



Huron County Council

Minutes - February 6, 2008

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 J. Seili.

Warden J. Bezaire welcomed the members to the Session and the Page, Brad Holmes. Councillor B. Dowson introduced Brad, a Grade 8 student at the Zurich Public School.

Minutes of the previous Session being January 9, 2008 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor G. Robertson and Councillor D. Kelly.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation, CT Scanner

The following is an excerpt from the Committee of the Whole Minutes of October 16, 2007:

"A discussion ensued regarding the Alexandra Marine General Hospital (AMGH), CT Scanner campaign in conjunction with the Healthkick presentation: "A Skills for Healthcare Attraction and Retention Project" which stressed economic development and investment in local healthcare.

Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That representatives of the Alexandra Marine General Hospital be invited to update County Council on the CT Scanner campaign.

CARRIED"

A presentation was made to Council by the following:

Mrs. Willi Laurie ~ CT Scanner for Huron County Diagnostic Imaging Campaign Co-Chair (Huron County); Dr. R. Kozak ~ Radiologist, Medical Director of Imaging, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital; Mr. Matt Hoy ~ Chair, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

Also in attendance were:

Mr. Patrick Murphy ~ CT Scanner for Huron County Diagnostic Imaging Campaign Co-Chair (Goderich); Ms. Colleen Macguire ~ Manager, Diagnostic Imaging, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital; Mr. Wayne Lyons ~ Chair, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital Board of Directors; Mr. Bill Thibert ~ President & CEO, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital; Ms. Heather Glenister ~ Executive Director, Alexandra Marine & General Hospital Foundation.

General Outline of some of the Presentation's Key Points

1. Update of the Success and Support for the CT Scanner for Huron County Diagnostic Imaging Campaign (Mrs. Willi Laurie)

- To date, over 3.5 million dollars has been raised from industry, business, individuals and service clubs from across Huron County.
- Message of support from Clinton physician, Dr. Bokhout.
- The cost of the CT Scanner is 1.5 million dollars. The Campaign/Foundation is asking Huron County Council to support the purchase of the CT Scan machine to the amount of \$500,000.00.

2. Reasons for Supporting the CT Scanner for Huron County Diagnostic Imaging Campaign (Dr. R. Kozak)

- CT Scanner is a County resource.
- Imaging Expertise ~ AMGH has access to 13 Radiologists through London X-ray Associates. The physicians have sub-specialties (i.e. Breast imaging, Musculo-Skeletal imaging, Chest, Cardiac and Interventional Radiology). Few towns the size of Goderich have access to this level of expertise.
- Rapid Access to Diagnosis.
- Reduced Wait Times.
- Area Coverage ~ A cancer patient being treated with chemotherapy in London can have their CT scan in Goderich; the specialists in London can see the images when they see the patient. The same imaging protocols are used by the specialists in London, so there is no need to repeat the images.

3. Concluding Remarks (Mr. Matt Hoy)

- Appreciation to Huron County Council for the opportunity to address Council on the CT Scanner for Huron County Diagnostic Imaging Campaign.
- Huron County Council asked for their support in the amount of \$500,000 to directly purchase the CT Scanner.

Several key volunteers, hospital and Foundation staff members were in attendance.

Moved by Councillor D. Johnston
Seconded by Councillor J. Grace
That this item be raised from the table.

Carried

A question and answer period followed the presentation. A good discussion took place and some of the questions included: what hospitals housed CT Scanners at present, technology used, what hours would the CT Scanner be available, urgency time period of transporting a patient, how the CT Scanner can tie in with Doctor recruitment; answered by Colleen Macquire and Bill Thibert.

Moved by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson

That the County of Huron donate \$500,000 to the CT Scanner Campaign and that the amount be taken from the appropriate reserve funds of the County of Huron.

Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt

Seconded by Councillor N. Vincent

That the Warden vacate the Chair to speak and Councillor K. Oke be Acting Warden.

Carried

Acting Warden K. Oke called on Warden Bezaire to speak regarding an amendment to the motion.

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire

Seconded by Councillor

That the County of Huron donate \$500,000 over five years to the County CT Scanner Campaign and that the amount be raised from the proceeds of the sale of Justice Donnelly's book project and that any shortfall be addressed by a committee of interested County Staff and Councillors to find initiatives to generate revenue other than through the property tax assessment base.

No Secunder - Motion Lost

The mover did not accept any friendly amendments to the original motion on the floor. Warden Bezaire's motion changed the resolution so was not accepted.

Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek requested a Recorded Vote on the original motion:

Moved by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson

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RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS - Scott, Grace, Robertson, Oke, Dowson, Fergusson, Vincent,
Van Diepenbeek, Shewfelt, Rintoul, Johnston = 11

NAYS - Dietrich, Bezaire, MacLellan, Demaray, Dykstra, Collyer,
Siemon, Kelly = 8

ABSEMT - Seili - 1

Carried

Warden J. Bezaire resumed the Chair.

