



**County  
of Huron**

# **Huron County Council**



**Minutes - July 6, 2006**

**Eighth 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, Brett Nesbit. Warden Morley introduced his nephew, a Grade 8 student at the Exeter Public School.

Minutes of the previous Sessions being June 1, 2006 and June 13, 2006 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor J. Bezaire and Councillor B. MacLellan.

#### **COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES**

Councillor D. Layton announced that the Opening of the Blyth Branch Library is today at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor J. Seili announced that Grey are celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this weekend with a parade and many events.

Councillor N. Rintoul requested information on the Ambulance Base in Wingham. Don Pletch spoke to Council and an RFP will be awarded at the Committee of Whole in August.

Councillor D. Shewfelt requested support for Kati Durst - Canadian Idol. Get out and Vote for her.

Councillor R. Rognvaldson announced that the Howick 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was very successful. Also they are very proud of the expansion which is on time and in Budget.

The Warden's Task Force 2006 and Beyond notes of May 17, 2006 and June 12, 2006 were distributed on the desks of the Councillors for information. Discussion took place regarding the Farm Tax Rebate. Any recommendations will be brought to the Committee of the Whole.

Warden Morley informed Council that the Economic Development Task Force meeting date which is scheduled for Friday, August 25, 2006 is the same day as the Huron Plowing Match. A count was taken of how many were available to attend and the meeting has been changed to Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in Seminar Room #2, at the Health and Library Complex, Clinton. Notification will be sent to the Committee members advising them of this change.

Warden Morley announced to Council that a copy of the Warden's Report is on their desks today. There will be more copies of the Report printed to be delivered to their Municipal offices. Copies are being distributed with the Weekend Flyer Bags and also to Howick Township to be mailed. This will cover most of the households in Huron County.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter dated June 20, 2006 from Infrastructure Canada announcing the priorities and timelines for Intake Three of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF). Applications must be received by September 13, 2006. Copies were distributed to Council.

A letter dated June 26, 2006 from Heritage Goderich announcing their first official "Friends of Heritage Newsletter". Copies were distributed to Council.

A news release dated June 13, 2006 from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and

Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus titled "Eastern and Western Wardens 'On-Side' with McGuinty".

Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Alert - dated June 29, 2006 re: Property Reassessments Cancelled Until 2008 and a News Release re: More Change to the Property Tax System.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated June 7, 2006 was presented by 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.

Ball's Bridge (BB12) Closure - Little Lakes Road

Don Pletch, County Engineer, presented the attached report (Appendix C).

It is recommended that Ball's Bridge remain closed to traffic until the temporary repairs are completed in 2007 or Council decides to permanently close the structure.

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor D. Layton

That this report be deferred to the August Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee and that the bridge remain temporarily closed.

Carried

Moved by Councillor B. Dykstra

Seconded by Councillor R. Rognvaldson

That the report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated June 7, 2006 be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #28.

Carried

**The Huron County Council photo was taken.**

The reports of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated May 29, 2006 and June 6, 2006 were presented by Councillor N. Rintoul, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, David Lew, Manager, Ambulance Operations and John MacKinnon, Social Services Administrator, spoke to the reports. The reports were dealt with clause by clause.

Penny Nelligan and Warden Morley spoke regarding two issues of the Capacity Review Report. After a good discussion with Council, it was agreed to see the Agendas and attend meetings, but do not agree with amalgamation.

Clause #7(b) EMS Vehicle Lease

Original motion is:

"Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by P. Klopp

That the County continues with the status quo for ambulance replacement, plus 2 additional units with funding to come from the Fleet Reserve. Carried"

Councillor J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS: Rintoul, Oke, Dykstra, Morley, Scott, Kelly, Klopp,  
Rognvaldson, Urlin, Van Diepenbeek, Seili, Shewfelt,  
Dowson, MacLellan, Fergusson, Connelly = 16

NAYS: Bezaire = 1

ABSENT: Layton = 1

Original Motion Carried

**Cross Border Billing  
Meeting in Walkerton on June 16, 2006**

David Lew, Manager of Land Ambulance Operations, presented the attached report (Appendix A).

Discussion took place regarding Cross Border Billing and Council agreed to charge interest on overdue accounts.

