



Huron County Council

Minutes - April 6, 2011

Fifth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



FIFTH SESSION HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Goderich, Ontario
April 6th, 2011.

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday April 6th, 2011. In Warden Neil Vincent's absence C.A.O. Larry C. Adams called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

C.A.O. Adams' recommendation to the members of Council was to appoint Councillor Deb Shewfelt, Past Warden of Huron County.

MOTION: 75 - 11

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor B. Barnim:

THAT:

In the absence of Warden Vincent from the Fifth Session of Huron County Council; the members of Huron County Council agree to appoint Councillor Deb Shewfelt to Chair the meeting.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Larry C. Adams called the roll and all members of Council were present except for Warden Vincent.

A moment of silence was observed for Warden Vincent's mother who passed away on Thursday March 31st, 2011.

Welcome to the "Page" – Clancy Doherty:

County Councillor John Grace introduced Clancy Doherty; a grade six student who attends school in Goderich. Clancy is the granddaughter of former County Councillor John Doherty. Clancy loves ballet, jazz and modern dance. She enjoys figure skating and math.

Minutes of the previous session:

MOTION: 76 - 11

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

THAT:

The minutes of the previous sessions being the Fourth Session of March 9th, the Public Meeting of March 23rd, and the Special Session of March 23rd, 2011; be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest:

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:

6.1 Dignitaries attending today's meeting:

Representing the Honourable Carol Mitchell, MPP Huron-Bruce, Robin Dunbar, Constituency Assistant, brought greetings from the Province of Ontario.

Past Warden Doug Layton brought greetings from the Past Warden's Association. Past Warden Layton introduced the Past Wardens in attendance. They are as follows:

1986 Leona Armstrong

1989 David Johnston

1992 Robert Fisher

1993 Thomas Tomes

1994 Allan Gibson

1996 Bill Clifford

2001 Norman Fairles

2002 Ben Van Diepenbeek

2004 Bill Dowson

2005 Doug Layton

2007 Deb Shewfelt

Honourary members of the Past Warden's Association:

Bill Hanly

Bill Alcock

The Council members and staff representing the Municipality of Bluewater were introduced by Councillor Bill Dowson.

The Council members and staff representing the Municipality of Central Huron were introduced by Councillor Jim Ginn.

The Council members and staff representing the Municipality of Huron East were introduced by Councillor Bernie MacLellan.

The Council members and staff representing the Municipality of South Huron were introduced by Councillor George Robertson.

6.2 A plaque was presented by Chair Shewfelt on behalf of the County of Huron to Inspector Dan Grant, Huron County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Inspector Grant has recently retired from the Huron County Ontario Provincial Police.

Staff Sergeant Huron County OPP; Shawn Johnston and Interim Detachment Commander, Huron OPP, Scott Janssens were in attendance with Inspector Grant.

6.3 Murray Elston representing Bruce Power; updated Council on the activities at Bruce Power.

Members of Council were given an opportunity to ask questions of Murray Elston.

6.4 Tim Poole, Chief of Wingham Police Service and the Chair of the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) and Interim Secretary Linda Henhoeffler updated Council on CHIP's activities and their efforts in fundraising for a new electronic speed sign. John Morkington, the CHIP representative from the Ministry of Transportation reported on some of the positive programs that the CHIP program has offered to seniors recently.

The members of CHIP were introduced. They are as follows:

Tim Poole, Chair

Linda Henhoeffler, Interim Secretary

John Morkington, CHIP Representative from the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario

County Councillor Dave Frayne, Vice Chair – representing the Municipality of South Huron

County Councillor Dave Riach, Board Member representing the Municipality of North Huron
Councillor Allison Lobb, Board Member representing the Municipality of Central Huron

MOTION: 77 - 11

Moved by: Councillor T. Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor N Rintoul:

THAT:

The Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention presentation; be received.

CARRIED

MOTION: 78 - 11

Moved by: Councillor D. Riach and Seconded by: Councillor D. Frayne:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; agree to support the request from the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) with a \$6,000 grant for the new electronic speed sign.

CARRIED

Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Ginn advised of landowners within Huron County that have made large investments to have solar panels installed on their properties and they are unable to connect to Hydro One's infrastructure. Councillor Ginn requested a letter be forwarded to Hydro One.

