



Huron County Council

Minutes - May 7, 2014

Sixth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



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

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May 7, 2014

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 7th, 2014. Warden Joe Steffler called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m.

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

1. Roll Call

CAO Brenda Orchard called the roll and all members of Council were present. Councillor Grace departed at 11:00 a.m.

There was an addition to the agenda under section 14 Closed to the Public Session under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to discuss an item that relates to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local Board employees – 2 new employees.

MOTION: #124-14

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron accepts the agenda for May 7, 2014 meeting as amended.

CARRIED

2. Warden Remarks

Warden Steffler informed members that in April he attended 12 functions other than Huron County meetings. Among these were the Healthkick Graduation event, Broadband Internet Service meeting with local suppliers, Brussels Library re-opening and Ontario Small Urban Municipalities conference.

3. Minutes of the previous session

MOTION: #125-14

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being the Fifth Session of April 2, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – none stated.

5. Petitions and Deputations

5.1 Community Connection/211 Central East Ontario – **211's Role in Emergency Response and Recovery**

Pamela Hillier provided information and requested support in increasing public awareness of the 211 Public Information and Referral Service.

5.2 Understanding the Skills Gap in Bruce, Grey, Huron and Perth Counties – A Focus on Huron County

Harry Cummings of Harry Cummings & Associates Inc. presented his report outlining the existing labour force and gaps in Huron County.

6. Councillor's Issues

Councillor Vincent informed members that some concerns from individuals with land adjoining to the proposed G2G Trail have been brought to his attention. Clarification on these issues is forthcoming.

Councillor Grace informed members that the SWEA convention will be held in Sarnia, Ontario on June 11-12, 2014.

Councillor Grace reminded members of the continued review of the Skills Gap Analysis report with **members from the community following today's Council meeting.**

7. Correspondence

MOTION: #126-14

Moved by: Councillor Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of Huron County support a resolution from the Town of Petrolia as follows:

WHEREAS the province of Ontario's recently released Long Term Energy Plan anticipates that consumers will face hydro rate that will rise by 42% over the next five (5) years;

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy recently announced that past FIT prices are driving electricity prices higher and that changes to domestic content requirements for construction or future renewable energy projects are necessary to lower future electricity rates;

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WHEREAS the recent Auditor-**General's report advised of extreme amount of waste** in the energy sector, particularly at Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One, due to high labour costs and a generous public sector pension plan;

WHEREAS decisions including but not limited to the cancellation of Gas Plants in Ontario could cost taxpayers close to \$ 1.1 billion;

WHEREAS recent increases announced by Union Gas and Enbridge, will cause great financial burden to the residents and businesses of the Town of Petrolia;

WHEREAS it is essential for the residents and businesses of the Town of Petrolia to have access to affordable Hydro & Natural Gas to thrive and prosper;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the County of Huron call on Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent these and any other rate increases from being implemented.

CARRIED

MOTION: #127-14

Moved by: Councillor Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of Huron County support a resolution from the Township of Muskoka Lakes as follows:

WHEREAS the Township of Muskoka Lakes wishes to express serious concern with Teranet and the Land Titles Electronic Registry System in Ontario, specifically as it relates to errors that were made when the paper based land registration system was converted to the electronic system;

And Whereas the Township has been made aware of errors and omissions that are prevalent throughout the Province, especially with respect to rights-of-way and land ownership in cottage country;

And Whereas the cost to landowners to rectify these errors can be expensive, take a significant amount of time, and result in undue hardship;

And Whereas municipalities are burdened with the processing of increased consent applications before the Committee of Adjustment to correct errors and Omissions;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Government Services be advised that the Land Titles Electronic Registry System contains numerous errors and should be corrected forthwith at the sole expense of the Ministry;

And further that the Ministry of Government Services develops a funding model to ensure that landowners are not negatively financially affected by the need for title corrections noted above;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to all other municipalities in the province and AMO for support.

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MOTION: #128-14

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

8. Reports of Committees

8.1 Board of Health – April 3, 2014 and April 9, 2014 meeting minutes: Councillor Dowson, Chair of the Board of Health spoke to the Report.

