



Huron County Council

Minutes - February 4, 2015

Third Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



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

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February 4, 2015

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 4, 2015. Warden Paul Gowing called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Warden Gowing welcomed all present to the Third Session of 2015.

1. Roll Call:

CAO Brenda Orchard called the roll and all members of Council were present. Councillor Vincent arrived at 9:02 a.m. Councillor MacLellan departed at 11:25 a.m.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden Gowing thanked members of Council and staff for the support given to him over the passing of his mother.

Warden Gowing informed members that he attended the Ontario Library Association conference in Toronto. It was a very informative conference.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Section 13 "Closed to the Public Session" to be considered after Section 14 "Draft 2015 Budget".

MOTION: #032-15

Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the agenda for February 4, 2015 as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

No declarations of pecuniary interest were stated.

5. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

MOTION: #033-15

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

THAT:

The minutes of the previous session being the Second Session of January 14, 2015 and the Special Session of January 21, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Petitions and Deputations:

6.1 Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP). Constable James Stanley and Laura Armstrong presented a request for financial support of \$5000 for the CHIP program.

MOTION: #034-15

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron adhere to the grant policy and direct staff to prepare a report for presentation to Council with regards to the request for financial support by the Social Research and Planning Council.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor MacLellan informed members that he was not selected as a board member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Councillor MacLellan expressed his concerns regarding the process used for the proposed ambulance base in Seaforth.

Councillor Ginn expressed his concern regarding road closures, placement of barricades and notification. County Engineer and Director of Operations, Steve Lund will revisit this issue.

8. Correspondence:

MOTION: #035-15

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron support correspondence from the office of Mayor Randy R. Hope, Municipality of Chatham Kent, regarding the Proposal for Enhancing Pollinator Health and Reducing the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides in Ontario specifically:

“That the Province conduct a cost benefit analysis and that the Province rely on a risk based technology evaluation process not the precautionary principal before proceeding on the regulations outlined in the Pollinator Health Discussion paper.

That the Province collaborate with farm and industry organizations towards a proposal that benefits pollinator health without crippling agriculture in Ontario.”;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Environment and Climate Control, Ontario Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs and Ontario Counties.

CARRIED

MOTION: #036-15

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request Paul Nichol of the Huron Business Development Corporation to make a presentation regarding the Federal Development Ontario re-examination of the current funding model to better reflect the needs of Huron County.

CARRIED

MOTION: #037-15

Moved by: Councillor Frayne and Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

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

CARRIED

9. Reports of Committees

9.1 Board of Health – January 15, 2015 meeting minutes: Councillor Hessel, Chair of the Board of Health spoke to the Report.

MOTION: #038-15

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Cole

THAT:

The Board of Health Reports of January 15, 2015 be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 6.

CARRIED

9.2 Committee of the Whole Day 1 – January 14, 2015 meeting minutes: Councillor Versteeg, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 1 spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #039-15

Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Reports of January 14, 2015 be approved as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 7.

CARRIED

9.3 Committee of the Whole Day 2 – January 21, 2015 meeting minutes: Councillor Morrison, Chair of the Committee of the Whole Day 2 spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #040-15

Moved by: Councillor Morrison and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 2 Reports of January 21, 2015 be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 8.

CARRIED

9.4 Library Board – January 22, 2015 meeting minutes: Councillor Fergusson, Chair of the Library Board spoke to the Reports.

MOTION: #041-15

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The Library Board Reports of January 22, 2015 be received and will appear in the printed Minutes as Report No. 9.

CARRIED

9.5 Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee – January 12, 2015 and January 26, 2015 meeting minutes: Councillor Frayne, Chair of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee will speak to the Reports.

MOTION: #042-15

Moved by: Councillor Frayne and Seconded by: Councillor Steffler

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee Reports of January 12, 2015 and January 26, 2015 be approved as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 10 and Report No. 11.

CARRIED

10. New/Unfinished Business:

Councillor Frayne requested an update on the cost sharing report for lights between the County and lower tier. This is to be presented on a Committee of the Whole Day 2 meeting by the Public Works Department.

11. Notice of Motions:

MOTION: #043-15

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

Staff be directed to prepare a policy for approval by County Council that outlines compensation to members of Council for attending meetings that support Huron County business.

CARRIED

12. By-laws:

MOTION: #044-15

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2015-06; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the County of Huron.

By-law No. 2015-08; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-law 42-2011 for a new Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Services Agreement with Stewardship Ontario.

By-law No. 2015-09; 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 Research and Innovation.

By-law No. 2015-10; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint members to the Emergency Management Program Committee.

CARRIED

MOTION: #045-15

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2015-06, 2015-08, 2015-09 and 2015-10 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2015-06, 2015-08, 2015-09 and 2015-10 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #046-15

Moved by: Councillor Steffler and Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

By-law No. 2015-06, 2015-08, 2015-09 and 2015-10 be given a third reading in accordance with Part 13 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2015-06, 2015-08, 2015-09 and 2015-10 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:15 a.m. and resumed at 10:32 a.m.

13. Draft 2015 Budget For Further Consideration and Review:

MOTION: #047-15

Moved by: Councillor Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The request for \$100,000 by the Economic Development Board come from the \$1,000,000 Economic Development Reserve amount.

CARRIED

MOTION: #048-15

Moved by: Councillor Frayne and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Draft Budget 2015 be amended to reflect the remaining list of potential budget cuts provided by Treasurer Blumhagen.

CARRIED

MOTION: #049-15

Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Donnelly

THAT:

Staff provide a draft budget with a 2% increase (including grants).

AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS MADE:

Moved By: Councillor Steffler and Seconded By: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

The following be added to the main motion:

“AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be given leeway to utilize the past year’s surplus to reach the 2% target.”

CARRIED

The main motion was adopted as follows:

Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Donnelly

THAT:

Staff provide a draft budget with a 2% increase (including grants).

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be given leeway to utilize the past year’s surplus to reach the 2% target.

CARRIED

14. Closed to the Public Session:

MOTION: #050-15

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

County Council do now go into a “Closed to the Public Session” at 12:48 p.m. under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations – Contract Negotiations

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Brenda Orchard, Director of Homes and Social & Property Services Barb Springall, Clerk Susan Cronin and Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION: #051-15

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

County Council rise from the “Closed to the Public Session” at 1:08 p.m.

CARRIED

- Reporting out

MOTION: #052-15

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Huron County Council accept the recommendation from Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson, to ratify the Collective Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Huron and SEIU as negotiated on October 7, October 28 and December 3, 2014;

AND THAT:

Huron County Council accept the recommendation from Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson, to ratify the Collective Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Huron and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 772 as negotiated on December 2, 2014.

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared directing the Warden, Clerk, CAO and Senior Manager of Human Resources to sign and execute these agreements on behalf of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

15. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

- Board of Health – Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Seminar Room 2 of the Health & Library Complex, south of Clinton.
- Audit Committee – Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Committee of the Whole Day 1 – Wednesday, February 11, 2015 immediately following the Audit Committee Meeting, in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 – Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Library Board – Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

16. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #053-15

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

By-law No. 2015-11; 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 13 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2015-11; 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: #054-15

Moved by: Councillor Frayne and Seconded by: Councillor Steffler

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn the Third Session at 1:10 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Paul Gowing

Clerk Susan Cronin