



Huron County Council

Minutes - March 6, 2013

Fourth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO





FOURTH SESSION MINUTES HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Goderich, Ontario
March 6, 2013

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. Warden George Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Warden Robertson welcomed all present to the Fourth Session of 2013.

1. Roll Call

CAO Brenda Orchard called the roll and all members of Council were present. Councillor Ginn left at 12:21 p.m.

2. Warden's Remarks

Warden Robertson makes the following remarks:

- February 11, 2013 in attendance to support the Municipality of Central Huron's bid to support the Ontario ParaSport Games
- February 14, 2013 at the Goderich Community Credit Union to send congratulations as over 1,400 pounds of food has been collected and donated to the local food bank
- February 20, 2013 in Stratford for the United Way Awards hosted by United Way Perth-Huron
- Feb 22, 2013 met with both the Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament at the Huron County Federation of Agriculture in Clinton

3. Minutes of the previous session

MOTION: #054-13

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

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being the Third Session of February 6, 2013; be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest

Members express on pecuniary conflict.

5. Petitions and Deputations

There are no petitions or deputations.

6. Councillor's Issues

- 6.1 Councillor Vincent – The County of Huron has been successful in its bid to host the 2017 International Plowing Match.
- 6.2 Councillor Ginn – Special thanks to the Warden and County Council members who supported Central Huron in its bid to host the Ontario ParaSport Games.
- 6.3 Councillor MacLellan – A meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing took place and concerns were brought forward including: the decrease in Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF), Funding for Connecting Link and more decision making at the municipal level with respect to changes to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).
- 6.4 Councillor Jewitt – Request that a planning representative attend the Municipality of Central Huron to present the Urban Design Guideline and staff will review this request.
- 6.5 Warden Robertson – A presentation is tentatively scheduled on April 10, 2013 for Bruce Power and seeks direction regarding a date for County Council to tour the facility and this will be arranged in April. Tentative date of April 25.
- 6.6 Councillor Dowson – Clarification at the Bayfield Heritage Committee updating the *Heritage Act* and they will report back in this regard.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 Huron County Federation of Agriculture, re: Municipal Property Assessment Farm Class Increase.

Councillor Shewfelt expresses concern regarding the farm class tax ratios noting that there should be a comprehensive review in the future for all tax class ratios and the impact within the County compared to other Counties in the Province.

MOTION: #055-13

Moved by: Councillor Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The correspondence from Huron County Federation of Agriculture, re: Municipal Property Assessment Farm Class Increase be received.

CARRIED

8. Reports of Committees

- 8.1 Board of Health – February 7, 2013 meeting minutes:

Councillor J. Steffler, Chair of the Board of Health was available to speak to the minutes and the reports thereto.

Councillor Gowing expressed concern regarding the lack of information provided to the animal control officer when an incident occurs and that the Huron County Health Unit should be able to provide information, as required, to assist the officer when an incident is reported and investigation is needed.

MOTION: #056-13

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

Huron County Council directs staff at the Huron County Health Unit to reconsider its position with respect to providing information to the animal control officer under the *Freedom of Information Act* when investigating dog bite claims.

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There was further discussion regarding the proposed septic re-inspection program and the merits of the program. It was noted that

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additional information is needed regarding plumbing inspections and that this would be reported back to County Council before any further decisions are made.

MOTION: #057-13

Moved by: Councillor Steffler and Seconded by: Councillor Shewfelt

THAT:

The Board of Health Report of February 7, 2013; be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 12.

CARRIED

8.2 Committee of the Whole Day 1 – February 13, 2013 meeting minutes:

Councillor J. Ginn, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 1 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports thereto.

Prior to the approval of the minutes, there was discussion surrounding the proposed Goderich to Guelph Trail and noted that staff would report back outlining implications before Council enters into any Agreement.

MOTION: #058-13

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Report of February 13, 2013; be adopted as printed and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 13.