MOTION: #129-14

Moved by: Councillor Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The Board of Health Reports of April 3, 2014 and April 9, 2014 be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 20 and Report No. 21.

CARRIED

8.2 Committee of the Whole Day 1 – April 9, 2014 meeting minutes: Councillor Klopp, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 1 spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #130-14

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Shewfelt

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Report of April 9, 2014 be adopted with amendments and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 22.

CARRIED

8.3 Committee of the Whole Day 2 – April 16, 2014 meeting minutes: Councillor Hessel, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 2 spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #131-14

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 2 Report of April 16, 2014 be adopted and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 23.

CARRIED

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8.4 Library Board – April 23, 2014 meeting minutes: Councillor Dietrich, Chair of the Library Board spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #132-14

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The Library Board Report of April 23, 2014 be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 24.

CARRIED

9. Inquiries – none.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Alice Munro Labour Market Partnership Funding Request (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #133-14

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The recommendation of Michael Blumhagen, Acting Treasurer, that Council receive the report entitled Alice Munro Labour Market Partnership Funding Request as presented for information, be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: #134-14

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 2 approve the request for financial support by Alice Munro Labour Market Partnership Funding in the amount of \$15,000. from the 2014 Budget.

CARRIED

10.2 Federal Gas Tax Funding Agreement (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #135-14

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The recommendation of Michael Blumhagen, Acting Treasurer, that a by-law be prepared and the County of Huron enters into a Municipal Funding Agreement with

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The Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the transfer of Federal Gas Tax funds, be approved.

CARRIED

11. Motions - none

12. Public Question Period – none.

13. By-laws

MOTION: #136-14

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2014-54 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to grant consents to a committee of Council and to staff. (Note: Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 1 on April 9, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-55 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to approve local Official Plan Amendments to staff. (Note: Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 1 on April 9, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-56 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to determine completeness of applications for Consents, Plans of Subdivisions/ Condominium, and Official Amendments to the County Official Plan to staff. (Note: Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 1 on April 9, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-57 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with YMCAs Across Southwestern Ontario. (Note: Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on April 16, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-58 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a contribution agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism and the Corporation of the County of Huron. (Note: Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 1 on April 9, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-59 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to Enter into an agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). (Note: Considered at May 7, 2014 Council)

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By-law No. 2014-60 being a By-law of 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 Rural Affairs. (Note: Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 1 on April 9, 2014)

By-law No. 2014-61 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a Reciprocal Admission Agreement with the Corporation of the County of Grey. (Note: Approved at Committee of the Whole Day 2 on August 14, 2013)

CARRIED

MOTION: #137-14

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2014-54, 2014-55, 2014-56, 2014-57, 2014-58, 2014-59, 2014-60, and 2014-61 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2014-54, 2014-55, 2014-56, 2014-57, 2014-58, 2014-59, 2014-60, and 2014-61 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #138-14

Moved by: Councillor Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor Rintoul

THAT:

By-law No. 2014-54, 2014-55, 2014-56, 2014-57, 2014-58, 2014-59, 2014-60, and 2014-61 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. 2014-54, 2014-55, 2014-56, 2014-57, 2014-58, 2014-59, 2014-60, and 2014-61 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: #139-14

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron **do now go into a "Closed to the Public Session"** at 11:34 a.m. under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

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- Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local Board employees

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Brenda Orchard and Clerk Susan Cronin remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION: #140-14

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The Committee rise from the "Closed to the Public Session" at 11:40 a.m.

CARRIED

CAO Orchard announced Stephen Lund has accepted the position of Professional Engineer and Scott Currie has accepted the position of Communications Officer/Grant Writer.

15. Arrangement of Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Health – Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 9:00 AM in Seminar Room 2 of the Health & Library Complex, south of Clinton.
- Huron Economic Development Partnership Meeting – Friday, May 9, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the Lower Board Room, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Office, 57 Napier Street, Goderich
- Committee of the Whole Day 1 – Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 – Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Library Board – Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

16. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #141-14

Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

By-law No. 2014-62; 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:

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By-law No. 2014-62; 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: #142-14

Moved by: Councillor Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn the Fifth Session at 11:41 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, June 4, 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.

Warden Joe Steffler

Clerk Susan Cronin