



# Huron County Council

Minutes - March 5, 2014

Fourth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



**FOURTH SESSION MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario  
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The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Warden Joe Steffler called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Warden Steffler welcomed all present to the Fourth Session of 2014.

**1. Roll Call**

CAO Brenda Orchard called the roll and all members of Council were present. Councillor Shewfelt departed at 11:25 a.m.

There was an addition Section 14 Closed to the Public Session to discuss an item that relates to: Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Library to the agenda. CAO Brenda Orchard, Clerk Susan Cronin and County Librarian Meighan Wark will remain in attendance for this item.

MOTION: #84-14

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of Huron County accepts the agenda for March 5, 2014 meeting as amended.

CARRIED

**2. Warden Remarks**

Warden Steffler informed members that he attended the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus in February where broadband for rural municipalities was a key topic. All counties are supporting this project. At OGRA/ROMA conference CAO Orchard, Councillor Dietrich and Warden Steffler were informed that the OPP funding formula will be issued within the next 2 months.

**3. Minutes of the previous session**

MOTION: #85-14

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Robertson

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being the Third Session of February 5, 2014 and the Special Session of February 19, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

No Declarations of Pecuniary Interest were stated.

## 5. Petitions and Deputations

5.1 Inspector Dwight Peer, Interim Detachment Commander and Sergeant Randy Wright were in attendance to review road closure procedures during adverse weather in Huron County. This delegation was a request of Council. Better communication between OPP, County and Lower Tiers was stressed as a method to improve efficiencies.

## 6. Councillor's Issues

Councillor Ginn stated his concern that Association of Municipalities of Ontario was not supporting lower tier municipalities regarding the OMPF funding cuts. CAO Orchard informed members that at the WOWC it was stated that the uploading of social services to the province is for the betterment of the lower tiers versus the OMPF funding cuts.

MOTION: #86-14

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Council of Huron County send correspondence to Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) asking for clarification as to how municipalities can seek support for rural issues through ROMA without being vetted through AMO;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This correspondence be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Honorable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other municipalities in Ontario.

A Motion to table was introduced prior to a vote on the Motion:

MOTION: #87-14

Moved By: Councillor Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

**The motion: "The Council of Huron County send correspondence to Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) asking for clarification as to how municipalities can seek support for rural issues through ROMA without being vetted through AMO;**

AND FURTHER THAT:

This correspondence be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Honorable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other **municipalities in Ontario."** be tabled pending further information from CAO Orchard.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

## **7. Correspondence**

MOTION: #88-14

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support the following resolution from the Town of Arnprior:

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior recognizes that increased electricity rates are challenging for the economic competitiveness of the Town of Arnprior and its residents;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew passed a resolution on November 27, 2013 encouraging the Government of Ontario to ensure that our electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior supports the County of Renfrew in its attempt to encourage the Government of Ontario to not approve any further rate increases for electricity;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that electricity costs will increase by approximately 50% within the next five years;

AND WHEREAS an increase in electricity rates by the Ontario Energy Board will exacerbate an existing problem for industry and consumers with low or fixed incomes in Arnprior;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arnprior urges in the strongest possible way that the Government of Ontario ensures that electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Ontario Energy Board, the Ontario Power Authority, Associations of Municipalities (AMO), MPP John Yakabuski, Ontario Municipalities and Local Municipalities in Renfrew County for support.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arnprior urges the Ontario Energy Board in the strongest possible way not to approve any further rate increases for electricity.

CARRIED

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support the following resolution from the Town of Atikokan:

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AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are voicing their concerns and filing letters of objection or letters in support to the Provincial government regarding the proposed new police billing model;

AND WHEREAS objections to the new model are being heard from municipalities that may experience an increase in their municipal policing costs;

AND WHEREAS all police services require a base level of infrastructure, supervision, administration and sufficient front-line policing necessary to provide adequate proactive policing, to ensure the general safety and security of municipalities;

AND WHEREAS all municipalities should pay their equitable share of essential "base level" policing services;

AND WHEREAS the principles and design of the proposed new billing model is based on a fairer approach and significantly enhances transparency; and WHEREAS the proposed model would charge each municipality a flat \$260 per household fee for the base costs related to providing police services, plus a variable charge for each call for service;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Atikokan currently pays approximately \$1,000 per household which is much higher than many other Ontario municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Atikokan supports the proposed billing model change or a model for policing that ensures an equitable distribution of cost sharing for all municipalities and unorganized territories in Ontario;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services; The Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General of Ontario; MPP Bill Mauro; and all other municipalities in Ontario.

DEFEATED

MOTION: #89-14

Moved by: Councillor Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of Huron County receive and file correspondence, not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

## **8. Reports of Committees**

8.1 Board of Health – February 6, 2014 meeting minutes: Councillor Dowson, Chair of the Board of Health spoke to the Report.

MOTION: #90-14

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

THAT:

The Board of Health Report of February 6, 2014 be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 11.