CARRIED

8.3 Committee of the Whole Day 2 – February 20, 2013 meeting minutes:

Councillor P. Gowing, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 2 was available to speak to the minutes and the reports thereto.

MOTION: #059-13

Moved by: Councillor Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 2 Report of February 20, 2013; be adopted be adopted as printed and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 14.

CARRIED

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8.4 Library Board – February 27, 2013 meeting minutes:

Councillor T. Hessel, Chair of the Library Board was able to speak to the minutes and Reports.

MOTION: #060-13

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Library Board Report of February 27, 2013 be received and will appear in the printed Minutes as Report No. 15.

CARRIED

9. Inquiries

There are no inquiries.

Council recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

10. Unfinished Business

2013 Consolidated Draft Budget

10.1 Report from Jeff Horseman, Deputy Chief of Emergency Services, re: 2013 Budget – Defibrillators.

J. Horseman provides a follow-up report regarding the proposed purchase of defibrillators which is listed in the Emergency Services 2013 budget.

It is further explained call volumes increased as a result of the deployment plan created by the County in 2012 and as a result, Emergency Services staff have made necessary changes to ensure that the calls are now in line with previous years.

Comments and questions include:

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- The units are from the same manufacturer however are newer models and are compatible and will interface with existing equipment
- The proposed purchase will replace the six current units that need replacing and a replacement cycle will be implemented thereafter
- Confirmation that there is a five year warranty on the new purchase of the machines
- Training is incorporated into the Budget

10.2 Report from Nancy Rennick, Deputy Treasurer, re: 2013 Consolidated Draft Budget.

Report Items 10.2.1 and 10.2.2. were done concurrently to finalize the 2013 Budget.

10.2.1 Report from Nancy Rennick, Deputy Treasurer, re: 2012 Unallocated Surplus.

N. Rennick provides an overview of the 2012 unallocated surplus funds. In 2010, the County entered into an agreement with the Province providing funds to build the County View Apartments. The County is responsible for the balance of funding which is approximately \$1,612,000 and the project was completed in 2012 and funds were withdrawn from reserves in the amount \$1,138,001 to fund the project. The 2013 budget has \$111,564 to start replenishing the reserve.

In November 2012, Council approved \$200,000 to be placed in a levy stabilization reserve for the 2013 budget.

B. Orchard explains that a policy will be created in the future so that any future surplus funds derived in the Budget will be properly allocated.

Comments and questions include:

- Confirmation that Social Services has necessary funds to pay back the loan amount

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- Ensuring that proper budget planning takes place year over year
- Investing funds into clean water with economic development

MOTION: #061-13

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

THAT:

Huron County Council allocate \$50,000 into the Huron Clean Water Program with funds to be taken from the 2012 budget surplus.

CARRIED

There was an explanation provided regarding the Economic Development Project initiative and funds allotted thereto. At present, Council has allocated an additional \$100,000 to a total of \$150,000 however an additional \$10,000 is suggested.

MOTION: #062-13

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Steffler

THAT:

Huron County Council allocate an additional \$10,000 into the Huron Economic Development Partnership with funds to be taken from the 2012 budget surplus.

CARRIED

10.2.2 Report from Nancy Rennick, Deputy Treasure, re: Grants in 2013 budget.

N. Rennick provides an overview of the grants to date totaling \$470,200. However, there are three additional requests not approved which include:

- Menestung Bridge \$10,000
- Crimestoppers \$1,000
- SWEA Assembly \$5,000

At present, the Budget levy for 2013 is projected at a 2.4% levy increase and with the three additional grants, it will be approximately 2.47%.

There is general consensus to finalize the 2013 budget at the proposed levy increase with the inclusion of the additional grants.

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MOTION: #063-13

Moved by: Councillor Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

Huron County Council approve the 2013 Budget in principal with a 2.47% levy increase including the three additional grants in the amount of \$16,000.

CARRIED

11. Motions

There are no motions.

12. Public Question Period

12.1 There was clarification provided with respect to a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Ginn which was filed with the CAO and that staff would report back at a future meeting in this regard.

