



**County
of Huron**

Huron County Council



Minutes - October 5, 2006

Tenth 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, Joey Stapleton. Councillor D. Kelly introduced Joey, a Grade 8 student at the Turnberry Central Public School.

Minutes of the previous Sessions being September 7, 2006 and September 19, 2006 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor D. Shewfelt and Councillor B. MacLellan.

Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek declared a pecuniary interest in connection with Clause #4(a) of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee Report dated September 13, 2006, being Report #37.

Councillor M. Scott declared a pecuniary interest in connection with Clause #5(c) of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee Report dated September 13, 2006, being Report #37.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Presentation of Service Pins - The following staff were presented with their service pins and were congratulated by Warden R. Morley, Larry Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Barbara A. Leamen, County Clerk, Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, Don Pletch, County Engineer, and David Carey, Treasurer, with applause from County Council.

- 35 year - Mary Lou Bell, Homes
- Lorraine Taylor, Homes

- 30 year - Wilma Vincent, Homes
- Brenda Hart, Homes
- Barb Falconer, Homes

- 25 year - Marie Lobb, Homes
- Elizabeth McIntosh, Homes
- Anita Faber, Homes
- Ivy Hruden, Library
- Cheryl Riehl, Homes
- Mary Alexander, Homes

- 20 year - Donna MacPhee, POA
- Bill Empey, Highways
- Darryl Hastings, Highways
- Verner Sorensen, Highways
- Beth Lovell, Homes
- Cathie Sturdy, Library
- Scott Tousaw, Planning

- 15 year - Elaine Hodgins, Homes

Cathie Sturdy - Library, Mary Alexander - Homes, Ivy Hruden - Library, and Elizabeth McIntosh - Homes, were unable to attend and will receive their service pin from their Department Head.

Eat Smart Award Presentations

Eat Smart! Ontario's Healthy Restaurant Program is a provincial Award of Excellence program for restaurants and cafeterias that meet high standards. When consumers choose to dine at an "Eat Smart" restaurant or cafeteria, they are guaranteed a variety of healthy food choices in a smoke-free environment, prepared in an establishment with a record of safe food handling.

The new award winners for an Eat Smart Award of Excellence are:

St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School Cafeteria, Clinton, Central Huron
Stickers Restaurant & Gas Bar, Auburn, A-C-W
Walton Inn, Walton, Huron East
Thyme on Twenty-One, Goderich
Terry's Family Restaurant, Seaforth, Huron East

Warden R. Morley, Penny Nelligan, Director, Health Unit, Pam Scharfe, Public Health Manager, and Nancy Fisher, School Nutrition Program Co-ordinator presented the following establishments with their Eat Smart awards:

Peter and Catherine King - Thyme on Twenty-One, Goderich
Graham Craig and Mike Craig - Walton Inn, Walton
Janice Grunnert and Sheila Britton - St. Anne's Catholic Secondary
School Cafeteria, Clinton
Joanne Lemke - Terry's Family Restaurant, Seaforth

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Huron East Resolution Re: Condition of Provincial Highways in Huron County - Specifically Highway No. 8 Between Seaforth and Mitchell.

Councillor B. MacLellan presented the attached resolution (Appendix "A").

Councillor MacLellan addressed Council asking to have a written letter of support of Huron East's request to have the Ministry of Transportation repair Highway 8 between Seaforth and Mitchell. He also suggested that Clinton and Goderich should consider writing a letter in support.

Councillor B. Dowson spoke to Council regarding adding Highway #21 to this resolution. Councillor MacLellan responded that you do not want to ask for too much and maybe to give more merit, do two separate letters. Councillor Connelly agreed with the condition of Highway #8. Councillor Bezaire suggested that the MTO be contacted to see if the repairs are included in their five year plan, and do this before the letter is sent.

Moved by Councillor D. Layton
Seconded by Councillor P. Klopp

It is recommended that a letter of support be sent to the Premier and Minister of Transportation.

Carried

Councillor B. Dowson announced that he will have competition for the Bluewater Mayorship - Janice Snider was in the audience today.

Councillor D. Layton informed Council of a News Report regarding property in central Palmerston which was former railway land. There are soil contaminants present which may pose a hazard to public health and safety. The Town has received several engineering reports which have identified the areas of greatest concern.

