

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
DAY 1 – MEETING MINUTES**

Goderich, Ontario  
September 14, 2016

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

**1. Call to Order:**

All members of Council were present except Warden Gowing and Councillors Ginn and Jewitt. Councillor Watt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Frayne and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Agenda for September 14, 2016 be accepted and all reports included in the Agenda be received as presented.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

There were no declarations stated.

**4. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.**

**5. Councillor's Issues:**

Councillor Fergusson informed members that the "Win This Space" competition received the Community Economic Development Award of Excellence. The initiative provided an opportunity for new businesses to win free storefront space, in either Seaforth or Brussels, for a year courtesy of Huron East Economic Development, the County of Huron, Seaforth/Brussels Community Development Trust and the Seaforth Business Improvement. Councillor MacLellan echoed his congratulations on a collaborative effort.

**6. Consent Agenda – Items 6.1 through 6.6:**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and may require discussion but no action on the part of Council. Consent Agenda items are received in one motion. Council members may request that one or more items be removed for further action.

**6.1 Delegated Consents under the Planning Act: (prepared by Senga Smith)**

The authority to grant undisputed consents is delegated to the Manager of Planning under By-law No. 54-2014. The report lists the applications which received provisional consent approval since the last report. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT:

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The recommendation of Senga Smith, Land Division Secretary, that no objections be lodged further to the Delegated Consents submitted with the Report of August 24, 2016 be approved.

6.2 Zoning By-laws: (prepared by Sandra Weber)

Zoning By-laws and amendments are circulated to the County from local municipalities. These by-laws are reviewed for conformity with the County Official Plan and with the local Official Plan. The By-laws are listed in the report.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT:

The recommendation of Sandra Weber, Manager of Planning, that no objections be lodged to the Zoning By-laws, be approved.

6.3 Forest Conservation: (prepared by Dave Pullen): The Notices of Intent under the Forest Conservation By-law are listed in the report.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

6.4 Cultural Planning and Community Development Report for Information/Updating Purposes: (prepared by Rick Sickinger and Meighan Wark)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

6.5 Museum and Gaol Information/Updating Report for July 2016: (prepared by Meighan Wark)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

6.6 Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts up to and including August 22, 2016 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	ACCOUNT
Planning	100,437.38
Museum/Gaol	7,199.46
Council	5,079.05
Corporate	1,822,549.43
Ec Dev Board	22,755.78

Financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2016 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Planning	166,506	175,693	1,326,515	1,329,167	1,160,009	1,153,474
IT and GIS	234,530	226,562	971,604	1,019,745	737,074	793,183
Museum/Gaol	98,732	124,656	871,325	926,217	772,593	801,561
Huron Heritage	-	-	(11,500)	14,581	(11,500)	14,581
Council	8,000	-	235,506	295,169	227,506	295,169
Corporate	24,722,909	24,983,707	2,796,890	3,012,466	(21,926,019)	(21,971,241)
Ec Dev	193,925	230,524	629,499	902,208	435,574	671,684
Ec Dev Board	1,889		45,802	87,353	43,913	87,353

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT:

The accounts up to and including August 22, 2016 and the financial statements as of July 31, 2016 be received.

Consent Agenda

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Cole and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

Items 6.1 through 6.6 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**7. Report of the Agricultural & Rural Economic Development Advisor OMAFRA:**  
(presented by Vicki Lass, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs). No report this month.

**8. Planning and Development:**

8.1 Planning and Development Consents under the Planning Act (9:15):

The authority to grant or refuse to grant consents is delegated to the Committee of the Whole under By-law 54-2014. Decisions become effective upon a carried motion of the Committee of the Whole. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

8.1 a) B21/16 – Beverley Anne Elston (owner), Douglas A. Culbert, OLS (Applicant), Part of Lots 8 and 9, Concession 3, Morris Ward, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry:  
(presented by Sandra Weber)

The purpose and effect of this application is to sever 40.5 ha from the North Part of Lot 8 and 9, Concession 3, Morris (owned by Beverley Anne Elston) and merge this with North Part of Lot 10, Concession 3 (owned by Adam and Cheryl Garniss). The severance would create a 20.2 ha (50 acre) retained parcel, which is proposed to remain in the ownership of Beverley Elston. There is a farm house, barn and sheds on the retained parcel. The consent is disputed because the retained parcel does not conform with the minimum agricultural lot size in the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan, which is 38 ha (approx. 94 acres). The Planning Department recommends deferral until the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan five year review is approved. Morris-Turnberry Council has recommended that the application be approved. Mr. Culbert and Ms. Elston were in attendance.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Consent Application B21/16 by Beverley Anne Elston (owner) and Douglas A. Culbert, OLS (Applicant) requesting separation and conveyance of a parcel of land described as Part of Lots 8 and 9, Concession 3, M Ward, Morris-Turnberry with presented conditions.

