



Huron County Council

Minutes - November 26, 2008

Twelfth 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 J. Bezaire welcomed the members to the Session and the Page, Tommy Humphreys. Councillor G. Robertson introduced Tommy, a Grade 6 student at the Exeter Public School.

Minutes of the previous Session being November 5, 2008 were adopted as circulated on motion of Councillor B. MacLellan and Councillor B. Siemon.

Warden Bezaire declared a pecuniary interest in connection with the Special Budget Meetings of November 4 and 10, 2008, being Report #50.

Councillor's Issues

Councillor J. Grace raised the issue of Councillor's Honorarium where you are required to attend 75% of the scheduled meetings to receive this honorarium. For 2008, he has attended 72% of the scheduled meetings but noted that he has attended many additional meetings required for the Chair of the Board of Health.

Committee of the Whole - November 14, 2006

Councillor's Honorarium

It is recommended that the Councillor's honorarium be raised to \$2,500 and that in order to qualify, they must attend a minimum of 75% of scheduled meetings, effective with the 2007 Council term.

Committee of the Whole - December 18, 2007

That the Councillor Honorarium of \$2,500 be raised to \$4,000 effective for the 2008 term.

Moved by Councillor J. Grace

Seconded by Councillor D. Shewfelt

That the honorarium be based on a percentage of attendance.

A two-thirds vote is required to raise the original motion for discussion. This was not received.

Motion Defeated

CORRESPONDENCE

A flyer was distributed to Council regarding the newly formed Huron Youth Council. This group, whose members range in age from 14 to 24 and who represent all five high schools in Huron, have been encouraged to have a say in what happens in their community. In an effort to establish a positive working relationship and an understanding of how local governance works, the newly formed Huron Youth Council would like to meet with as many members of County Council as possible on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Huron County Health Unit Auditorium in Clinton.

December calendars were distributed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated November 12, 2008 was presented by Councillor B. Dykstra, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Tousaw, Director, Planning and Development, and Dave Laurie, Acting Director of Public Works, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Clause #16 - Facilities

Discussion on reports of projects pursued. Reports need to be received prior to tendering not after work half completed.

Moved by Councillor B. Siemon
Seconded by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek
That tenders be brought to Council for review prior to tendering for capital projects.

Motion Defeated

Chair B. Dykstra thanked Council and staff for their support during the year.

Moved by Councillor B. Dykstra
Seconded by Councillor J. Dietrich
That the report of the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee dated November 12, 2008 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #46.

Carried

The report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated November 10, 2008 were presented by Councillor J. Grace, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Omid Pour-ahmadi, Director of the Health Unit, David Lew, Manager, Ambulance Operations and Dave Overboe, Social Services Administrator, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Chair J. Grace thanked the Board of Health members and Board of Health staff for their support during the year. Also thanked the Warden and Council for being Chair.

Moved by Councillor J. Grace
Seconded by Councillor G. Robertson
That the report of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee dated November 10, 2008 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #47.

Carried

Councillor J. Seili left the Chambers at 10:02 a.m.

The report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated November 13, 2008 was presented by Councillor J. Fergusson, Chair. Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, and Connie Townsend, Nutrition Care Manager, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Chair J. Fergusson thanked Council and staff for their support and guidance during the year.

Moved by Councillor J. Fergusson
Seconded by Councillor B. Dowson
That the report of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee dated November 13, 2008 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #48.

Carried

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated November 18, 2008 was presented by Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer. David Carey, Treasurer, and Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resources, spoke to the report. The report was dealt with clause by clause.

Clause #9 - Procedural By-law

Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt
Seconded by Councillor J. Grace
That the Procedural By-law be amended to attach a detailed definition of "shared leadership" and a listing of medical and non-medical responsibilities for the medical officer of health position.
Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly
Seconded by Councillor M. Scott
That the report of the Committee of the Whole Council dated November 18, 2008 be adopted as presented and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #49.
Carried

The Special Budget Meetings of November 4, 2008 and November 10, 2008 were presented by Larry C. Adams, Chief Administrative Officer. The reports were dealt with clause by clause.

