



Huron County Council

Minutes - February 1, 2012

Third Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



THIRD SESSION HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Goderich, Ontario
Wednesday February 1st, 2012.

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday February 1st, 2012. Warden Bernie MacLellan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Warden MacLellan welcomed all present to the Third Session. Warden MacLellan reviewed the Warden's report for the month of January, 2012.

Welcome to the "Page" – Owen Otterbein:

County Councillor Bill Dowson introduced Owen Otterbein; a grade 7 student from Huron Centennial Public School in Brucefield. Owen's grandfather was a former Warden of Huron County. Owen enjoys ball and hockey and is interested in politics.

Minutes of the previous session:

MOTION: 29 - 12

Moved by: Councillor A. Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being; the Second Session of January 4th, 2012; 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.

6. Petitions and Deputations:

6.1 Rhea Hamilton Seeger made a presentation of a book entitled "Power of the Maitland Powering Pioneer Settlement in an Ontario Watershed". This book is in recognition of County Council's support of the Maitland River over the years. It gives a unique look of pioneer settlements in this area of Ontario.

MOTION: 30 - 12

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

THAT:

Staff be directed to review the book entitled The Power of the Maitland and report back to the COTW Day 2 with recommendations on how many books the County should purchase and how they will be distributed.

CARRIED

6.2 David Lew, Chief, Emergency Services to assist Warden MacLellan with four presentations for Cardiac Arrest saves in Huron County by EMS in 2011. Dr. Michael Lewell assisted with the presentations to the recipients.

Dr. Michael Lewell is the Regional Base Hospital Medical Director and responsible for the oversight of all medical protocols performed by the Paramedics in the Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program.

The following will be receiving awards:

Cardiac Arrest Save on March 25th, 2011

- Harold Martin
- David Wagner
- Trevor Bell

Cardiac Arrest Save on May 18th, 2011

- Mike Bruneel
- Josie Carroll
- Jennifer Prendergast
- Caroline Thuss
- Denise Richard
- Amanda Kowall

Cardiac Arrest Save on October 6th, 2011

- Michelle Thomlinson
- Acting Sergeant Craig Soldan
- Constable Mike Busch
- Greg Gordon
- Tony Southwell

Cardiac Arrest Save on December 3rd, 2011

- Cynthia Strickland
- Kevin Gorman

6.3 Amy MacDonald, Public Health Dietitian and Sherri Preszcator, Public Health Manager presented the Nutritious Food Basket – Annual Report. The Board of Health at their January 5th, 2012 meeting requested this presentation be made to County Council.

MOTION: 31 - 12

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; receive the Huron County Health Unit Nutritious Food Basket survey results and community awareness initiatives;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; agrees to continue to support programs that improve nutrition;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; agrees to publicly support partnerships and groups who advocate for food security at the regional, provincial and federal levels;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to a send letter to the Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services regarding the need to increase social assistance rates to ensure it covers the cost of the Nutritious Food Basket (cc. MOLTC, alpha, COMOH, OPHA, PHO/OAHPP).

CARRIED

Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Shewfelt expressed his concerns regarding the 2012 Budget process and the fact that there has been nothing presented to County Council to date.

Warden MacLellan advised that the 2012 Budget must be in place by the end of April, 2012. Warden MacLellan has reviewed the proposed Budget with CAO Adams and Treasurer Carey and the 2012 Budget will be reviewed later this month. Warden MacLellan is requesting all department heads to justify the line by line figures in the Budget.

Treasurer Carey reported that department heads have been working on the 2012 Budget since last October. A copy of the proposed 2012 Budget will be presented at the COTW Day 2 meeting on February 15th.

There was a great deal of discussion.

Warden MacLellan reported that he is following up on \$1.7 million sitting in Health Unit reserves. Warden MacLellan stated this subject is to be included on the March 2012 Board of Health Agenda with a Motion requesting the \$1.7 million in Health Unit reserves be given back to the County of Huron.

Councillor Steffler reported that the Municipality of Central Huron is donating a fire truck to the Town of Bird Cove, Nfld. Councillor Steffler requested that a Motion be prepared for the COTW Day 1 meeting requesting all lower tier municipalities in Huron County and the County of Huron to donate \$200 each toward the transportation costs to Newfoundland.

Councillor Shewfelt reminded everyone that Goderich - Kraft Hockeyville submissions will be closed on March 3rd. This will be the first cut, they will pick 15 municipalities out of 70 that have registered so far. Councillor Shewfelt encouraged everyone to go online and vote for Goderich – Kraft Hockeyville.

Councillor Van Diepenbeek inquired of the Official Plan process as it applies to appeals from Director of Planning and Development Scott Tousaw.

Scott Tousaw reviewed the process as it applied to the County of Huron Official Plan (OP) Five Year Review. The County of Huron adopted the Amendments to the County of Huron Official Plan in June 2010. The OP was sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, modifications were received and approved by County Council in June 2011. One appeal has been received from the Municipality of Central Huron. Director Tousaw advised there is a report on the COTW Day 1 Agenda for February 8th that identifies the appeal from the Municipality of Central Huron.