The Ministry of Environment has reviewed these reports and has issued an Order which outlines the steps necessary to ensure public safety. The Order requires the contaminated soil to be either removed or covered to a sufficient depth to prevent contact by people and animals. The preliminary cost estimates to deal with this problem are very high. It seems that any viable course of action will incur costs upwards of three million dollars. Council and staff are consulting with other levels of government in order to produce a viable long-range plan for the community of Palmerston.

Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek asked for an update on the Tiger Dunlop's Tomb. Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, answered that the work will be done this Fall. RFP's were sent to seven prequalified stone masons, two bids were received and the successful bid was awarded to Gilholm Stoneworks Ltd, London. Councillor Van Diepenbeek inquired about the error on the date on the tombstone. Ms. Ross indicated that there were no plans to change the tombstone by the County at this time.

Councillor R. Rognvaldson spoke regarding the opening of the Howick Community Centre and thanks the Councillors and staff that attended for their support.

Warden R. Morley announced that the Warden's Reports for Fall 2006 are on the Councillor's desks today to be delivered to their Municipal Offices. The balance of the Reports will be distributed in the Weekend Flyer Bags on October 6, 2006.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated September 13, 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.

Clause #14(a) - Ball's Bridge - Actions are limited this time under Section 275 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, as amended. More information needs to come back to the next Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee. No Trespassing Signs have been installed due to liability issues. Councillor MacLellan is not in favour of spending any County dollars on this bridge. Councillor Shewfelt and Councillor Van Diepenbeek believe that Council needs to make a recommendation now. Councillor Dykstra would like to know what will the costs be to have this bridge kept to a 2 tonne limit.

Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire
Seconded by Councillor J. Seili
That the County Engineer submit a plan to divest itself of boundary bridges not on County Highways with appropriate compensation.

Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt
Seconded by Councillor P. Klopp
That this issue be brought to the Committee of the Whole meeting in October.

Carried

Moved by Councillor B. Dykstra
Seconded by Councillor J. Seili
That the report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated September 13, 2006 be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #37.

Carried

Councillor J. Fergusson left the Chambers at 10:50 a.m.

The report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated September 12, 2006 was presented by Councillor N. Rintoul, Chair. Larry Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, David Lew, Manager, Ambulance Operations, Dave Carey, Treasurer, 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 B. Dowson

That the report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated September 12, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #38.

Carried

The report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated September 14, 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 September 14, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #39.

Carried

Councillor B. Dowson left the chambers at 11:43 a.m.

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated September 19, 2006 was presented by Warden R. Morley, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly

Seconded by Councillor M. Scott

That the report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated September 19, 2006 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #40.

Carried

MOTION

59-06 Moved by Councillor D. Kelly, seconded by Councillor D. Layton, that a vote of appreciation be extended to Joey Stapleton, for acting as Page at the Session of Council today.

Carried

BY-LAWS

MOTIONS

60-06 Moved by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek, seconded by Councillor D. Urlin, that leave be given to introduce the following by-laws:

12-06 To authorize the County to enter into a contract with the Government of Ontario (South Huron).

13-06 To establish decrease limits for certain property classes.

Carried

61-06 Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt, seconded by Councillor J. Seili, that By-laws No. 12 - 13, 2006, inclusive, be given a first and

second reading.

Carried

62-06 Moved by Councillor M. Scott, seconded by Councillor K. Oke,
that By-laws No. 12 - 13, 2006, inclusive, as read a first and
second time, be passed.

Carried

63-06 Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan, seconded by Councillor D. Layton,
that By-laws No. 12 - 13, 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

64-06 Moved by Councillor P. Klopp, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly,
that By-laws No. 12 - 13, 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 B. MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor R. Rognvaldson
That Council proceed "In Camera" at Noon to discuss personnel matters and that
Larry Adams remain in attendance.

Carried

Moved by Councillor J. Seili
Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan
That Council rise from "In Camera" at 12:12 p.m.

Carried

MOTION

65-06 Moved by Councillor J. Bezaire, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly,
that County Council do now adjourn at 12:13 p.m. to meet on Thursday,
November 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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