November 4, 2008 - Clause #3. Police Services Board

Original motion:

"Moved by J. Grace
Seconded by N. Vincent
That the request from the Police Services Board to consider the cost of the lower tier municipalities (South Huron, North Huron and Goderich) for court security be reviewed and considered for reimbursement.

Councillor J. Fergusson requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS: Oke, Vincent, Scott, Dietrich, Grace,
Bezaire, Robertson = 7
NAYS: Demaray, Dykstra, Dowson, Fergusson = 4
ABSENT: Collyer, Shewfelt, MacLellan, Van Diepenbeek,
Siemon, Seili, Kelly, Rintoul, Johnston = 9
CARRIED"

Warden J. Bezaire requested a Recorded Vote.

RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS: Bezaire, Shewfelt, Scott, Van Diepenbeek, Robertson,
Grace, Dietrich, Oke, Vincent = 9
NAYS: Fergusson, Demaray, Kelly, Johnston, Dowson, Collyer,
Dykstra, MacLellan, Rintoul, Siemon = 10
ABSENT: Seili = 1

Original Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly
Seconded by Councillor M. Scott
That the Special Budget Meetings of November 4, 2008 and November 10, 2008 be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #50.
Carried

INQUIRIES

Councillor B. Dowson inquired about the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) Program - breakoff from Road Watch. The Province mandates the implementation of programs promoting road safety and since there was money left over from the Road Watch program, those dollars were transferred into the new project, which falls under the Huron County Health Unit's purview. Once the funding runs out, CHIP representatives most likely will be approaching lower-tier municipalities for funding. Information is to be sent to the lower tier municipalities by the Director of the Health Unit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. Overboe, Social Services Administrator, responded to the question from Council. The Housing Division has no policy in place that would forbid clothes lines in the Public Housing family units within the rented area. As with any tenant or home owner there are municipal by-laws and local requirements that govern the location, size, etc. The requirement for locates from various utilities would also apply to any tenant or home owner.

MOTION

75-08 Moved by Councillor J. Fergusson, seconded by Councillor B. Dykstra, that a vote of appreciation be extended to Tommy Humphreys, for acting as Page at the Session of Council today.

Carried

BY-LAWS

MOTIONS

76-08 Moved by Councillor N. Vincent, seconded by Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek, that leave be given to introduce the following by-laws:

21-08 To authorize the use of the exemption (Section 3(1) 4.1) from Ontario Regulation 555/06 Hours of Service.

22-08 To delegate the authority to approve Local Official Plan Amendments to staff.

23-08 To amend By-law No. 20, 2006 - To establish Rules of Order, Regulations and Procedures for the Council and Committees of the Corporation of the County of Huron.

24-08 To confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron for the year 2008.

Carried

77-08 Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt, seconded by Councillor M. Scott, that By-laws No. 21 - 24, 2008, inclusive, be given a first and second reading.

Carried

78-08 Moved by Councillor N. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor K. Oke, that By-laws No. 21 - 24, 2008, inclusive, as read a first and second time, be passed.

Carried

79-08 Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly, that By-laws No. 21 - 24, 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

80-08 Moved by Councillor D. Johnston, seconded by Councillor B. Dowson,
that By-laws No. 21 - 24, 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

Warden J. Bezaire vacated the Chair and Councillor J. Fergusson resumed the Chair
for the balance of the Session.

"IN CAMERA"

Moved by Councillor D. Johnston
Seconded by Councillor J. Dietrich
That Council proceed "In Camera" at 11:30 a.m. to discuss labour negotiations and
that Larry C. Adams, Darcy Michaud, and Non-Union Committee Members - Nina
Reynolds, Elaine Blair and Joanne Hickey remain in attendance.

Carried

Moved by Councillor B. Dowson
Seconded by Councillor J. Grace
That Council rise from "In Camera" at 11:53 a.m.

Carried

Moved by Councillor B. MacLellan
Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly
That non-union staff be given a 3% increase for a one year term and increase on in
lieu of benefits to \$1.25 per hour, effective January 1, 2009.

Carried

MOTION

81-08 Moved by Councillor J. Dietrich, seconded by Councillor M. Demaray,
that County Council do now adjourn at 11:57 a.m. to meet on Wednesday,
December 3, 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