



Huron County Council

Minutes - March 7, 2012

Fourth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



FOURTH SESSION HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Goderich, Ontario
March 7th, 2012.

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday March 7th, 2012. Warden Bernie MacLellan called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Larry C. Adams called the roll and all members of Council were present except for Councillors Dowson and Steffler.

Warden MacLellan welcomed all present to the Fourth Session. Warden MacLellan reviewed the Warden's report for the month of February, 2012. He highlighted the County's delegation with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the Hon. Kathleen Wynne at the OGRA/ROMA Conference in Toronto.

Warden MacLellan reported on correspondence received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Kathleen Wynne re: Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). The County of Huron is eligible to receive funding under ODRAP for the County's administration building damaged by the tornado for 100% of eligible costs.

Warden MacLellan advised of the Court of Appeal for Ontario decision re: County of Huron Council composition. In the decision Justice Robert J. Sharpe stated "Accordingly, I would dismiss the appeal with costs to the respondents fixed in the amount agreed to by the parties, namely, \$5,000 inclusive of disbursements and HST." The Corporation of the County of Huron Council will consist of 16 members according to the formula in the County of Huron By-law No. 28-1999.

A letter received from David Frayne, former County Councillor and Council member for the Municipality of South Huron was read by CAO Adams. The correspondence referred to County Council representation for the Municipality of South Huron.

Welcome to the "Page" – Ty Mellor:

Councillor Jim Ginn introduced Ty Mellor a grade 7 student from Clinton Public School. Ty likes science and sports. Councillor Ginn reported that one of the reasons Ty Mellor was considered as a Page for this Session of Council was Ty's

interest in the former arena in Clinton. Ty had written a letter to Central Huron Council with his recommendations for the old arena.

Minutes of the previous session:

MOTION: 51 - 12

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

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being; the Third Session of February 1st, 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.

Petitions and Deputations:

There were no petitions or deputations.

Councillor's Issues:

There were no Councillor's issues

Correspondence:

Councillor Shewfelt reported on the correspondence received from the County of Perth regarding a Perth County Drug Strategy Task Force. The County of Perth is inquiring if the County of Huron would consider being involved in a Drug Strategy Task Force with the County of Perth.

MOTION: 52-12

Moved by: Councillor B. Van Diepenbeek and Seconded by: Councillor P. Klopp:

THAT:

Staff; be directed to forward the correspondence to the Health Unit to investigate the requirements for Huron County to participate in the Perth County Drug Strategy Task Force.

CARRIED

Councillor Ginn reported the Bluewater Youth Centre was suddenly closed earlier this week. The Municipality of Central Huron, where the Bluewater Youth Centre is located was not given the courtesy of the information of this closing from the Provincial Government prior to the closing. The closing of the Bluewater Youth Centre will have a huge economic impact on the County of Huron with the loss of jobs.

There was a great deal of discussion. Councillor Shewfelt suggested a Task Force be established to work with Huron County Economic Development staff to develop this as an opportunity for Huron County. Councillor Shewfelt advised that when the Volvo plant closed in 2009, a Task Force was established and it helped the municipality and the County.

MOTION: 53 - 12

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

THAT:

Huron County; send a letter to the Provincial Government, specifically the Ministry of the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; the Hon. Madeleine Meilleur and the Premier of Ontario advising them of Huron County's extreme concern over the lack of communication with any local official over the abrupt closure of the Bluewater Youth Centre.

CARRIED

Councillor Van Diepenbeek requested that Council set a meeting date to discuss Council composition and to look at alternatives to Council composition with a new By-law.

MOTION: 54 - 12

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

THAT:

Friday April 20th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.; be the date set for a Strategic Planning meeting; that will include the discussion of County Council composition.

CARRIED

MOTION: 55 - 12

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

THAT:

Huron County Council; agree to establish a Bluewater Youth Centre Task Force to discuss the future of the Bluewater Youth Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The members of the Bluewater Youth Centre Task Force include the Mayor of the Municipality of Central Huron (or designate), the Mayor of the Town of Goderich (or designate); and Huron County Warden MacLellan with the Huron County Economic Development staff.

CARRIED

CAO Adams briefly reviewed the Drummond Recommendations as reported by AMO. There will be more information to come.

