Mr. Scott Tousaw, Planning and Development, re: Zoning By-Laws.

The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of Zoning By-laws and amendments which 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 Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development; that no objections be lodged further to the Zoning By-laws submitted with the Report of October 19, 2012; be approved."

7.3 Huron Economic Development Partnership (HEDP).

The minutes of the HEDP meetings of September 7, 2012 and September 26, 2012 are provided.

ACTION: For information.

7.4 Report from Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development, re: Contribution to Reserve.

The Sustainability Plan and the Immigration Partnership have funds in 2012 for on-going projects that will not be spent this year and details are contained in the report.

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ACTION:

THAT:

"The recommendation of Nancy Rennick, Deputy Treasurer, and Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development, that the following amounts be transferred to the Economic Development reserve for future projects: \$75,000 for the Sustainability Plan; and \$21,300 for the Municipal Immigration Information On-line program (subject to the final installment being received); be approved."

7.5 Notice of Intent under the Tree By-Law.

	Contractor	Property Owner	Acres	Location
1.	Eugene Salvage	Trevor/Nathan Peel	11	Pt Lot 27, Con C MT, Turnberry Ward
2.	Eugene Salvage	Allan Ritchie	12	ED, E Pt Lot 8 Pt Lot 9, Con 13 A-C-W, Ashfield Ward
3.	Miller Wood Products	Laurie Dykstra	12	Pt Lot 5, Con 1 SH, Usborne Ward
4.	Miller Wood Products	Glen McElrea	10	Pt Lot 10, Con 12 SH, Usborne Ward
5.	Miller Wood Products	Bill Pincombe	14	Pt Lot 10, Con 5 SH, Usborne Ward
6.	Kevin Shea	Ted Janmaat	15	Pt Lot 13, Con 1 CH, Hullett Ward
7.	St. Helens Wood Products	Jim Ritchie	12	ED, W Pt Lot 8, Con 13 A-C-W, Ashfield Ward
8. ***	Ontario Selective Harvest Ltd./Jack Winkler	Deb Elphick	8	WD, Pt W Lot 1 Pt Lot 2, Con 14 A-C-W, Ashfield Ward
9.	Saratoga Sawmill	Don Vanderhaar	5	E Pt Lot 21, Con 1 A-C-W, West Wawanosh Ward
10.	Saratoga Sawmill	Don Allen	6	Pt Lot 16, Con 12 CH, Hullett Ward
11.	Saratoga Sawmill	John Gaunt	25	W Pt Lot 32, Con 8 A-C-W, West Wawanosh Ward
12. ***	Ontario Thinning Specialists/GWG Resources Services	Gary Courtney	30	S Pt Lot 36, Con 2 NH, East Wawanosh Ward

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13.	Saratoga Sawmill	Robert McMichael	25	Pt Lot 28, Con Maitland A-C-W, Colborne Ward
14.	Jim Schreinert	Leroy Drennan	9	WD, Pt E Lot 5 Pt Lot 4, Con 14 A-C-W, Ashfield Ward
15.	Jim Schreinert	Marguerite Gross	3	W ½ Lot 29, Con 11 CH, Hullett Ward
16.	B.E. Grein Lumber Ltd.	Earl Kavelman	15	Pt Lot 31, Con 16 Howick

*** Marked by and woodlot prescription prepared by a member or associate member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association in accordance with "Good Forestry Practice".

ACTION: For information.

7.6 Public Works

- a) Report from Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, re: Boundary Bridge #1 – Ownership Transfer BB #1 (on Victoria Street, Lower Town – Wingham).

ACTION:

"THAT:

The recommendation of Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, that the County agree to transfer ownership of Boundary Bridge # 1 to the Municipality of North Huron and the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be prepared to devolve the County of ownership."

- b) Report from Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, re: Boundary Bridge #15 – Ownership Transfer BB #15 (on Division Line).

ACTION:

"THAT:

The recommendation of Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, that the County agree to transfer ownership of Boundary Bridge # 15 to the Municipality of Huron East and the Municipality of Central Huron; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be prepared to devolve the County of ownership."

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- c) Report from Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, re: Boundary Bridge #16 – Ownership Transfer BB #16 (on Kippen Road).

