Huron County Council

Minutes - July 6, 2106

Eighth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO

EIGHTH SESSION MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON

Goderich, Ontario
July 6, 2016

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, July 6, 2016. Warden Paul Gowing called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Warden Gowing welcomed all present to the Eighth Session of 2016.

1. Roll Call:

Chief Administrative Officer Brenda Orchard called the roll and all members of Council were present.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden Gowing attended: the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Winnipeg, the Great Lakes Initiative Annual Meeting/Conference in Niagara Falls, New York, the Multicultural Festival in Goderich, a Shared Services meeting with the Municipalities of Central Huron, Huron East and Bluewater and the Canada Day Parade in Goderich. The 5th Annual Warden's Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 12, 2016.

3. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: #152-16
Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron accepts the agenda for July 6, 2016 as presented.
CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

No declarations of pecuniary interest were stated.

5. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

MOTION: #153-16
Moved by: Councillor Frayne and Seconded by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek
THAT:
The minutes of the previous session being the Seventh Session of June 1, 2016, the Audit Committee meeting of June 15, 2016, and the Special Sessions of June 15, 2016, June 23, 2016 and June 29, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Deputations:

6.1 Service Awards to Long Term Service Employees:

Warden Paul Gowing, CAO Brenda Orchard and Senior Managers presented awards to long term service employees.

6.2 Advanced Care Paramedics:

MOTION: #154-16
Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn
THAT:
The following motion tabled at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on June 15, 2016, pending further information of the financial implications, be raised from the table:

> "The Committee of the Whole Day 2 directs staff to proceed with Option #2 from the report of June 3, 2016 Advanced Care Paramedic Program: Reduction/Elimination – The ACP program be eliminated by natural attrition."

CARRIED

Brad Watters, an Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) representing the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 4513 presented to Council regarding the possible elimination of ACP's in Huron County. Correspondence was included in the agenda from Huron County Paramedics and Brian Humphrey, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 4513) Paramedics working for the County of Huron.

7. Councillor's Issues:

The Council Photo is to be done during the first term of each Warden. It was cancelled for July 6, 2016.

Councillor Watt informed members that SWIFT will be answering some of Huron County Council's questions regarding this project at the next meeting. He will present a report after receiving this information.

Councillor Cole requested an update on the Shared Service Meeting held with the Municipalities of Huron East, Central Huron and Bluewater. Councillor MacLellan stated that he will be making a presentation to the Municipality of South Huron in August.

Warden Gowing congratulated CAO Orchard on her appointment to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board.

8. Correspondence:

MOTION: #155-16
Moved by: Councillor Frayne and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence received from the Township of Addington Highlands and the Township of North Frontenac and approves the following:
Fire Departments within Huron County are responding to increasing medical calls due to ambulances not being available or delayed. The Departments are experiencing continually rising costs of core services.
Huron County Council feels that financial support should be provided by the province to support Fire Departments within Huron County when they are responding to medical calls.
This correspondence be sent to Premier of Ontario, the Office of the Fire Marshall, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

MOTION: #156-16
Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Watt
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron accepts correspondence items not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

9. Reports of Committees:

9.1 Board of Health – June 2, 2016 meeting minutes: Councillor Hessel, Chair of the Board of Health spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #157-16
Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Steffler
THAT:
The Board of Health Reports of June 2, 2016 be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 29.

CARRIED

9.2 Committee of the Whole Day 1 – June 8, 2016 meeting minutes: Councillor Watt, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 1 spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #158-16
Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan
THAT:
The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Reports of June 8, 2016 be approved as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 30.

CARRIED

9.3 Committee of the Whole Day 2 – June 15, 2016 meeting minutes: Councillor Cole, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 2 spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #159-16
Moved by: Councillor Cole and Seconded by: Councillor Donnelly
THAT:
The Committee of the Whole Day 2 Reports of June 15, 2016 be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 31.

CARRIED

9.4 Library Board – June 22, 2016 meeting minutes: Councillor Fergusson, Chair of the Library Board spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #160-16
Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Watt
THAT:
The Library Board Reports of June 22, 2016 be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 32.

CARRIED

10. New/Unfinished Business:

In the interest of being accountable and transparent, where a member of Council or staff would like to present an item of business in this section, it is recommended that they contact the Chief Administrative Officer in advance so that the item can be placed on the published agenda.

10.1 Proposed Increase in Pole Attachment Rates and Broadband Deployment in Ontario: (presented by Ron Gaudet)

MOTION: #161-16
Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron sends a letter to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, MPP Lisa Thompson, the Ontario Energy Board, AMO, and the WOWC, expressing concern over the proposed Pole Attachment Rate increase, highlighting its potential negative impact on the Independent Telecommunication Providers and their ability to extend Broadband coverage to Rural Ontario.

CARRIED

10.2 Wingham and District Hospital Foundation Funding Request: (presented by Mike Blumhagen)

MOTION: #162-16
Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan
THAT:
The following motion tabled at the February 4, 2016 Special Budget meeting be raised from the table:

> "The Council of the County of Huron approve the expenditure of $500,000 over three (3) years for the Wingham & District Hospital Redevelopment Project from reserves in the 2016 Budget."