MOTION: 79 - 11

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; agree to direct staff to prepare a letter to Hydro One requesting that the serious gap in the program whereby landowners are investing in consulting and equipment to meet the required contract timelines and are unable to obtain a connection to the local grid through Hydro One; be remedied in the form of grid infrastructure improvements, changes to the connection rules and/or relief with the financial hardship that this program has caused the landowners in Huron County as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Councillor Grace reported on the closure of jails in Owen Sound, Walkerton and Sarnia.

MOTION: 80 - 11

Moved by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp:
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; agree to direct staff to prepare a Motion for the lower tier Councils of Huron County to consider and forward on to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services the Honourable James Bradley; appealing for the Minister to reconsider the devastating affects on the municipalities; not just the financial loss in jobs but also the unnecessary transportation of prisoners from the Courts in Sarnia, Walkerton and Owen Sound to the jails in Windsor and Penetanguishene.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

C.A.O. Adams read a letter from the Town of Goderich regarding the Huron County levy increase. The request from the Town of Goderich was for the County of Huron to reconsider the levy for 2011; as a 0% increase from the 2010 levy.

After a great deal of discussion the following Motion was considered.

MOTION: 81 - 11

Moved by: Councillor P. Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor T. Hessel:
THAT:

The request from the Town of Goderich to reconsider the levy increase to 0% from the 2010 levy; be referred to Item 11.1 in this Agenda.

CARRIED

Reports of Committees:

Board of Health

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the regular Board of Health meeting of March 3rd, 2011. Councillor B. MacLellan, Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

A request from a Board of Health member for the presentation on Energy Drinks to be brought forward to County Council at a later date.

MOTION: 82 - 11

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor D. Frayne:
THAT:

The Board of Health Report of March 3rd, 2011; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 11.

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, March 16th, 2011 meeting. Councillor B. Dowson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 83 - 11

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

The Committee of the Whole – Day 1 minutes and reports of March 16th, 2011; be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 12.

CARRIED

Library Board

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Library Board, March 23rd, 2011 meeting. Councillor B. Barnim, Chair of the Library Board was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 84 - 11

Moved by: Councillor B. Barnim and Seconded by: Councillor T. Hessel:
THAT:

The Library Board Report of March 23rd, 2011; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 13.

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, March 23rd, 2011 meeting. Councillor J. Steffler, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 2 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 85 - 11

Moved by: Councillor J. Steffler and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 2 minutes and reports of March 23rd, 2011; be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 14.

CARRIED

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 21st, 2011 meeting. Councillor D. Frayne, Chair of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 86 - 11

Moved by: Councillor D. Frayne and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes and reports of March 21st, 2011; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 15.

CARRIED

MOTION: 87 - 11

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron appoint Councillor J. Grace; as the Chair of the Maple Tree Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

CARRIED

Councillor MacLellan advised that Warden Vincent and he will be absent from Committee of the Whole Day 2 on April 20th, 2011 as they will be in wage negotiations.

Councillor MacLellan requested information be brought forward from the Emergency Services Department with the statistics regarding the number of residents that have registered with PRISM 911 and a recommendation from staff on how to increase that number.

Inquiries:

Director of Cultural Services Beth Ross reported that Sunday April 17th at 3:30 p.m. the Huron County Museum is showing their appreciation to the many volunteers that offer their services at the Museum throughout the year. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

11.1 2011 Draft Budget Update:

County Treasurer David Carey to review the Report entitled 2011 Draft Budget Update.

MOTION: 88 - 11

Moved by: Councillor A. Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

The Report by County Treasurer David Carey, entitled 2011 Draft Budget Update; be received.

CARRIED

MOTION: 89 - 11

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

THAT:

Motion Con't. on Page 9.

Motion Con't. from Page 8.

The recommendation of County Treasurer David Carey; to recognize the additional \$154,300 to be received as a result of the final 2009 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund reconciliation; and the additional EMS funding totaling \$202,464; as revenue for 2011 Budget purposes and utilize it to reduce the 2011 levy to \$33,885,545 or a 2.74% increase over the 2010 levy; be approved.