ACTION:

"THAT:

The recommendation of Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, that the County agree to transfer ownership of Boundary Bridge # 16 to the Municipality of Bluewater; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be prepared to devolve the County of ownership."

- d) Report from Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, re: Boundary Bridge #17 – Ownership Transfer BB #17 (on Kippen Road).

ACTION:

"THAT:

The recommendation of Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, that the County agree to transfer ownership of Boundary Bridge # 17 to the Municipality of Bluewater; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be prepared to devolve the County of ownership."

- e) Report from Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, re: Boundary Bridge #21 – Ownership Transfer BB #21 (on Road 183).

ACTION:

"THAT:

The recommendation of Dave Laurie, Director of Public Works, that the County agree to transfer its 50% ownership of Boundary Bridge # 21 to the Municipality of Huron East; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be prepared to devolve the County of ownership."

- 7.7 Report from Mike Alcock, Civil Engineering Technologist, Public Works/Highways, re: Proposed By-law to Authorize Yield to Oncoming Traffic Sign.

ACTION:

"THAT:

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The recommendation of Mike Alcock, Civil Engineering Technologist, Public Works/Highways Department, that County Council endorse the provisions of the attached DRAFT By-law to authorize the Yield to Oncoming Traffic sign controlling west bound traffic at the County Road 13 Rail Subway; be approved."

- 7.8 Report from Nancy Rennick, Deputy Treasurer, re: Business Tax Capping Impact.

ACTION: For information.

- 7.9 Warden's Monthly Expense Submissions for August and September 2012.

ACTION: For information.

- 7.10 Correspondence

- a) Township of Howick, re: County of Huron Mandatory Septic Re-inspection Program.

Action: For information.

- b) Municipality of South Huron, re: Moratorium on Industrial Wind Turbines until Canada Health Study Completed.

Action: For information.

- 7.11 Accounts and Financial Statements

- a) Accounts up to and including October 25, 2012 were received.

Highways	912,081.84
Fleet	236,492.89
Planning	111,120.32

- b) Financial Statements for period ending September 30, 2012 were reviewed.

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	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Highways	157,508	262,500	15,177,548	10,302,216	15,020,040	10,039,716
Fleet	1,669,596	1,729,488	1,143,282	1,483,295	(526,314)	(246,193)
Planning	464,656	656,123	2,349,192	2,631,960	1,884,536	1,975,837

ACTION:

"THAT the accounts up to and including October 25, 2012, and the financial statements as of September 30, 2012; be received."

Consent Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councilor Shewfelt and Seconded By: Councillor Robertson

"THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.11 be approved with the actions as noted."

CARRIED

8. Planning and Development Consents

- 8.1 B48/2012 – Wayne Prance, Frances Prance and Jeff Prance (owners), Pt Lot 13, Con 13, Usborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron.

The purpose and effect of this consent application is for the creation of a new lot under the surplus residence policies. The land to be severed is approximately 1.7 acres (0.69 ha) and contains a dwelling and garage. The retained farmland is approximately 98.3 acres (39.78 ha) and has two storage sheds and a grain drying facility.

It is recommended by the Planning & Development Department that this application be denied provisional consent as it does not meet the criteria for approval under the surplus residence policies for South Huron. The Municipality of South Huron has a requirement that the retained lands must merge with another abutting farm parcel. The applicant is not willing to merge the balance of the farmlands in order to meet the merging requirement of the South Huron Official Plan. The application has been recommended for approval by the Municipality of South Huron.

Mr. Prance is in attendance to advise that the grain drying bins will only be used minimally throughout the year.

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MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Vincent and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

“THAT:

Application B48/2012 by Wayne Prance, Frances Prance and Jeff Prance, for property described as Pt Lot 13, Con 13, Usborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron, requesting separation and conveyance of a parcel of land as described be approved with the conditions as requested by the Municipality of South Huron.”

CARRIED

Councillor Vincent left at 11:50 a.m.

- 8.2 B50/2012 – Wayne Prance, Frances Prance and Jeff Prance (owners), N. Pt Lot 14 and S. Pt Lot 15, Con 9, Usborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron.