CARRIED

MOTION: #163-16
Moved by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron approve the expenditure of $500,000 over three (3) years for the Wingham & District Hospital Redevelopment Project from reserves in the 2016 Budget.

Prior to the vote, a recorded vote was requested by Councillor Hessel:

YEAS: Councillors MacLellan, Van Diepenbeek, Watt, Vincent, Morrison, Cole, Donnelly, Frayne, Steffler, Fergusson
NAYS: Councillors Versteeg, Jewitt, Ginn, Hessel and Warden Gowing

CARRIED

10.3 Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity : (presented by Ron Gaudet)

The following motion was deferred at the June 15, 2016 Committee of the Whole Day 2 meeting until July 6, 2016:

b) Funding Request: (presented by Ron Gaudet)

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Watt
THAT:
The Committee of the Whole Day 2 support the Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity funding request.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE VOTE:

MOTION: #164-16

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Hessel
The following be added to the motion:
"for $500,000 over 5 years from the Economic Development reserve fund."
CARRIED

The main motion was adopted as follows:

MOTION: #165-16
THAT:
The Committee of the Whole Day 2 support the Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity funding request for $500,000 over 5 years from the Economic Development reserve fund.

Prior to the vote a recorded vote was requested by Councillor Morrison:

YEAS: Councillors Morrison, MacLellan, Jewitt, Watt, Ginn, Hessel, Frayne, Van Diepenbeek, Steffler and Warden Gowing
NAYS: Councillors Donnelly, Vincent, Fergusson, Versteeg and Cole.

CARRIED

11. Notice of Motions:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron sends correspondence to the South West Local Health Integration Network requesting information regarding the distribution of funding for the redevelopment of eligible long term care homes in the southwest region.

12. By-laws:

MOTION: #166-16
Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent
THAT:
Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2016-041; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with VanDriel Excavating Inc. for the Bridge # 12-17.5 Repair Project BR 1206.

By-law No. 2016-042; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Owen King Limited for the Bridge # 4-8.4 Repair Project BR 703B.

By-law No. 2016-043; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Hornblower Horizontal Earthboring Ltd. for Trenchless Culvert Installation Contract HC 16-801.

By-law No. 2016-044; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Lavis Contracting Company Ltd. for the Auburn Site Work and Septic System Project.

By-law No. 2016-045; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint a Planning Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

MOTION: #167-16
Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek
THAT:

By-law No. 2016-041, 2016-042, 2016-043, 2016-044, and 2016-045 be given first and second reading;
AND FURTHER THAT:
By-law No. 2016-041, 2016-042, 2016-043, 2016-044, and 2016-045 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #168-16
Moved by: Councillor Morrison and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan
THAT:
By-law No. 2016-041, 2016-042, 2016-043, 2016-044, and 2016-045 be given a third reading in accordance with Part 13 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;
AND FURTHER THAT:
By-law No. 2016-041, 2016-042, 2016-043, 2016-044, and 2016-045 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:07 a.m. and resumed at 11:18 a.m.

13. Closed to the Public Session:

MOTION: #169-16
Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn
THAT:
County Council do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:21 a.m. under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations – Advanced Care Paramedics;
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Economic Development;

AND FURTHER THAT:
CAO Brenda Orchard (Item 1 and 2), Clerk Susan Cronin (Item 1), Director of Operations Steve Lund (Item 1) and Acting Chief Emergency Services Jeff Horseman (Item 1) remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION: #170-16
Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Versteeg
THAT:
County Council rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:54 a.m.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out

MOTION:
Moved By: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded By: Councillor Van Diepenbeek
THAT:
“The Committee of the Whole Day 2 directs staff to proceed with Option #2 from the report of June 3, 2016 Advanced Care Paramedic Program: Reduction / Elimination – The ACP program be eliminated by natural attrition.”

Prior to the vote a recorded vote was requested by Councillor Hessel:

YEAS: Councillors Ginn, Donnelly, Jewitt, Vincent, Versteeg
NAYS: Councillors MacLellan, Van Diepenbeek, Steffler, Morrison, Frayne, Cole, Watt, Fergusson and Warden Gowing.

DEFEATED

MOTION: #171-16
Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Van Diepenbeek
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron stop the Advance Care Paramedic Program immediately with the appropriate notice as per the Collective Agreement.

Immediately after the vote a recorded vote was requested by Councillor Hessel:

YEAS: Councillors Fergusson, Steffler, MacLellan, Versteeg, Cole, Ginn, Van Diepenbeek, Warden Gowing
NAYS: Councillors Morrison, Frayne, Watt, Hessel, Donnelly, Vincent, Jewitt

CARRIED

14. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

- Committee of the Whole Day 1 – Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Board of Health – Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Seminar Room 2 of the Health & Library Complex, south of Clinton.
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 – Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Library Board – Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

15. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #172-16
Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel
THAT:
By-law No. 2016-046; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron, be introduced, be given a first, second and third reading in accordance with Part 13 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;
AND FURTHER THAT:
By-law No. 2016-046; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: #173-16
Moved by: Councillor Steffler and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent
THAT:
The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn the Eighth Session at 12:27 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

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Warden Paul Gowing

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Clerk Susan Cronin