



Huron County Council

Minutes - February 14, 2011

Budget Meeting

GODERICH, ONTARIO



2011 BUDGET MEETING HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Goderich, Ontario
February 14th, 2011

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Monday February 14th, 2011. Warden Neil Vincent called the 2011 Budget meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

All members of Council were present except for Councillor B. MacLellan.

There were no declarations of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest stated by any member of County Council.

C.A.O. Adams reviewed the Agenda for the 2011 Budget meeting.

CAO Adams reviewed the Report by Scott Tousaw, Director of the Planning and Development Department entitled Proposed Work Plan and Budget 2011. Mike Pullen, Senior Economic Development Officer was available to answer questions.

There was discussion about increasing the funding for the Source Water Protection Program from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor J. Ginn:

THAT:

The 2011 Budget include an increase of \$50,000 toward the Source Water Protection Program.

CARRIED

Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resource reviewed the Accessibility Committee's proposed 2011 Budget. Director Michaud highlighted the Accessibility Coordinator's position. Currently the Accessibility Coordinator is a contract position that is held by Sandra Thompson, who is doing a great job.

Darcy Michaud also reviewed the Human Resources Department proposed 2011 Budget.

David Carey, Treasurer presented a power point presentation on the proposed 2011 Budget.

A request to confirm how much money is in the Source Water Protection Program reserves. This request will be forward to Scott Tousaw, Director of Planning and Development, and will be confirmed for Council.

There was some discussion regarding the 3.18% levy increase and the levy stabilization, using the \$357,000 to hold the line at 3.18%.

There was some discussion regarding the liability insurance and the possibility of lowering it by \$167,000.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor A. Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The 2011 Budget decrease the liability insurance reserve by \$167,307 and use that amount to lessen the levy.

CARRIED

There was a request of David Lew, Chief Emergency Services to get a cost comparison of doing the fleet maintenance on the ambulances compared to having a private contractor perform the maintenance and repairs.

Councillor Shewfelt requested a 0% increase across the board, meaning union and non-union employees. This is also for County Council members remuneration.

There was some discussion regarding the \$100,000 for reserves for each of the four ambulance bases.

There was a request for a Report outlining how much is in each reserve account and what the minimum should be with future projections.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor P. Gowing:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the 2011 Consolidated Draft Budget; as presented.

CARRIED

A request for the Grants Schedule be prepared showing when they are paid off and what the County is committed to for the future.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor P. Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The next 2011 Budget meeting date be set for Wednesday March 9th, 2011, following the Fourth Session of County Council. *(The date of March 22nd, was discussed as another possible date, however the Council Chambers are not available).*

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor D. Riach:

THAT:

The 2011 Budget decrease \$125,000 per year for EMS Repair and Maintenance on Buildings.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The 2011 Budget decrease \$125,000 per year for EMS Repair and Maintenance on Buildings; be tabled until the 9th of March 2011 Budget meeting.

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MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor D. Frayne:

THAT:

The 2011 Budget meeting adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Warden Neil Vincent

Clerk Barbara L. Wilson