



Day Two: Committee of the Whole

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

Minutes - November 17, 2010

GODERICH, ONTARIO



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DAY 2

Goderich, Ontario
November 17th, 2010

The Committee of the Whole Day 2 met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 17th of November, 2010. All members of Council were present except for Councillors D. Shewfelt and N. Vincent. Warden B. Dykstra assumed the position of Chair in Chair N. Vincent's absence. Warden Dykstra called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 2 Agenda for November 17th, 2010; be accepted and all Reports included in the Agenda; be received.

CARRIED

Councillor's Issues:

Councillor B. Siemon took the opportunity to thank staff and his fellow Councillors for the time he has spent with them over past four years. He has always received the information required to assist him making an informed decision and has enjoyed the lively discussions.

Councillor J. Bezaire informed Council that effective December 1st, 2010, he will continue being a member of the SWEA (South West Economic Alliance) as a member of the public. He advised County Council that if they would like to continue as members of SWEA they will need to make an appointment for a member of County Council to represent them. The membership does not guarantee membership on the SWEA Board of Directors; Council will need to request that with their appointment to SWEA.

6. Cultural Services:

Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services will present the following Reports; for the information of Committee.

6.1 Museum and Gaol Information/Updating Report for October 2010:

6.2 Huron Heritage Fund Applications to November 1 Deadline:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor D. Johnston:

THAT:

The recommendation of Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services for approval of the funding of the following from the Huron Heritage Fund, be tabled until November 24th, 2010;

Applicant	Project	Project Costs	Requested	Recommended
St. Joseph and Area Historical Society	Narcisse (play)	\$59,100.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,582.98
Municipality of South Huron	Preserve historical pillars at Exeter Community Park	\$5,819.50	\$2,909.75	\$2,085.11
Thyme on 21 Restaurant	building preservation "The Cooper House"	\$123,927.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,582.98
Alison Lobb	Goderich Township Families book	\$21,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,582.98
Port Albert and District Recreation Society	175th Anniversary History Book	\$29,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,582.98
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry	Morris-Turnberry History book	\$74,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,582.98
		<u>\$314,346.50</u>	<u>\$27,909.75</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
CARRIED				

7. Social Services:

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

7.1 Report from the Social Services Department:

Barbara Hall, Housing Services Manager will present the following Reports; for the information of Committee.

7.2 Emergency Repairs – 400 Alexander Street, Brussels:

7.3 Affordable Housing Program – Maple Tree Community Housing Corporation:

7.4 Affordable Housing Program – Leasent Holdings Ltd.:

7.5 Short Form Tender – Janitorial Services, Snow Removal, Landscape Maintenance:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The recommendation of Barbara Hall, Housing Services Manager that the Short Form Tender (HS) 2011-01; be awarded to Gerald Rodges; for the supply of all labour, materials, accessories and equipment for the Janitorial Services, Snow Removal and Landscape Maintenance at the tendered price of \$31,542.95; be approved.

CARRIED

7.6 Fire Protection System – Huron East Seniors' Apartments:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The recommendation of Barbara Hall, Housing Services Manager that since the current existing fire protection service is endorsed by the local Fire Department; that the County of Huron also endorses this same level of fire protection service; be approved.

CARRIED

8. Emergency Services:

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

8.1 September Update:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor D. Johnston:

THAT:

Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resources; be directed to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss "In Closed to the Public Session" the sick time issue prior to the negotiations commencing with all unions.

CARRIED

8.2 Heart and Stroke's Becel Ride for Heart:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The recommendation of David Lew, Chief, Emergency Services that the funds obtained from this past summer's Becel Ride for Heart be used to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for the Huronview Homes for the Aged and Heartland Apartments of Huron County; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This will include training by the EMS Department.

CARRIED

9 Homes for the Aged:

In Homes Administrator Barb Springall's absence; Tracey Seymour, Environmental Services Manager for the Homes for the Aged, presented the following Reports for the information of Committee.

9.1 Report from the Homes for the Aged:

9.2 Huronview Potable/Sprinkler Water Reservoir:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The recommendation of Tracey Seymour, Environmental Services Manager; that the Environmental Services Manager be authorized to decommission the potable water container in the potable/sprinkler water reservoir at Huronview and make the necessary modifications to double the sprinkler reservoir capacity; be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Huronview Homes for the Aged inform the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Health Capital Investment Branch; as required in the Long Term Care Homes Act, of this intended infrastructure modification.