This item has been moving forward, albeit slowly. Arbitration maybe an alternative if progress stalls. The Court System will be costly however, so as long as we proceed forward, we should continue as we currently are in respect to the process.

Moved by Councillor P. Klopp

Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson

That the report be received and new Cross Border Billing Invoices be issued with our standard interest applied for all outstanding accounts; and further, that Court action be utilized as a last resort.

Carried

John MacKinnon, Social Services Administrator, announced his retirement will take place in November. The retirement was accepted by County Council.

Moved by Councillor N. Rintoul

Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan

That the reports of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated May 29, 2006 and June 6, 2006 be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #29.

Carried

Councillor J. Seili left the Chambers at 11:40 a.m.

The report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated June 8, 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.

Moved by Councillor R. Rognvaldson

Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson

That the report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated June 8, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #30.

Carried

Councillor D. Layton left the Chambers at 11:55 a.m.

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated June 13, 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.

Clause #7 - Self Insurance and Increased Insurance Deductible

The original motion was:

"Moved by B. Dowson  
Seconded by K. Oke  
That the liability insurance deductible be increased to \$100,000 and to begin the self-insurance program and that the Treasurer report to July County Council on funding the Reserve Fund for Liability Insurance from unallocated general reserves. Carried"

The Treasurer presented the attached report (Appendix B).

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson  
Seconded by Councillor R. Rognvaldson  
That the Reserve Fund for Liability Insurance be initially funded from the General Reserve for Contingencies in the amount of \$765,000 and that this transfer take place December 31, 2006.  
Carried

Moved by Warden R. Morley  
Seconded by Councillor M. Scott  
That the report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated June 13, 2006 be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #31.  
Carried

#### **INQUIRIES**

The CAO presented a request from Huron United Way for office space.

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan  
Seconded by Councillor E. Connelly  
That the County has reviewed the United Way's request for inexpensive or free office space and no space is available. Further that the County is conducting a Facilities Needs Audit and may have space forthcoming.  
Carried

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A letter dated June 14, 2006 from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the Association of Municipal Emergency Medical Services of Ontario regarding a resolution with respect to the Emergency Standards Act - Part VII Exemption for Paramedics Follow-Up in Light of the Ottawa Arbitration Decision. Copies were distributed to Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt  
Seconded by Councillor P. Klopp  
That the resolution be supported.

Carried

A letter dated June 30, 2006 from Donald S. Woolcott, Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, regarding the Submission by the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Revitalizing Ontario's Public Health Capacity: The Final Report of the Capacity Review Committee.

Moved by Councillor M. Scott  
Seconded by Councillor D. Urlin  
That the Report be adopted and the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care be

notified along with the Chairs of the Western and Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Chief Medical Officer of Health.  
Carried

**MOTION**

45-06 Moved by Councillor R. Rognvaldson, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly ,  
that a vote of appreciation be extended to Brett Nesbit, for acting as Page  
at the Session of Council today.  
Carried

**BY-LAWS**

**MOTIONS**

46-06 Moved by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek, seconded by Councillor D. Urlin,  
that leave be given to introduce the following by-law:  
11-06 To establish user fees and charges for administration services provided  
by the County of Huron.  
Carried

47-06 Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt, seconded by Councillor M. Scott,  
that By-law No. 11, 2006, be given a first and second reading.  
Carried

48-06 Moved by Councillor K. Oke, seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan,  
that By-law No. 11, 2006, as read a first and second time, be passed.  
Carried

49-06 Moved by Councillor P. Klopp, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly,  
that By-laws No. 10 - 11, 2006, inclusive, 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

50-06 Moved by Councillor J. Fergusson, seconded by Councillor B. Dowson,  
that By-laws No. 10 - 11, 2006, inclusive, 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 J. Bezaire  
Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson  
That Council proceed "In Camera" at 12:20 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and  
that Larry Adams remain in attendance.  
Carried

Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire  
Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly  
That Council rise from "In Camera" at 12:35 p.m.  
Carried

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly  
That staff commence the hiring of a Social Services Administrator and that the  
Hiring Committee consist of the CAO, Director of Human Resources, Warden and the

three Committee Chairs.

Carried

**MOTION**

51-06 Moved by Councillor E. Connelly, seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson,  
that County Council do now adjourn at 12:40 p.m. to meet on Thursday,  
September 7, 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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