In David Lew, Chief Emergency Services' absence, Deputy Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Jeff Horseman advised Council of the PRISM911 Verification Process that will commence March 19th, 2012 until March 31st, 2012.

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 February 2nd, 2012. Councillor G. Robertson, Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 56 - 12

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

THAT:

The Board of Health Report of February 2nd, 2012; 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, February 8th, 2012 meeting. Councillor J.

Grace, Chair of the Committee of the Whole - Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

Councillor Ginn reported the fire truck from Central Huron arrived in great shape at its destination in Bird Cove, Newfoundland. The residents were very pleased. Councillor Ginn took the opportunity to thank those municipalities in Huron County who sent in \$200 to Bird Cove, Newfoundland for the assistance of the transportation from Ontario.

Councillor Ginn reported that the Council of the Municipality of Central Huron passed a resolution stating that a letter be sent to Huron County Council encouraging the County to provide a process that gives the opportunity to the public and Councillors to review the budget prior to the adoption by County Council.

Warden MacLellan responded advising the first review of the 2012 draft Budget will take place on March 14th and again on March 21st, 2012. There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to view the 2012 Budget prior to its adoption before the 30th of April, 2012.

MOTION: 57 - 12

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

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 1, February 8th, 2012 minutes and reports 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, February 15th, 2012 meeting. Councillor T. Hessel, Chair of the Library Board was available to speak to the minutes and the reports.

MOTION: 58 - 12

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

THAT:

The Library Board Report of February 15th, 2012; 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, February 15th, 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: 59 - 12

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

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 2 minutes and reports of February 15th, 2012; be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 14.

CARRIED

Inquiries:

Heather Boa, reporter for Bullet News Huron inquired about the Special meeting on March 13th, 2012 being held in a Closed to the Public Session. Mr. Cuff, who is performing the Organizational Review has requested this meeting be held in a Closed to the Public Session according to *Section 239(1) of the Municipal Act, as amended* with items for discussion being; *“personal information about an identifiable individual including municipal or local Board employees”*.

Unfinished Business:

MOTION: 60 - 12

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

THAT:

A vote of appreciation; be extended to Ty Mellor, for acting as Page at the Fourth Session of County Council.

CARRIED

Public Question Period:

There were no public questions for this meeting.

By-laws:

There were no By-laws for this meeting.

“Closed to the Public Session”

MOTION: 61 - 12

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

THAT:

County Council do now go into a “Closed to the Public Session” at 10:40 a.m. under *Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended*; to discuss an item that relates to:

- Labour relations and employee negotiations;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The following staff members remain in attendance: C.A.O. Larry C. Adams, Director of Human Resources Darcy Michaud, Homes Administrator Barb Springall and Clerk Barbara L. Wilson.

CARRIED

MOTION: 62 - 12

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

THAT:

County Council rise from the “Closed to the Public Session” at 10:50 a.m. with no report.

CARRIED

MOTION: 63 - 12

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Arrangement of Committee Meetings:

- Board of Health, Thursday March 1st, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Health & Library Complex, south of Clinton
- Special Session, Tuesday March 13th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town of Goderich Municipal Office Council Chambers, 57 West Street, Goderich (*this is a Closed Session*)
- Committee of the Whole - Day 1, Wednesday March 14th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich – Budget meeting to commence after the COTW Day 1 meeting
- Library Board Meeting, Wednesday March 21st, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich

- Committee of the Whole – Day 2, Wednesday March 21st, 2012 at 9:45 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich – Budget meeting to commence after the COTW Day 2 meeting

Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: 64 - 12

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

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-law:

By-law No. 7-2012; 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: 65 - 12

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

THAT:

By-law No. 7-2012; be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 7-2012; as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 66 - 12

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

THAT:

By-law No. 7-2012; 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. 7-2012, 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: 67 - 12

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron; adjourn the Fourth Session of Council at 10:52 a.m. to meet again on the 13th of March, 2012 in the Town of Goderich

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Council Chambers, 57 West Street, Goderich, or at the call of the Warden and the County Clerk.

CARRIED

The Fourth Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Bernie MacLellan

County Clerk Barbara L. Wilson