CARRIED

8.2 Town of Goderich Official Plan 5 Year Review – Official Plan Amendment No. 7:  
(presented by Victor Kloeze)

OPA 7 updates the Official Plan for the Town of Goderich as a result of the Five-Year Review under Section 26 of the Planning Act. OPA 7 brings the Town of Goderich Official Plan into conformity with the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement 2014 and the County of Huron Official Plan. The Official Plan applies to all lands in the Town of

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Goderich. Town of Goderich Council adopted OPA 7 on July 11, 2016. County Council is the approval authority for Official Plan Amendments that implement Five Year Reviews.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Steffler and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Victor Kloeze, Planner, that Official Plan Amendment No. 7 (5 Year Review) to the Town of Goderich Official Plan be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Notice of Decision be circulated;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The notice include the following statement:

“Effect of Public and Agency Comments on Council’s Decision - Comments were received from the public and agencies, and where appropriate were incorporated into the amendment, as noted in the Planning report.”

CARRIED

8.3 Great Lakes Waterfront Trail: (presented by Susanna Reid)

The Great Lakes Waterfront Trail consists of more than 2000 kilometres of cycling trails and routes along the Great Lakes. The Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) has been developing the Waterfront Trail since 1992, and is now planning to bring the Waterfront Trail through Huron County, to connect the section from Grand Bend to Espanola. In September 2016, WRT is submitting a grant application for \$240,000 to the Ontario150 Fund to develop the Grand Bend to Espanola section. WRT is requesting that a letter of support from the County of Huron be provided to the Waterfront Regeneration Trust to be submitted with the grant application.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Cole

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Susanna Reid, Planner that a letter of support be provided for the Waterfront Regeneration Trust application to the Ontario150 Fund.

CARRIED

8.4 Bill 73: Requirement for Statement in Notice of Decision for Planning Applications: (presented by Sandra Weber)

Bill 73 – Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015 was proclaimed and came into force on July 1, 2016. The Bill includes changes to the Planning Act, RSO, 1990, as amended. The Act requires that notice of adoption and decision of Official Plans and amendments, and decisions for granting or refusing to approve Zoning By-law Amendments, Minor Variances, Plans of Subdivision and Consents would need to include a brief explanation of the effect, if any, that written and oral submissions received from the public and agencies had on the decision. The report provided a chart with a menu of options to provide guidance to Council in developing a motion on the effect the comments had on the decision for each individual application.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Sandra Weber, Manager of Planning titled Bill 73 – Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The menu of options contained in the chart of this report be used to assist Council when considering the effect of public and agency comments on decisions of planning applications, required to be included in motions;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The report be circulated to local municipalities.

CARRIED

8.5 Draft Huron Natural Heritage Plan: (presented by Susanna Reid)

The Draft Natural Heritage Plan has been developed to: provide an increased understanding of the location, significance and interaction of the County's natural heritage features; ensure the County and lower-tier planning documents are consistent with the provincial direction for protecting natural heritage features; develop priorities for land stewardship programs; and support sustainable economic development.

The Draft Natural Heritage Plan Implementation Strategy is provided for information, with a recommendation that open houses be held to receive comments from the public.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded By: Councillor Van Diepenbeek

THAT:

That the report and Draft Natural Heritage Plan be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Councillor Fergusson and Councillor Watt be appointed to attend public open houses regarding the Natural Heritage Plan in Blyth on October 20, 2016 and Zurich on October 27, 2016.

CARRIED

8.6 Stewardship Update: (presented by Rachel White)

The Huron Stewardship Council (HSC) receives staff support and in-kind resources through the Planning and Development Department. Councillor Frayne is Council's representative on the HSC. Recent projects include beneficial management practices, species at risk recovery, youth education, and habitat restoration. The County's support of these projects attracts substantial provincial funding for stewardship projects. The coordinator also works on natural heritage planning and other County projects.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Morrison and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation of Stewardship Coordinator Rachel White, titled "Stewardship Update", as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 9:55 a.m. and resumed at 10:06 a.m.

