



Huron County Council Minutes - September 2, 2009

Ninth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



**NINTH SESSION
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Goderich, Ontario.
September 2nd, 2009.

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday September 2nd, 2009. Warden Oke called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Larry C. Adams called the roll and all members of Council were present. Councillor Grace left the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and Councillor Seili left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Warden K. Oke welcomed the members to the Ninth Session. He reviewed his Warden's report for the months of July and August.

Warden Oke requested a moment of silence in recognition to the recent passing of a former Warden for Huron County; former Warden Tinney and also the sudden passing of North Huron Councillor Murray Nesbitt.

MOTION: 134-09

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The minutes of the previous sessions being; the Eighth Session of July 8th, 2009 and the Special Sessions of July 7th and August 11th, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest stated by any member of Council with regard to items on the Agenda.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS:

There were no petitions and deputations scheduled for this session of County Council.

Warden Oke and CAO Adams along with the applicable Department Heads presented "long term service awards" to the following Huron County employees:

Director of Public Works Dave Laurie assisted with the presentation to the following employees from Highways:

Donald Hastings and Kevin Finnie – 20 years

Jim Middlegaal and Wayne Higgins – 25 years

Joe Kenda 30 years

Unavailable for the presentations were:

Robert Hoggarth and Roger Matthews – 30 years

Jim Finlayson – 35 years

The following employees from Health Unit were:

Shelley Spencer – 15 years

Josee Cayer – 20 years

Shirley Chalmers – 25 years

County Librarian and Director of Cultural Services Beth Ross assisted with the "long term service awards" to the following Huron County employees from the Library and the Museum:

Library:

Paula Mackie – 20 years

Unavailable for the presentation was:

Sharon Cox – 25 years

Museum:

Patricia Hamilton – 20 years

Eugene Bender of Vodden, Bender and Seebach was in attendance to present the Audited County of Huron Consolidated Financial Report, December 31st, 2008. Mr. Bender reviewed the Financial Report. There was an opportunity for members of Council to ask Mr. Bender questions.

MOTION: 135-09

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor J. Bezaire:

THAT:

The Audited County of Huron Consolidated Financial Report as of December 31st, 2008 be received.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR ISSUES:

Councillor B. MacLellan questioned the incident of a patron trapped in elevator at a local Library. He emphasized the necessity to have staff available and trained to operate the elevators in the event of an emergency. County Librarian Ross confirmed that the appropriate staff will be trained in each facility that has an elevator.

Councillor B. MacLellan advised of a County foursome that won the AMG & H Hospital Golf Tournament recently. The members of the foursome were; County Councillor Bernie MacLellan, Harold Cook, Darcy Michaud and Greg Gordon.

Councillor B. Dykstra, extended an invitation to the REACH Grand opening Gala on Thursday September 10th. The official Open House is scheduled for Saturday September 12th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. It promises to be a great event with all kinds of activities for children and families.

Councillor J. Fergusson attended the Taste of Huron events. He wanted to give a commendation to the Director Cultural Services and the Director of Planning and Development for some very successful events that were planned and enjoyed by the many people who attended.

Warden K. Oke advised that while in attendance at the Association of Municipalities Association (AMO) Conference in a delegation with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky a positive comment was made about the Taste of Huron brochure that was given to the Minister and her staff. They were pleased to see that the RED funds were used so appropriately to sponsor this event.

Councillor B. Dowson County reported on the excellent day and meal at the Huron County Plowing Match on August 28th.

Councillor N. Vincent advised that a Wingham Fastball Team had recently won a gold medal at the Eastern Canadian Championships.

Warden Oke reminded everyone of the upcoming Association of Counties and Regions of Ontario (ACRO) will be held in Ajax on October 18th, 19th and 20th.

There will be a Media Release, from MP Ben Lobb later today. He plans to make an important announcement regarding the Community Economic Development Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The presentation delivered by Warden Oke to the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and to the Honourable Gerry Ritz's Policy Advisor Dustin Pike at the AMO Conference is available from the Clerk's Department.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Board of Health

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Special Board of Health meeting of July 7th, 2009 and the regular Board of Health meeting of August 6th, 2009. Councillor B. MacLellan, Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

Councillor J. Fergusson inquired about the mandatory septic inspection program that the Health Unit proposed were to be under the Ontario Building Code. He was disappointed that mandatory inspection program will not be proceeding. This leaves the County with \$65,000 to financially cover the costs for these inspections. The Health Unit had proposed the program that was to be user pay. A great deal of discussion ensued. It was discussed that if the County were to proceed with setting up the mandatory septic inspections on their own and then the province were to come along in a year and establish rules and regulations; a lot of money may be spent in the implementation of the program by the County needlessly.

Warden Oke advised that sometime in the past year a motion passed that the County was in favour of mandatory septic inspections and the Health Unit was to research this and report back to County Council. There was a presentation to be made by staff from the Health Unit to the local municipal Councils in Huron County. This has never been scheduled and remains something that should be done. Warden Oke advised he will see it goes to the Board of Health and a report back to Council from that meeting.