The purpose and effect of this application is for the creation of a new lot under the surplus residence policies. The land to be severed is approximately 1.7 acres (0.69 ha) and contains a house and storage shed. The land to be retained is approximately 197 acres (79.7 ha) with 3 storage buildings and 3 grain bins.

It is recommended by the Planning & Development Department that this application be denied provisional consent as it does not meet the criteria for approval under the surplus residence policies for South Huron. The Municipality of South Huron has a requirement that the retained lands must merge with another abutting farm parcel. The applicant is not willing to merge the balance of the farmlands in order to meet the merging requirement of the South Huron Official Plan. There is also an issue with Minimum Distance Separation (MDS). The property is deficient in MDS by 50%. The application has been recommended for approval by the Municipality of South Huron.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Steffler and Seconded By: Councillor Gowing

“THAT:

Application B50/2012 by Wayne Prance, Frances Prance and Jeff Prance, for property described as N Pt Lot 14 and S Pt Lot 15, Con 9, Usborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron, requesting separation and conveyance of a

parcel of land as described be approved with the conditions as requested by the Municipality of South Huron.”

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development

9.1 Report from Mike Pullen, Senior Economic Development Advisor, re: Economic Development Service Delivery and Resources.

Mike Pullen provides a program update on economic development dealing with broadband coverage, GIS mapping and associated marketing for the information of the Committee.

9.2 Report from Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development, re: Resources for County Planning and Economic Priorities.

Mike Pullen provides a presentation on economic development initiatives and the new challenges faced by the County in the context of service delivery and resource considerations.

Following the presentation, Scott Tousaw provides a report that outlines necessary resources to advance the County's priorities in planning and economic development.

MOTION:

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

“THAT:

The recommendation of Scott Tousaw, Director, Planning and Development Department, that the proposed resources contained in the report (1 FTE new Planner and 0.5 FTE existing Business Development Coordinator) be accepted in principle and forwarded to budget for further consideration.”

CARRIED

9.3 Report from Sandra Weber, Senior Planner, re: Provincial Policy Statement Review.

Sandra Weber notes that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing began the five year review of the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) in 2010. At that time, the County made a submission which identified areas of the PPS that warranted review or changes.

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The Ministry has now released a draft document with proposed policy changes under the five year review process and is requesting comments on the draft by November 23, 2012. The Department's report includes suggested changes, including those of interest to Council, and additional issues of concern from County Council.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Gowing

"THAT:

The recommendation of Sandra Weber, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department, that the report be submitted to the PPS Review, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by November 23, 2012, along with any additional areas of concern identified by the Committee; be approved."

CARRIED

- 9.4 Report from Mike Pullen, Senior Economic Development Officer, re: Broadband Coverage.

Mike Pullen provides an information report on high-speed broadband coverage throughout the County for the information of the Committee.

- 9.5 Report from Dave Pullen, Forest Conservation Officer, re: Trees Beyond Goderich.

Dave Pullen who has been working with "Trees Beyond Goderich" and the Huron Stewardship Council and Rachel White, Coordinator, Huron Stewardship Council provides an update on the project including proposed funding, environmental benefits and upcoming large scale re-plantings for the information of the Committee.

10. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

- 10.1 Report from Nancy Rennick, Deputy Treasurer, re: Appointment of Auditor for 2012 and 2013.

Nancy Rennick advises that the firm of Vodden Bender and Seebach are qualified to provide auditing services for the County at the most cost effective price and recommends that the firm be appointed for 2012 and 2013. In addition, it is also suggested that the Request for

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Proposal process for an auditing firm commence in 2013 for the next year.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded By: Councillor Dowson

"THAT:

The recommendation of Nancy Rennick, Deputy Treasurer, that Vodden, Bender and Seebach be appointed as Auditors for 2012 and 2013; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The County of Huron commence the Request for Proposal process in 2013 to be completed in time for the 2014 year."

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session

There is no closed session to the public.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Committee of the Whole Day 1 will be in Goderich on Wednesday December 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

"THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 meeting of November 14th, 2012 adjourned at 1:22 p.m."

CARRIED

Warden Bernie MacLellan

Acting Clerk Michael A. Di Lullo