Councillor Barnim requested a Recorded Vote:

YEAS: Versteeg
 Gowing
 Barnim
 Dowson
 Jewitt
 Dietrich
 MacLellan
 Steffler
 Riach
 Van Diepenbeek
 Siemon
 Ginn
 Robertson
 Rintoul
 Frayne

NAYS: Shewfelt
 Hessel
 Klopp
 Grace

ABSENT: Vincent

YEAS: - 15; NAYS: - 4; ABSENT: - 1
CARRIED

MOTION: 90 - 11

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

THAT:

The Tabled Motion to review the Honorarium for Warden and Council; be raised from the Table.

DEFEATED

MOTION: 91 - 11

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor P. Gowing:

THAT:

The minutes of the March 9th, 2011 Budget meeting; as amended; be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: 92 - 11

Moved by: Councillor P. Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

A vote of appreciation be extended to Clancy Doherty, for acting as Page at the Fifth Session of County Council.

CARRIED

Public Question Period:

There were no questions asked.

By-laws:

MOTION: 93 - 11

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

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-law No. 17-2011; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron with respect to remuneration and expenses for members of Council and its Local Boards;

Motion Con't. on Page 11.

Motion Con't. from Page 10.

By-law No. 18-2011; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to adopt estimates, to establish tax rates for the County and to establish the general County Levy for the year 2011;

By-law No. 20-2011; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Goderich (Child Care);

By-law No. 21-2011; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with the Seaforth Cooperative Children's Centre (Child Care);

By-law No. 22-2011; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with the Municipality of North Huron (Child Care);

By-law No. 23-2011; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the county of Huron to enter into a Management Agreement with Maple Tree Community Housing Corporation;

By-law No. 24-2011; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities;

By-law No 25-2011; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the County of Huron to enter into a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the County of Perth.

CARRIED

MOTION: 94 - 11

Moved by: Councillor J. Steffler and Seconded by: Councillor B. Barnim:

THAT:

By-law No. 17-2011, 18-2011, 20-2011, 21-2011, 22-2011, 23-2011, 24-2011 and 25-2011 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 17-2011, 18-2011, 20-2011, 21-2011, 22-2011, 23-2011, 24-2011 and 25-2011; as read a first and second time; be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 95 - 11

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

THAT:

By-law No. 17-2011; be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2;

Motion Con't. on Page 12.

Motion Con't. from Page 11.

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 17-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 96 - 11

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor P. Gowing:

THAT:

By-law No. 18-2011; 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. 18-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 97 - 11

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

THAT:

By-law No. 20-2011; 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. 20-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 98 - 11

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor P. Gowing:

THAT:

By-law No. 21-2011; 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. 21-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

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MOTION: 99 - 11

Moved by: Councillor J. Grace and Seconded by: Councillor T. Hessel:

THAT:

By-law No. 22-2011; 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. 22-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 100 - 11

Moved by: Councillor D. Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor P. Klopp:

THAT:

By-law No. 23-2011; 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. 23-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 101 - 11

Moved by: Councillor D. Riach and Seconded by: Councillor N. Rintoul:

THAT:

By-law No. 24-2011; 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. 24-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 102 - 11

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon:

THAT:

By-law No. 25-2011; 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. 25-2011; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

"Closed to the Public Session"

MOTION: 102 - 11

Moved by: Councillor T. Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor P. Gowing:

THAT:

The Council of the County Huron; do now go into a "Closed to the Public Session" at 11:54 a.m. under *Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended* to discuss an item which relates to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The following staff members remain in attendance: CAO Larry C. Adams, Clerk Barbara L. Wilson and Director of Human Resources Darcy Michaud:

CARRIED

MOTION: 103 - 11

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

THAT:

County Council rise from the "Closed to the Public Session" at 12:06 p.m.;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; agree to ratify the 2011 Agreement ONA at the Homes for the Aged.

CARRIED

Arrangement of Committee Meetings:

- Board of Health - Thursday April 7th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton
- Committee of the Whole Day 1 – Wednesday April 13th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich
- Huron County Municipal Officers Association – Friday April 15th, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Stanley Township Complex, 38594 Mill Road, Varna, in the Municipality of Bluewater
- Library Board – Wednesday April 20th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 – Wednesday April 20th at 9:45 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich

Adjournment:

MOTION: 104 - 11

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor T. Hessel:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron adjourn the Fifth Session of Council at 12:07 p.m.; to meet again on the 4th of May, 2011 in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich, or at the call of the Warden and the County Clerk.

CARRIED

The Fifth Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Neil Vincent

County Clerk Barbara L. Wilson