



**County
of Huron**

Huron County Council



Minutes - February 2, 2006

Third Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on the above date at 9:00 a.m.

The Chief Administrative Officer called the roll and all members were present except Councillor B. Dykstra, Councillor P. Klopp, Councillor J. Seili and Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek.

Warden R. Morley welcomed the members to the Session and the Page, Kim Consitt. Councillor B. Dowson introduced his granddaughter, a Grade 7 student at the Huron Centennial Public School.

Minutes of the previous Session being January 5, 2006 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor J. Fergusson and Councillor B. MacLellan.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Representatives from the following organizations were present to receive recognition from the County for donations to the purchase of sanitizers at Huronview and Huronlea:

- Huronview
 - Huronview Auxilliary
 - Kinettes
 - Kinsmen
 - Catholic Women's League

- Huronlea
 - Huronlea Auxilliary
 - Brussels Lions Club
 - Women's Institute

Warden R. Morley, Larry Adams, CAO, Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, and Ann Brabender, Program and Social Services Co-ordinator, made presentations to thank the volunteer groups. The County is most appreciative of the support of community groups to enhance the life of the residents of the County Homes.

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Councillor D. Urlin inquired about the staff directory. The County Clerk will be updating the directory at least twice this year.

Councillor R. Rognvaldson commented on the amount of paper in the last Council package and reminded Council of the Warden's comments to bring their reports with them. Discussion regarding the amount of paper took place with Council being reminded that it was Councillors in previous years that wished to have all the material before them and this was confirmed in the "Hugh Thomas Report". Further discussion took place regarding paperless options available.

The CAO informed Council that staff would attempt to streamline, wherever possible, the duplication of reports and would also review the paperless options. Councillor Bezaire informed Council that he could be used as a test for any paperless system.

Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire
Seconded by Councillor K. Oke
That the IT Department bring back a report on the paperless options available.
Carried

Councillor R. Rognvaldson raised the issue about the Huron County website - Committee Structure and Councillors have not been updated. This should be a priority of the Department. The Treasurer commented by saying that the person responsible for updating the website was ill and will be updated today.

Councillor E. Connelly commented that the five rooms have been booked at the ROMA/OGRA Conference. Also, the announcement of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations for 2006. The Treasurer commented that at the time of the budget, these monies were unknown, Warden will bring this item up during the report of the Committee of the Whole. Thanks to Bob Montgomery for bringing this to our attention. A letter of thanks will be sent to the MPP.

Warden R. Morley - Huron is partnered with Middlesex and Perth for the Hospitality Suite. Do we want one for the AMO Conference? Keep working on it.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated January 12, 2006 was presented by Councillor R. Rognvaldson, Chair. Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, and Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Councillor Rognvaldson informed County of the Poster for Heritage Day 2006 on Monday, February 20th at the Huron County Museum. Copies were distributed to Council.

Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, informed Council that Dr. Salter has tendered his resignation as attending physician at Huronview effective March 3, 2006. Councillor D. Shewfelt suggested that the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital be contacted. The recruitment team will be reassembled to begin the search once again for a physician.

Moved by Councillor R. Rognvaldson

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That the report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated January 12, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #6.

Carried

The report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated January 11, 2006 was presented by Councillor D. Urlin, Acting Chair. Cindy Fisher, Senior Planner, and Don Pletch, County Engineer, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor D. Urlin

Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan

That the report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated January 11, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #7.

Carried

The report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated January 10, 2006 was presented by Councillor N. Rintoul, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, and John MacKinnon, Social Services Administrator, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor N. Rintoul

Seconded by Councillor E. Connelly

That the report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated January 10, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #8.

Carried

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated January 17, 2006 was presented by Warden R. Morley. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, and

David Carey, Treasurer, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Clause #7 - 2006 Budget

The original motion was:

"It is recommended that a 5.01% increase to the levy be accepted and further that \$700,000 be taken out of the Highway's Winter Maintenance Reserve Fund so that the new maximum is \$1.4 million and further that SMT prepare a report for County Council recommending the use of the \$700,000.

**Moved by B. MacLellan
Seconded by D. Layton
That the recommendation be approved.**

CARRIED

Councillor J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS: Scott, Rognvaldson, Oke, Rintoul, MacLellan, Layton, Morley, Urlin, Van Diepenbeek, Dykstra = 10

NAYS: Fergusson, Connelly, Shewfelt, Kelly, Dowson, Klopp, Bezaire = 7

ABSENT: Seili = 1

CARRIED"

The Treasurer and Warden spoke regarding the announcement from the Province regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations for 2006. Letters have been received from the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Information was provided with respect to the changes to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding program. The Province's phase-in strategy is extended to 2010 from 2008. One-time special assistance funding is being made available to ensure municipalities receive at least the same amount of funding as 2005, as well as funding to provide assistance to municipalities with limited property assessment among other areas such as social programs, policing costs, and challenges faced by rural and northern communities. A News Release was issued by Carol Mitchell, M.P.P. Huron-Bruce, regarding additional funding for Huron County in 2006 - an additional \$3.3 million for a total of \$5.7 million. It is not known whether this is one-time funding or continuous funding. Staff are contacting personnel at the relevant provincial ministries to receive clarification. Depending on the response, the additional funds could be used in different ways. The Warden requested that the budget motion be tabled and receive a report at the February Committee of the Whole along with recommendations as to the best use of the funds.

**Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt
Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson
That this motion be tabled.**

Carried

Moved by Warden R. Morley
Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson
That the report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated January 17, 2006 be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #9.

Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reclassification of \$700,000 from Highways Winter Maintenance Reserve

The CAO presented a report regarding the above.

It is recommended that the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy be updated to reflect the resolution of the Committee of the Whole to set the maximum amount required for the Highways Winter Maintenance Reserve Fund at \$1,400,000.

Further, that \$350,000. of the Highways Winter Maintenance Reserve Fund be reclassified to the Waste Management Reserve Fund.

Further, that \$350,000. or the amount not required to keep the Highways Winter Maintenance Reserve Fund at \$1.4 million, be reclassified to the Highways Reserve fund.

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor D. Layton

That the report from the SMT on Reserve usage be deferred until further 2006 Budget deliberations.

Carried

Warden's Economic Development Task Force

The Warden's Economic Development Task Force was established to advance the County's economic development efforts in a coordinated manner with municipalities. The Task Force consists of the heads of the local councils, municipal and county CAO's and relevant staff. The Task Force met on January 31st and will meet again on March 3rd. The consultants preparing the manufacturing marketing strategy - Sandy Baroudi and Tony Faria will present the action plan to the Committee of the Whole on March 14th.

Discussion took place regarding the budget effects.

Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That this report be received and forwarded to the 2006 Budget deliberations.

Carried

Warden R. Morley inquired about the new way the reports were presented to Council. The Chair of each Committee presented the reports and staff were entitled to make comments where necessary. Good experience for all and took some pressure off staff.

Councillor D. Kelly informed about the report regarding Project Files - Requiring Urgent Political Direction.

Warden Morley addressed this issue.

A new Committee will be formed to discuss issues such as the report referred to from Councillor Kelly, and to deal with walk-ins. Have to have people available for this Committee - good co-operation.

Moved by Councillor J. Fergusson

Seconded by Councillor D. Layton

That a Warden's Committee be formed composed of the three Committee Chairs, namely: Councillor B. Dykstra, Councillor N. Rintoul and Councillor R. Rognvaldson; Warden

R. Morley, Past Warden D. Layton, Councillor D. Shewfelt, and Larry Adams, CAO.
Carried

Warden Morley also informed Council that a memo has been received from B. F. Lorenzetti & Associates (Ontario) Inc. who will be attending the OGRA/ROMA Conference, will be having a display booth and also inviting conference attendees to schedule a private appointment with one of their specialists. Warden Morley asked if any of the Councillors would like to have a delegation at the Conference with the various Ministers.

MOTION

18-06 Moved by Councillor R. Rognvaldson, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly, that a vote of appreciation be extended to Kim Consitt, for acting as Page at the Session of Council today.
Carried

BY-LAWS

MOTIONS

19-06 Moved by Councillor D. Urlin, seconded by Councillor D. Shewfelt, that leave be given to introduce the following by-laws:
3-06 To delegate the authority to grant consents to a Committee of Council and to staff.
4-06 To ratify a Mutual Assistance Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Huron and the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Township of North Huron, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of Huron East, Municipality of Central Huron, Municipality of Bluewater, Municipality of South Huron, Town of Goderich and Township of Howick.
5-06 To authorize the County to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Corporation of the Township of North Huron to purchase lands.
Carried

20-06 Moved by Councillor M. Scott, seconded by Councillor K. Oke, that By-laws No. 3 - 5, 2006, inclusive, be given a first and second reading.
Carried

21-06 Moved by Councillor D. Layton, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly, that By-laws No. 3 - 5, 2006, inclusive, as read a first and second time, be passed.
Carried

22-06 Moved by Councillor J. Fergusson, seconded by Councillor B. Dowson, that By-laws No. 3 and 5, 2006, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 23, Subsection 2.
Carried

23-06 Moved by Councillor E. Connelly, seconded by Councillor R. Rognvaldson, that By-laws No. 3 and 5, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.
Carried

"IN CAMERA"

Moved by Councillor D. Layton
Seconded by Councillor D. Shewfelt
That Council proceed "In Camera" at 12:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and that Larry Adams, Penny Nelligan and Richard Hulley remain in attendance.
Carried

Penny Nelligan departed the Chambers at 12:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly
That Council rise from "In Camera" at 12:18 p.m.
Carried

Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt
Seconded by Councillor D. Urlin
That the Non-Union Compensation Agreement for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 be set at 3% per annum effective January 1 of each year; and further that the Non-Union part-time in lieu of benefits be increased from \$.75 to \$1.00 per hour effective January 1, 2006; and finally, that the Non-union part-time staff be included in the County Bereavement Policy calculated on a pro rata basis.
Carried

MOTION

24-06 Moved by Councillor B. Dowson, seconded by Councillor M. Scott,
that County Council do now adjourn at 12:20 p.m. to meet on Thursday,
March 2, 2006 or at the call of the Warden and Clerk.
Carried

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

BARBARA A. LEAMEN, County Clerk

ROBERT MORLEY, Warden

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COUNTY CLERK

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