12.2 An explanation was provided in regards to the special Council meeting scheduled for March 20, 2013 which is attributed to the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) and that an audit is needed prior to March 31, 2013.

13. By-laws

MOTION: #064-13

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 23-2013 Being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Cross Border Billing Agreement with the Corporation of the County of Middlesex with respect to Land Ambulance Cross Border Billings for the Years 2012 to 2021.

By-law No. 24-2013 Being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen in

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Right of Ontario as represented by The Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities).

By-law No. 25-2013 Being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI) to accept funding for Municipal Information Online Program.

By-law No. 26-2013 Being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty, The Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Education.

By-law No. 27-2013 Being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron on behalf of Huronview Home for the Aged to enter into a Service Accountability Agreement with the SouthWest Local Health Integration Network ("LHIN")

By-law No. 28-2013 Being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron on behalf of Huronlea Home for the Aged to enter into a Service Accountability Agreement with the SouthWest Local Health Integration Network ("LHIN")

By-law No. 29-2013 Being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to outline the recruitment, hiring and selection process for all non-union employees.

CARRIED

MOTION: #065-13

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

By-law Nos. 23-2013, 24-2013, 25-2013, 26-2013, 27-2013, 28-2013 and 29-2013 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law Nos. 23-2013, 24-2013, 25-2013, 26-2013, 27-2013, 28-2013 and 29-2013 as read a first and second time, be passed.

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CARRIED

MOTION: #066-13

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

THAT:

By-law Nos. 23-2013, 24-2013, 25-2013, 26-2013, 27-2013, 28-2013 and 29-2013; 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 Nos. 23-2013, 24-2013, 25-2013, 26-2013, 27-2013, 28-2013 and 29-2013; as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

14. Closed to the Public Session

MOTION: #067-13

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council do now go into Closed Session at 11:42 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended to discuss:

- Ratification of closed session minutes dated January 16, February 6, February 13 and February 20, 2013;
- Potential Acquisition of Property in South Huron; and,
- Labour Relations – Ratification of Collective Agreement with Ontario Nurse's Union.

CARRIED

MOTION: #068-13

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The Council rise from Closed Session at 12:20 p.m. and reconvene in Open Session.

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The following motion was passed in Open Session regarding Labour Relations – Ratification of Collective Agreement with Ontario Nurse's Union.

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MOTION: #069-13

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

Huron County Council accept the recommendation from the Board of Health to ratify the Collective Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Huron Health Unit and the Ontario Nurse's Union as negotiated on March 1, 2013;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Warden and CAO be authorized to sign and execute the Agreement on behalf of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

15. Arrangement of Upcoming Meetings:

- Huron Economic Development Partnership Meeting – Tuesday March 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Board Room, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Office, 57 Napier Street, Goderich
- Board of Health – Thursday March 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Seminar Room 2 of the Health & Library Complex, south of Clinton
- Committee of the Whole Day 1 – Wednesday March 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich
- Special Session, Wednesday March 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 – Wednesday March 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich
- Library Board – Wednesday March 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Bayfield Branch Library, 18 Main Street, Bayfield

Prior to adjournment, Council provided special thanks to the Acting Clerk Michael Di Lullo for assisting the County.

MOTION: #070-13

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

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Huron County Council thanks Michael Di Lullo, Acting Clerk for providing assistance to the County.

CARRIED

16. Confirmatory By-law

MOTION: #071-13

Moved by: Councillor Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor Rintoul

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-law:

By-law No. 30-2013 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: #072-13

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

By-law No. 30-2013 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 30-2013 as read a first and second time; be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #073-13

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

By-law No. 30-2013; 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. 30-2013; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

MOTION: #074-13

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron adjourn the Fourth Session of Council at 12:25 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, April 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the

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Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich, or at the call of the Warden and the County Clerk.

CARRIED

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden George Robertson

Acting County Clerk Michael Di Lullo