CARRIED

9.3 Correspondence:

A letter has been received from a family member of a resident at Huronlea who has recently passed away.

10. Administration, Policies & Other Issues:

David Carey, County Treasurer presented the following Reports; for the information of Committee.

10.1 September 30, 2010 Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Operations:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Report entitled September 30, 2010 Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Operations; be received for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Farmland and Managed Forest Component of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund:

MOTION:

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

WHEREAS the "Farmland Tax Program" and the "Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program" are designed by the Ontario Government to support lower food costs and protect forests for recreational and environmental purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Farm Tax Rebate Program and the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program were previously funded in full by the Ontario Government yet are now funded mainly by municipalities through the municipal property tax base;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities are being forced to absorb the loss of 75% of the property tax revenue from their farmland and managed forest properties while all residents of Ontario have a vested interest in maintaining lower-cost foods and protecting forests;

AND WHEREAS the farm tax rebate program provides lower-cost foods across the province, as well as the economic benefit of provincial exporting and is truly an income-redistributive program with province wide significance and should not be financed from local property taxes which results in those who are supposed to be benefiting from the program, actually paying for the program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario calculate the Farmland and Managed Forest component of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund ("OMPF") so that all municipalities receive full provincial reimbursement of their lost property tax revenue on farmland and managed forest properties, while land-owners maintain the streamlined process and the 25% ratio currently in place;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, Minister of municipal Affairs & Housing, local MPP's, all Ontario municipalities and any other individual or association deemed appropriate.

CARRIED

10.3 The County of Lambton's Motion re: HST on Hydro Bills:

CAO L. Adams has requested Council consider supporting the Motion from the County of Lambton.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports the County of Lambton Council to petition the Premier of Ontario to lift the application of Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on Hydro Bills as the HST is placing an undue financial burden on the citizens of Lambton County.

CARRIED

10.4 Rural Economic Development (RED) Funding Contract:

Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development will present this Report; for the information of the Committee.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor J. Seili:

THAT:

The recommendation of Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development; that the Transfer Payment Agreement be signed with Her Majesty in Right of Ontario (as represented by OMAFRA) for Rural Economic Development funding;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The necessary By-law be prepared and considered at the November 24th County Council session.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence:

12. Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts up to and including October 29th, 2010 were reviewed.

Museum/Gaol	\$7,927.31
Buildings	35,963.32
Social Housing	324,806.26
EMS	63,343.44
Homes for the Aged	155,897.86
Council	12,946.33
Corporate	1,696,779.40
Accessibility	2,652.99

Financial statements for the period ending September 30th, 2010 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Museum/Gaol	124,775	159,534	815,907	903,708	691,132	744,174
Huron Heritage Fund	-	-	11,705	15,003	11,705	15,003
Buildings	1,191,142	1,291,752	1,385,668	1,699,227	194,526	407,475
Social Housing	2,444,727	2,573,442	3,633,229	3,807,990	1,188,502	1,234,548
Social Services	14,981,691	14,321,232	18,072,187	17,497,485	3,090,496	3,176,253
EMS	3,314,843	3,337,326	6,921,112	6,806,952	3,606,269	3,469,626
Homes	10,857,832	10,551,993	11,954,435	12,131,612	1,096,603	1,579,619
Accessibility Committee	-	-	16,970	43,317	16,970	43,317
Council	-	-	359,902	470,142	359,902	470,142
Corporate	30,197,493	30,016,962	4,282,012	4,221,531	(25,915,481)	(25,795,431)

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor T. Collyer and Seconded by: Councillor M. Demaray:

THAT:

The accounts up to and including October 29th, 2010 and the financial statements as of September 30th, 2010 be received.

CARRIED

"Closed to the Public Session":

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Committee of the Whole Day 2 will be in Goderich on Wednesday January 19th, 2011 at 9:45 a.m. There will be a Council Orientation in the Court House Council Chambers on Wednesday December 15th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. for Committee of the Whole Day 1 and Day 2.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The meeting adjourn 11:40 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair N. Vincent