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CARRIED

- 8.2 Committee of the Whole Day 1 – February 12, 2014 meeting minutes: Councillor Versteeg, Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 1 spoke to the Reports. Section 9.2 should be 3-31,000 lb. not 2-31,000 lb. GVW Cab & Chassis trucks.

MOTION: #91-14

Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Report of February 12, 2014 be adopted with amendments and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No.12.

CARRIED

- 8.3 Committee of the Whole Day 2 – February 19, 2014 meeting minutes: Councillor Hessel, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 2 spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #92-14

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 2 Report of February 19, 2014 be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 13.

CARRIED

- 8.4 Library Board – February 20, 2014 meeting minutes: Councillor Dietrich, Chair of the Library Board spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #93-14

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Library Board Report of February 20, 2014 be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 14.

CARRIED

**9. Inquiries** – Councillor MacLellan requested information on training sessions for new Councillors. Clerk Cronin stated that AMO has an on-line training session. There is a joint session to be held on November 27, 2014 in Stratford with Huron and Perth Counties. A future session is being organized for Huron County Councillors with no date set yet.

## 10. Unfinished Business

- 10.1 Councillor Grace gave a verbal update on the Economic Development Governance. A full report will be presented March 12, 2014.
- 10.2 Strategic Plan – Action Planning for the 2013 Strategic Plan (as per Committee of the Whole Day 2 on January 22, 2014) Employee Reporting Structure at the Health Unit – Prepared by Brenda Orchard

MOTION: #94-14

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The recommendation of Brenda Orchard, CAO, that Council receives the Action Planning for the 2013 Strategic Plan for information.

CARRIED

## 11. Motions - none

12. **Public Question Period** – Fadi Didi, 104.9 The Beach reporter, requested the names of the OPP Delegation and shared his frustrations, on behalf of the media, regarding communications during adverse weather conditions.

Councillor Grace reminded members of Council of the Huron County display at the Canada Blooms Flower and Garden Festival March 14-23, 2014 in Toronto.

## 13. By-laws

MOTION: #95-14

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2014-31 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to Stop Up and Close Part 1 and Part 2 which are Part of the Original Road Allowance Between the Eastern and Western Divisions of Colborne Township; the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, County of Huron, as illustrated on Deposited Reference Plan 22R-6096. (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 1 on January 15, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-32 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a funding agreement with Her Majesty

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the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment to support the Starter Company Program. (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 1 on February 12, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-33 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement for professional consulting services with BM Ross for 2014 Traffic Signals replacement in Seaforth. (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 1 on February 12, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-34 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize an agreement with the Corporation of the Municipality of Central Huron. (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on February 19, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-35 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with the Town of Goderich. (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on February 19, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-36 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of North Huron. (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on February 19, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-37 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a three year contract with Centric Health. (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on February 19, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-38 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with the Community Care Information Management Group (Huronlea) (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on February 19, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-39 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with the Community Care Information Management Group (Huronview). (Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on February 19, 2014)

CARRIED



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MOTION: #96-14

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2014-31, 2014-32, 2014-33, 2014-34, 2014-35, 2014-36, 2014-37, 2014-38 and 2014-39 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2014-31, 2014-32, 2014-33, 2014-34, 2014-35, 2014-36, 2014-37, 2014-38 and 2014-39 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #97-14

Moved by: Councillor Rintoul and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

By-law No. 2014-31, 2014-32, 2014-33, 2014-34, 2014-35, 2014-36, 2014-37, 2014-38 and 2014-39 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. 2014-2014-31, 2014-32, 2014-33, 2014-34, 2014-35, 2014-36, 2014-37, 2014-38 and 2014-39 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: #98-14

Moved by: Councillor Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

**County Council do now go into a "Closed to the Public Session" at 11:35 a.m.** under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Planning and Development.
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Library.
3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Homes.

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Brenda Orchard (Items 1, 2 and 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2 and 3), Scott Tousaw (Item 1 only), County Librarian Meighan Wark (Item 2 only) and Barb Springall (Item 3 only) remain in attendance.

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CARRIED

MOTION: #99-14

Moved by: Councillor Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

County Council rise from the "Closed to the Public Session" at 12:25 p.m.

CARRIED

**15. Arrangement of Upcoming Meetings:**

- Board of Health – Thursday March 6, 2014 at 9:00 AM in Seminar Room 2 of the Health & Library Complex, south of Clinton.
- Committee of the Whole Day 1 – Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee – Monday, March 17, 2014 at 9:30 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 – Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Library Board – Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Huron County Municipal Officers Association meeting – Friday, April 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Blyth Community Centre.

**16. Confirmatory By-law**

MOTION: #100-14

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

By-law No. 2014-40; 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. 2014-40; 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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**17. Adjournment**

MOTION: #101-14

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn the Fourth Session at 12:27 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

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Warden Joe Steffler

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Clerk Susan Cronin