MOTION: 136-09

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor D. Johnston:

THAT:

The Board of Health Minutes and Reports be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 34.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole – Day 1

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Day 1 August 5th, 2009 meeting. Councillor J. Fergusson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 1 minutes and reports be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 35.

CARRIED

Library Board

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Library Board August 11th, 2009 meeting. Councillor D. Kelly, Chair of the Library Board was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

There was a question regarding the illicit use of a computer in a library. County Librarian Ross advised that all patrons using the public computers in the libraries must sign an Agreement that they will use the library computer appropriately or they will be banned from using the computers in the libraries in the future.

MOTION: 137-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor D. Shewfelt:

THAT:

The Library Board Report be received and will appear in the printed Minutes as Report 36.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole – Day 2

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Day 2 August 11th, 2009 meeting. Councillor B. Dowson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 2 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 138-09

Moved by: Councillor B. Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 2 minutes and reports be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 37.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES:

Councillor J. Bezaire had a request from the South West Economic Alliance (SWEA) to hold the 2010 Conference in Huron County at Benmiller Inn. Councillor Bezaire requested Council to consider this event being held in Huron County in 2010.

MOTION: 139-09

Moved by: Councillor B. Dykstra and Seconded by Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The request for Huron County to host the SWEA conference in 2010 be received in principle;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A Report from CAO Adams, Warden Oke and Councillor Bezaire be presented to Council for their final approval.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

MOTIONS:

There were no Motions to come forward at this time.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions from the public.

BY-LAWS:

MOTION: 140-09

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek:

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-law No. 18-2009; being a By-law to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with the Minister of Community and Social Housing;

By-law No. 19-2009; being a By-law to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Huronview Homes for the Aged;

By-law No. 20-2009; being a By-law to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Huronlea Homes for the Aged;

By-law No. 21-2009; being a By-law to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs;

CARRIED

MOTION: 141-09

Moved by: Councillor Siemon and Seconded by: Councillor Shewfelt:

THAT:

By-laws No. 18-2009, 19-2009, 20-2009 and 21-2009 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-laws No. 18-2009, 19-2009, 20-2009 and 21-2009 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 142-09

Moved by: Councillor J. Seili and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

By-law No. 18-2009, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 18-2009, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 143-09

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor N. Rintoul:

THAT:

By-law No. 19-2009, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 19-2009, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 144-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Johnston and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

By-law No. 20-2009, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 20-2009, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 145-09

Moved by: Councillor B. Dykstra and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

By-law No. 21-2009, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 21-2009, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Warden Oke offered the members of the Senior Management Team an opportunity to share any information they had with County Council members.

Director of Public Works Laurie advised that a letter to all lower tier municipal Mayors and Reeves has been sent out regarding weeds. There have been lots of complaints about weeds and this letter will explain what the County does for weed spraying.

Director of Planning and Development Tousaw explained that the OMB Hearing regarding the appeal by the Town of Goderich to the Provincial Consent granted to Mark Sulley's Severance Application B65/06. The County was not represented at

the OMB Hearing that was to be held September 2nd and 3rd; however a letter of explanation was sent to the OMB prior to the Hearing from Clerk Wilson with the assistance of Director Tousaw.

Treasurer Carey advised that Council and Senior Management Team members will begin looking at the 2010 Budgets very soon.

Director of Human Resources Michaud advised there a lot of Policies for Council to consider over the next few months.

A video was viewed outlining the importance of buying fresh fruits and vegetables.

Warden Oke appealed to members of Council that when advocating buying fresh products we should not be saying Buy Local; Buy Fresh, if we use the local in that phrase we are sounding like we won't buy American. We don't want to be criticized; so use the phrase; Buy Fresh.

Councillor B. MacLellan requested the discussion surrounding lunches be considered again. CAO Adams advised there had to be a two-thirds majority vote in order for that subject to be considered again.

MOTION: 146-09

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

The topic of lunches to be provided at the Committee of the Whole meetings be discussed and considered again.

DEFEATED

Mike Malhoit, Area Supervisor with the Ministry of Natural Resources reviewed the Endangered Species Act and delivered a presentation entitled BearWise. Huron County residents are reporting encounters with a juvenile male bear. It is important for us to get the word out and educate people how to get along with bears.

The spring bear hunt and the population of bears was discussed. The bear population has remained stable over the past ten years. The BearWise program encourages the education people about how to manage the attractants that will bring a bear within proximity to your residence. Education and awareness in this area of Ontario will go into the schools next year.

MOTION: 147-09

Moved by: Councillor M. Demaray and Seconded by: Councillor T. Collyer:

THAT:

County Council do now adjourn at 12:00 noon; to meet on Wednesday, October 7th, 2009 or at the call of the Warden and Clerk.

CARRIED

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Ken Oke

Clerk Barbara L. Wilson