



**County
of Huron**

Huron County Council



Minutes - April 6, 2006

Fifth 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.

Warden R. Morley welcomed the members to the Session and the Page, Kyle Rutledge. Councillor D. Shewfelt introduced Kyle, a Grade 8 student at the Victoria Public School.

Minutes of the previous Session being March 2, 2006 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor B. Dowson and Councillor B. MacLellan.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Warden R. Morley welcomed the Past Wardens to the Session. Past Warden N. Fairles brought greetings from the Past Wardens and introduced the Past Wardens in attendance.

Paul Steckle, M.P., Huron-Bruce, and Carol Mitchell, M.P.P., Huron-Bruce, were unable to attend.

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Councillor D. Layton spoke to Council regarding the Wingham Competes for Kraft Hockeyville 2006 Title. What is Hockeyville? - Kraft Hockeyville 2006 is a unique and exciting program designed to find out which Canadian community stands above all others. The community who takes away the trophy will win the experience of a lifetime: \$50,000 in upgrades to the arena, \$10,000 worth of hockey gear, and host a live NHL exhibition game in their arena. Wingham has been selected from 434 communities across Canada that applied for the title of "Hockeyville". They are now in the top 50 and need all the support they can get. Everyone in Huron County is encouraged to tune in to the Hockeyville shows and vote for Wingham. For more information visit www.cbc.ca/hockeyville or www.winghamhockeyville.com.

Councillor B. Dowson asked the Treasurer regarding the tax rates. The By-laws will be presented at the Committee of the Whole on April 18, 2006.

Councillor D. Urlin spoke regarding banning ATV's on County Roads. Councillor B. Dykstra also spoke that it is an issue we have to deal with.

Councillor D. Shewfelt spoke regarding the money received for ambulance. A conversation will be held.

Warden Morley suggests a conversation be held regarding the money for ambulance and the roads. Suggest to proceed with more road work. Work was postponed when Budget process started. Now funding is brought forward. Don Pletch, County Engineer, and Larry Adams, CAO, presented a report regarding paving road projects.

A discussion took place regarding this project. Motion to tender out and the prices will be considered when received.

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson

Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan

That Council proceed with the three tenders as outlined in the County Engineer's letter dated April 6, 2006 (attached as Appendix "A").

Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated March 14, 2006 was presented by Warden R. Morley, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, and

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

The CAO stated that a report will be forthcoming to the next Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the additional ambulance funding.

Moved by Councillor D. Layton

Seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson

That the report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated March 14, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #15.

Carried

The report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated March 8, 2006 was presented Councillor B. Dykstra, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Tousaw, Director, Planning and Development, and Don Pletch, County Engineer, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor B. Dykstra

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That the report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated March 8, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #16.

Carried

The report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated March 7, 2006 was presented by Councillor N. Rintoul, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, David Lew, Manager, Ambulance Operations, Evy McDonagh, Children's Services Manager, and Michele Gaynor, Ontario Works Manager, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Clause #8 - Land Ambulance Services

The original motion is:

"Moved by P. Klopp

Seconded by M. Scott

That the Emergency Services Manager and the Facilities Manager prepare an RFP for the Wingham Ambulance Base which will provide the County with a 20 year solution and report back to the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee on April 11, 2006. Carried"

Councillor P. Klopp wants to go on record that the report be postponed no later than May.

Moved by Councillor N. Rintoul

Seconded by Councillor M. Scott

That the report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated March 7, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #17.

Carried

ACTING CHAIR

Warden R. Morley, Councillor D. Shewfelt, and Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek left the Chambers at 10:45 a.m. to attend EPCOR's opening of the wind power project in Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh on Golf Course Road.

Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt

Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson

That Councillor D. Layton be appointed Acting Chair for the remainder of the Session.

Carried

The report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated March 9, 2006 was presented by Councillor R. Rognvaldson, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, and Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor R. Rognvaldson
Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That the report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated March 9, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #18.

Carried

INQUIRIES

Councillor D. Urlin spoke regarding staff attending South Huron Council and could they have a town day to have the other councillors to attend Council and see what they do and what is done during a session. The other councillors need to be educated and this information will be passed onto the public. Could a whole local council come to a Committee or Council meeting? Councillor B. Dowson spoke that it is hard to even get them to a committee meeting at their local council. How do you get them here to a day meeting? Staff could attend to explain where the tax dollars are going. Councillor MacLellan suggests giving them the dates of the Committee meetings to attend rather than at Council as more information can get back and a better understanding. Council sounds like more of a rubber stamping process. Councillor Rognvaldson attended a few years ago and had seen the hands going up and down with nothing happening. They need to attend Committee of the Whole as the whole Council are there, if interested, give them the opportunity to come. Penny Nelligan, Scott Tousaw and Beth Ross have been attending local council meetings, and have been a real help. Councillor Connelly came to Council before her term took place, found it rubber stamping, but was watching body language, watching the Departments Heads. Needs to attend a committee meeting instead of Council. Councillor Bezaire suggests with the legislature changes it could be video taped and maybe this could be looked into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Warden's Economic Development Task Force

Larry Adams, CAO, presented the report to Council from the meeting of March 31, 2006. Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development, addressed Council regarding the report and answered questions of Council. It is estimated that it would cost approximately \$8,000 to contract for the application.

Moved by Councillor E. Connelly
Seconded by Councillor J. Bezaire

That the Economic Development Task Force recommends the County of Huron retain Mr. Rick Hundey on a contract basis to prepare the OSTAR-RED grant application.

Carried

MOTION

32-06 Moved by Councillor J. Seili, seconded by Councillor D. Urlin, that a vote of appreciation be extended to Kyle Rutledge, for acting as Page at the Session of Council today.

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTIONS PERIOD

Past Warden Jack Coleman asked about the assessment within the County. David Carey, Treasurer, answered the question and that the average assessment was 13.2%, 16.1% residential, 10.9% farmland and overall 13.2%, commercial and industrial lesser.

"IN CAMERA"

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson

Seconded by Councillor J. Bezaire

That Council proceed "In Camera" at 11:37 a.m. to discuss a legal and personnel issues and that Larry Adams, Barb Springall and Richard Hulley remain in attendance.

Carried

Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That Council rise from "In Camera" at 11:50 a.m.

Carried

MOTION

33-06 Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly, that County Council do now adjourn at 11:53 a.m. to meet on Thursday, May 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