



# Huron County Council

Minutes - December 4, 2013

Inaugural Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



INAUGURAL SESSION MINUTES  
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL  
Goderich, Ontario December 4th, 2013

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron met in the Court House Council Chambers, in Goderich on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. with the 2013 Warden George Robertson presiding.

Warden Robertson welcomed the members of Huron County Council and guests to the Inaugural Session.

### **1. Roll Call**

CAO Brenda Orchard called the roll and all members were present.

### **2. Nominations for Warden**

MOTION: #001-14

Moved by: Councillor Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

CAO Brenda Orchard proceed with the Election of Warden for 2014 as set out in the County of Huron Procedural By-law No. 26-2011.

CARRIED

CAO Brenda Orchard called for nominations for Warden of Huron County for 2014.

Councillor Hessel, from the Municipality of Bluewater, nominated Councillor Versteeg, from the Township of Howick, as a candidate for Warden for 2014.

Councillor Van Diepenbeek, from the Municipality of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, nominated Councillor Steffler, from the Municipality of Huron East, as a candidate for Warden for 2014.

CAO Brenda Orchard called two more times for nominations for Warden of Huron County for 2014.

There being no further nominations, CAO Brenda Orchard declared nominations closed.

### **3. Election of Warden**

The candidates for the 2014 **Warden's position, namely;** Councillor Steffler and Councillor Versteeg briefly addressed Council.

CAO Brenda Orchard, with the assistance of the County Clerk Susan Cronin, conducted the election by secret ballot in accordance with the County of Huron Procedural By-law No. 26-2011.

MOTION: #002-14

Moved by: Councillor Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

Warden Steffler, County Councillor from the Municipality of Huron East; be elected as Warden of the County of Huron for the year 2014; and until his successor is appointed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #003-14

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

### **4. Installation of Warden**

The new Warden; Joe Steffler joined Past Warden Robertson at the dais. CAO Brenda Orchard administered the Declaration of Office to Warden Steffler. Past Warden Robertson presented Warden Steffler with the Chain of Office, Gavel, the Warden's Pin, Crest and the Key to the County of Huron.

Warden Steffler presented Past Warden Robertson with his name plate as a memento of his year as Warden.

CAO Brenda Orchard formally turned the meeting over to the newly elected Warden; Warden Steffler.

Warden Steffler **called on Archdeacon Allan Livingstone from St. George's Anglican Church** to conduct the devotional exercises.

MOTION: #004-14

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Shewfelt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron extend their thanks to Archdeacon Allan **Livingstone of St. George's Anglican Church for his participation at the Inaugural Meeting of Council.**

CARRIED

Warden Steffler spoke briefly thanking Council for the honour of being elected Warden for 2014.

Warden Steffler introduced his wife Lin Steffler along with other family members in attendance.

Warden Steffler asked for Councillor MacLellan to introduce staff and Council in attendance from Huron East.

Ben Lobb, M.P. for Huron-Bruce was unavailable to attend the Inaugural **Session. In M.P. Lobb's absence, Bill Strong the Constituency Manager for M.P. Lobb's Goderich** office was in attendance and brought greetings from the Government of Canada and congratulations to Warden Steffler.

Lisa Thompson, M.P.P. for Huron-Bruce was unavailable to attend the **Inaugural Session. In M.P.P. Lisa Thompson's absence, Sarah Ross,** Constituency Assistant for M.P.P. Thompson was in attendance and brought greetings from the Province of Ontario and congratulations to Warden Steffler.

Colleen Schenk, Chair Board of Trustees, Avon Maitland District School was also in attendance. Colleen Schenk brought greetings from the Avon Maitland District School Board and congratulations to Warden Steffler.

Jim McDade, Chair, Board of Trustees, Huron Perth Catholic District School Board was also in attendance. Jim McDade brought greetings from the Huron Perth Catholic District School Board and congratulations to Warden Steffler.

## **5. Appointment of the Striking Committee**

According to the County of Huron Procedural By-law No. 26-2011; the Striking Committee for 2014 will consist of:

1. Warden
2. Immediate Past Warden – Councillor Robertson

3. Two immediate Past Board Chairs - Councillors Dowson and Hessel
4. Two immediate Past Committee Chairs – Councillors Ginn and Gowing
5. One Councillor Appointee of the Warden – Councillor Grace
6. CAO Brenda Orchard

MOTION: #005-14

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The following members of Huron County Council be the Striking Committee for the year 2014:

Warden Steffler, Chair  
Past Warden Robertson  
Councillor Dowson  
Councillor Hessel  
Councillor Ginn  
Councillor Gowing  
Councillor Grace  
CAO Brenda Orchard

CARRIED

Warden Steffler requested Members of Council to stay close to the Council Chambers so that Council could resume sitting as soon as the Striking Committee had their Report ready.

## **6. Report of Committees**

The report of the Striking Committee was read by CAO Brenda Orchard.

MOTION: #006-14

Moved by: Councillor Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Report of the Striking Committee; be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #1.

CARRIED

## **7. Inquiries**

There are no inquiries.

## **8. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for this meeting.

## **9. Motions**

There are no motions.

## **10. Public Question Period**

There are no questions from the public.

## **11. By-Laws**

MOTION: #007-14

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-law No. 1-2014; being a By-law of The Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint members to various Committees and Boards.

CARRIED

MOTION: #008-14

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

THAT:

By-law No. 1-2014; be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 1-2014; as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #009-14

Moved by: Councillor Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor Rintoul

THAT:

By-law No. 1-2014; 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. 1-2014 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

## **12. Arrangement of Meetings**

The Warden announced the upcoming meetings for the balance of December 2013 and beginning of January 2014:

- Committee of the Whole Day 1 – Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich
- Special Session – Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 immediately following the Committee of the Whole Day 1 meeting in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich
- Library Board - Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 – Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich
- Second Session of County Council – Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich
- Board of Health – Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Seminar Room 2 at the Health & Library Complex, south of Clinton

### **13. Confirmatory By-law**

MOTION: #010-14

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

By-law No. 02-2014; 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, be introduced, be given a first, second and 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. 02-2014; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

### **14. Adjournment**

MOTION: #011-14

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Dowson

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County Council do now adjourn at 3:12 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday January 8, 2014, or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The 2014 Inaugural Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

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Warden Joe Steffler

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County Clerk Susan Cronin