Warden MacLellan reported that a request for a delegation with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Kathleen Wynne has been registered. The County has not heard if they were successful to date. Warden MacLellan explained the Director of Planning and Development has prepared a statement and it will be read by the presenter at ROMA/OGRA. The statement is regarding the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) will be handed to the Minister and a frank discussion using the Vodden property as an example as to why the County of Huron would like to see some flexibility in rural Ontario with regard to planning issues.

Correspondence:

CAO Adams read a letter prepared by Mike Pullen, Senior Economic Development Officer to the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation regarding the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund (SWODF) Consultation.

MOTION: 32 – 12

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor J. Grace:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; support the letter to the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation regarding the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund Consultation.

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 January 5th, 2012. Councillor G. Robertson, Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 33 - 12

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

THAT:

The Board of Health Report of January 5th, 2012; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 6.

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 January 11th, 2012 meeting. Councillor J. Grace, Chair of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 34 - 12

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

THAT:

An Amendment to the Motion authorizing the 30' Fire Safety Trailer be taken over the County of Huron; be amended to reflect the Public Works/Highway Department will be responsible for delivering the trailer to community events.

CARRIED

MOTION: 35 - 12

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

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 1 minutes and reports of January 11th, 2012; be adopted as amended; as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 7.

CARRIED

Library Board

Members of Council were given an opportunity to review the minutes of the Library Board January 18th, 2012 meeting. Councillor T. Hessel, Chair of the Library Board was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 36 - 12

Moved by: Councillor T. Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor B. Dowson:

THAT:

The Library Board Report of January 18th, 2012; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 8.

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 January 18th, 2012 meeting. Councillor A. Versteeg, Chair of the Committee of the Whole – Day 2 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 37 - 12

Moved by: Councillor A. Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 2 minutes and reports of January 18th, 2012; be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 9.

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 January 16th, 2012 meeting. Councillor P. Klopp, Chair of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 38 - 12

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

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes and reports of January 16th, 2012; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 10.

CARRIED

Inquiries:

There were no inquiries at this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Councillor Ginn reported that the Huron County Municipal Officers' Day will be held on Friday April 27th, 2012 at the Lucknow Community Centre.

Councillor Hessel reported there are delegates going to Library Conference in Toronto today.

MOTION: 39 - 12

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor A. Versteeg:

THAT:

A vote of appreciation; be extended to Owen Otterbein, for acting as Page at the Third Session of County Council.

CARRIED

Public Question Period:

Heather Boa of Bullet News Huron requested clarity about the draft budget being available online and it being password protected. Warden MacLellan advised it would be available on first class to the members of Council until it is presented at a meeting. It would be inappropriate for a document to become public until it is presented to County Council.

By-laws:

MOTION: 40 - 12

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor A. Versteeg:

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-Law No.4-2012; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the County of Huron (the "Municipality");

By-law No. 5-2012; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with Empire Consulting.

CARRIED

MOTION: 41 - 12

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

THAT:

By-law No. 4-2012 and By-law No. 5-2012; be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 4-2012 and By-law No. 5-2012; as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 42 - 12

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:
THAT:

By-law No. 4-2012; 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. 4-2012; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 43 - 12

Moved by: Councillor N. Rintoul and Seconded by: Councillor P. Klopp:
THAT:

By-law No. 5-2012; 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. 5-2012; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Warden MacLellan requested County Council to advise if they would like the three former members of County Council who were present at this meeting to stay for the Closed to the Public Session.

Councillor Shewfelt claimed this to be out of order. After a brief discussion, Warden MacLellan advised he will get clarification from the County Solicitor about whether the four former members of County Council should be kept involved in County of Huron business.

“Closed to the Public Session”

MOTION: 44 - 12

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

County Council do now go into a “Closed to the Public Session” at 11:50 a.m. under *Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended* to discuss an item which relates to:

- *personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees;*
- *advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;*

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

MOTION: 45 - 12

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

THAT:

County Council rise from the "Closed to the Public Session" at 12:28 p.m. with no report.

CARRIED

MOTION: 46 - 12

Moved by: Councillor D. Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor T. Hessel:

THAT:

The direction given to staff in the Closed to the Public Session; be approved.

CARRIED

Arrangement of Committee Meetings:

- Opening Session of the Organization Review with George Cuff on Monday January 30th, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Huron Community Complex Auditorium, 239 Bill Fleming Drive, Clinton
- Board of Health on Thursday February 2nd, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton
- Committee of the Whole Day 1 on Wednesday February 8th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich
- Library Board meeting on Wednesday February 15th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 on Wednesday February 15th, 2012 at 9:45 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich

17. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: 47 - 12

Moved by: Councillor D. Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor T. Hessel:

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-law No. 6-2012; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

MOTION: 48 - 12

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

THAT:

By-law No. 6-2012; be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 6-2012; as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 49 - 12

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

THAT:

By-law No. 6-2012; 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. 6-2012; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

MOTION: 50 - 12

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; adjourn the Third Session of Council at 12:32 p.m. to meet again on the 7th of March, 2012 in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich, or at the call of the Warden and the County Clerk.

CARRIED

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The Third Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Bernie MacLellan

County Clerk Barbara L. Wilson