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Councillor J. Grace requested that a representative or Chair from the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee be appointed from Council to liaison between the Huron Manufacturing Association (HMA) and Council. This would provide a clear communication base between Council and the HMA.

Scott Tousaw informed Council that the Warden usually attends these meetings and would welcome a representative from Council. Councillor B. Siemon - would set a precedence if we sever out different associations. Councillor N. Vincent - representative on Tourism - reservations on the number of other groups that should be represented. Councillor D. Kelly - Warden attend or a designate.

Moved by Councillor J. Grace

Seconded by Councillor J. Fergusson

That Council appoint the Chair of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee or designate to attend the Huron Manufacturing Association (HMA) board meetings.

Carried

Councillor J. Fergusson inquired about the tabled motion on tax ratios - when will it come back to Council? The CAO answered that we have received letters from lower tier municipalities and this item will be dealt with at the Committee of the Whole.

Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek inquired about the harvesting of coyotes. The CAO explained the process of the by-law in place - By-law No. 13, 2007 - To provide for the control of nuisance coyotes.

Councillor B. MacLellan requested information regarding the Economic Development Committee - what is the procedure and protocols allowing projects to go ahead? Concern about what projects are approved and would like to see a report on how they are addressed and a limit be set. Scott Tousaw answered that the projects are reported to Committee of the Whole to Council every time. A report will be brought forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of the Huron Economic Development Matters Newsletter and Year End Report 2007 were distributed to Council.

Councillor D. Shewfelt left the Chambers after the break.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated January 16, 2008 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.

Moved by Councillor B. Dykstra

Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson

That the report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated January 16, 2008 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #6.

Carried

The report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated January 15, 2008 was presented by Councillor J. Grace, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, and David Lew, Manager, Ambulance Operations, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor J. Grace

Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan

That the report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated January 15, 2008 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #7.

Carried

The report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated January 17, 2008 was presented by Councillor J. Fergusson, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, and Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor J. Fergusson

Seconded by Councillor B. Siemon

That the report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated January 17, 2008 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #8.

Carried

The reports of the Committee of the Whole Council dated January 7, 2008 and January 22, 2008 were presented by Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer. David Carey, Treasurer, spoke to the reports. The reports were dealt with clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson

Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

That the reports of the Committee of the Whole Council dated January 7, 2008 and January 22, 2008 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #9.

Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII)

Municipalities are now able to submit applications for funding under this \$300 million program until February 15, 2008.

Applications for funding for municipal infrastructure must be endorsed by Council. Applications will be evaluated against a select list of criteria including:

- Construction readiness;
- Alignment with provincial priorities;
- Benefits to the community, region and the province;
- Demonstration that the project will help to implement a council adopted municipal plan; and
- Regional distribution of projects around the province.

Funding announcements are to be made by March 31, 2008.

This initiative was discussed under the 2008 budget item at the Warden's Task Force on January 23, 2008.

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson

Seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan

It is recommended that County Council proceed with an MIII application for \$700,000 to assist in the reconstruction of County Roads 19, 25 and 12 which has a total budgeted cost of \$4,954,000 and the necessary by-law be passed.

Carried

MOTION

18-08 Moved by Councillor B. Siemon, seconded by Councillor G. Robertson, that a vote of appreciation be extended to Brad Holmes for acting as Page at the Session of Council today.

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTIONS PERIOD

Margaret Dietrich commented that it was good to put the CT Scanner item to bed and the \$500,000 be donated as soon as possible.

BY-LAWS

MOTIONS

19-08 Moved by Councillor N. Vincent, seconded by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek, that leave be given to introduce the following by-laws:

3-08 A by-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint Erica Garfat (Forest Conservation Officer for the County of Huron) as Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the purpose of serving summons relating to the Forest Conservation By-law and related tree matters.

4-08 A by-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (OIPC) for funding from the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative for a new eligible capital project and to approve the expenditure of funds on said eligible capital project.

Carried

20-08 Moved by Councillor B. Siemon, seconded by Councillor M. Scott,
that By-laws No. 3 - 4, 2008, inclusive, be given a first and
second reading.

Carried

21-08 Moved by Councillor G. Robertson, seconded by Councillor N. Rintoul,
that By-laws No. 3 - 4, 2008, inclusive, as read a first and
second time, be passed.

Carried

22-08 Moved by Councillor K. Oke, seconded by Councillor B. MacLellan,
that By-laws No. 3 - 4, 2008, 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

23-08 Moved by Councillor D. Kelly, seconded by Councillor D. Johnston,
that By-laws No. 3 - 4, 2008, inclusive, as read a third
time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk,
and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

Carried

MOTION

24-08 Moved by Councillor J. Dietrich, seconded by Councillor M. Demaray,
that County Council do now adjourn at 12:10 p.m. to meet on Wednesday,
March 5, 2008 or at the call of the Warden and Clerk.

Carried

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

BARBARA A. LEAMEN, County Clerk

JOHN BEZAIRE, Warden

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WARDEN

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COUNTY CLERK