



# Day Two: Committee of the Whole

Museum/Gaol, Social Services, EMS, Homes & Corporate

Minutes - April 21, 2010

GODERICH, ONTARIO



## **DAY 2 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Goderich, Ontario  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

The Day 2 Committee of the Whole met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2010. All members of Council were present. Chair N. Vincent called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. Councillor J. Grace left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest stated.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

### **THAT:**

The Day 2 Committee of the Whole Agenda for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010; be accepted and all Reports included in the Agenda; be received.

**CARRIED**

### **Councillor's Issues:**

CAO Adams requested Council's thoughts on lunch being brought into the Special Council meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Health and Library Complex. A show of hands indicated the majority of Council would like to have lunch brought in that day.

Councillor M. Demaray made an announcement that the lucky winner of two tickets to attend the Howick Firefighter's Breakfast on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> went to Councillor Tim Collyer.

Councillor J. Seili questioned Dave Overboe, Director of Social Services about youths breaking into the Maple Seniors Apartments in Brussels. Director Overboe has not heard of this before and will he promised to check into it and get back to Council.

Chair N. Vincent expressed his pride having a 19 year old, Huron County resident; Ryan O'Reilly, playing with the Colorado Avalanche Hockey Team.

Ryan O'Reilly is one of the many NHL players and former NHL players who will be playing in a Benefit Hockey Game for the Pham Family. The date of the Benefit Game is August 12<sup>th</sup> in North Huron's Westcast Arena. The NHL players will be playing against an OPP Hockey Team. There will be more information to come in the future.

**5. Cultural Services:**

Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services presented the following report for the information of the Committee.

**5.1 Museum and Gaol Information/Updating Report for March 2010:**

Young Canada Works (YCW) has approved five seasonal, student jobs at the Museum and Gaol for 2010. Interviews are taking place to fill these positions.

**6. Social Services:**

Dave Overboe, Director of Social Services presented the following report for the information of the Committee.

**6.1 Report from the Social Services Department:**

**6.2 Public Tender – Handicapped Accessible Power Door Openers:**

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The recommendation of Barbara Hall, Housing Services Manager, that Public Tender (HC) 2010-01 be awarded to PCS Automation Services, London in the amount of \$30,114.00 for the supply and installation of handicapped accessible power door openers at 12 multi-residential buildings; be approved.

CARRIED

**6.3 Affordable Housing Program – Leasenet Holdings Ltd.:**

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the situation with the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) site in Clinton and the Leasenet Holdings Ltd.

This was followed by some discussion surrounding the Maple Tree Housing project in Goderich. The County has provided a 20 year interest free loan in

the amount of \$410,000. Many members of Council agreed this project was not supported by this Council until the Province stepped up to assist with a large contribution (\$1 million) towards this project. The County agreed to support the project due to the lack of social housing in Goderich. Unfortunately the project is not moving forward now as there is a large amount of money needed to complete it.

Director Overboe will prepare a Report that outlines how the County should move forward with this project.

### **7. Emergency Services:**

David Lew, Chief, Emergency Services presented the following report for the information of the Committee.

#### **7.1 April 2010 Update:**

#### **7.2 Request for \$1,000 Donation to Huron County EMS:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Bezaire and Seconded by: Councillor B. MacLellan:

THAT:

The request from the Huron County Paramedic Hockey Team to use the \$1,000 donation to the Huron County EMS for the purchase of new jerseys for the hockey team; be approved.

CARRIED

### **8. Homes for the Aged:**

Barb Springall, Homes Administrator presented the following report for the information of the Committee.

Homes Administrator Springall advised she has received correspondence from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announcing they are deactivating the H1N1 Pandemic.

#### **8.1 Report for the Homes for the Aged:**

CAO Adams questioned the graduates from the Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) program to the Homes Administrator. Barb Springall reviewed the program for the members of Committee. Huron County has experienced success in "growing their own" Registered Practical Nurses. HealthKick.Huron, the Small Business Development Corporation and the Municipality of Huron East have successfully partnered with Georgian College to provide training for local people in their own community. The students were provided financial supports to attend the programs. Studies have shown that rural people tend to stay in their own communities when they receive training in their own community. The current employers of the new graduates are to be commended for adjusting schedules and supporting attendance at the training. As a result many new Registered Practical Nurses are working in the community.

Councillor J. Bezaire commended the Municipality of Huron East for their partnership in this successful project. Councillor J. Seili, the Mayor of Huron East, advised that another session has started with 26 students enrolled in the program this spring.

### **8.2 Correspondence:**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care re: Case Mix Index (CMI)

### **9. Administration, Policies & Other Issues:**

Barb Wilson, Clerk will present the following report for the information of Committee.

#### **9.1 The Case of Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario:**

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the Motion that Committee were to consider. It was expressed by several members that we should be doing more than sending a letter. This is a huge municipal issue.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor B. MacLellan:

THAT:

The recommendation of Clerk Barb Wilson; that the Council of the County of Huron forward a letter of support to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to call on the Government of Ontario to reform joint and several liability

as it exists today with a particular regard for the impact it has on 'deep pocket' property taxpayers and their communities; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron believe this issue is of such immense importance to Ontario municipalities that the Chair of the Rural Caucus Bruce Crozier, Leader of the Opposition in Ontario Tim Hudak, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario Andrea Horwath,; as well as the Western Ontario Warden's Association; be copied with this Motion of support.

CARRIED

**10. Correspondence:**

CAO Adams reviewed the correspondence from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services regarding the Province's financial commitment to early learning and child care across Ontario. This correspondence was for information only.

**11. Accounts and Financial Statements:**

Accounts up to and including March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will be reviewed.

Museum/Gaol	\$ 4,446.06
Buildings	\$ 68,465.49
Social Housing	\$ 344,198.15
EMS	\$ 38,353.43
Homes for the Aged	\$ 149,276.70
Council	\$ 6,903.55
Corporate	\$1,542,154.62
Accessibility	\$ 162.86

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The accounts up to and including March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010; be received.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Day 2 Committee of the Whole will be in Goderich on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:45 a.m.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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Chair N. Vincent