**9. Cultural Services:**

9.1 Collection Reorganization Project: (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Cole and Seconded By: Councillor Van Diepenbeek

THAT:

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The Committee of the Whole Day 1 receives the report by Director of Cultural Services, Meighan Wark dated September 14, 2016 titled Collection Reorganization Project, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2 Application for Ontario150 Partnership Program: (presented by Claire Carter and Meighan Wark)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Steffler and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 receives the report by Business Development Manager, Claire Carter and Director of Cultural Services, Meighan Wark dated September 14, 2016 titled Application for Ontario150 Partnership Program, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Cultural Services Department include \$10,000 in funds in their 2017 budget to support an application for the Ontario150 Partnership Program.

CARRIED

9.3 Museum Policy Updates: (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Vincent and Seconded By: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 reviews and adopts the updated Collections Management Policy, Deaccessioning Policy and Research Standard Policy presented by Director of Cultural Services Meighan Wark, dated September 14, 2016 titled Museum Policy Updates.

CARRIED

9.4 Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol Rentals: (presented by Claire Carter and Meighan Wark)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Frayne and Seconded By: Councillor Van Diepenbeek

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 receives the report by Business Development Manager, Claire Carter and Director of Cultural Services, Meighan Wark dated September 14, 2016 titled Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol Rentals, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**10. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:**

10.1 Huron Hospice Palliative Care:

a) Huron Hospice Palliative Care Steering Committee – Commissioned Study Funding Request: (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 receives the report by Treasurer Michael Blumhagen dated September 14, 2016 titled Huron Hospice Palliative Care Steering Committee –

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Commissioned Study Funding Request, as presented for information.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Steffler

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 approves the request for financial support by the Huron Hospice Palliative Care Steering Committee – Commissioned Study in the amount of \$20,000 from reserves.

AND FURTHER THAT:

It is recognized that the Council of County of Huron is not intending to support Hospice Palliative Care in the future.

CARRIED

- b) Deb Homuth & Maria Hamather, Steering Committee Co-Chairs, Jessica's House Hospice - South Huron Hospital Foundation re: Request for letter of support.

(This correspondence was presented at the August 10, 2016 Committee of the Whole Day 2 meeting and deferred pending the completion of a staff report on the financial request for support by execution of a "Commissioned Study" to determine feasibility and sustainability of supporting Residential Hospice Palliative care in Huron County.)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Frayne and Seconded By: Councillor Cole

THAT:

The County of the Huron support correspondence received from Deb Homuth and Maria Hamather, Steering Committee Co-Chairs, Jessica's House Hospice - South Huron Hospital Foundation.

CARRIED

- c) Correspondence from the South Huron Hospice Steering Committee dated August 29, 2016 re: Jessica's House, A Residential Hospice for Huron-Perth.
- d) Correspondence from Lisa Penner, Hospice Palliative Care Lead, South West LHIN and Kathy O'Reilly, Huron Perth Residential Hospice Sub-Committee Member re: Huron Perth Residential Hospice Development.

10.2 Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio as of June 30, 2016: (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Vincent and Seconded By: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 receives the report by Treasurer Michael Blumhagen dated September 14, 2016 titled Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio as of June 30, 2016, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.3 June 2016 Year-to-Date Financial Reporting: (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Steffler

THAT:

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The Committee of the Whole Day 1 receives the report by Treasurer Michael Blumhagen dated September 1, 2016 titled June 2016 Year-to-Date Financial Reporting, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.4 Delegation of Authority for Grant Funding Activities: (presented by Scott Currie).  
The authority to execute/approve any funding agreements will remain with Council.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 approves a By-law be drafted so the following powers and duties are delegated authorizing the CAO and Director / Head of the affected department:

- a) To execute/approve any documents required for the submission of applications to secure grant funding;
- b) To execute any non-financial reporting requirements associated with the receipt of grant funds, and that the Treasurer be authorized to execute any financial reporting requirements associated with the receipt of grant funds.

CARRIED

10.5 Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT): (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Chair Watt vacated the role of Chair. Councillor Frayne assumed the role of Chair.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded By: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The outstanding 2016 SWIFT membership fee of \$30,000 be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The funding for participating in the SWIFT initiative up to an amount of \$680,000 over 5 years be approved and that it be funded from the County's General Reserve for Contingency, with payments conditional upon satisfactory project deliverables and timing for the County.

CARRIED

Chair Frayne vacated the role of Chair. Councillor Watt resumed the role of Chair.

**11. Correspondence:**

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Cole

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts correspondence not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

**12. Closed to the Public Session:** None.

**13. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Committee of the Whole Day 1 will be in Goderich on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.



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**14. Adjournment:**

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Steffler and Seconded By: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The meeting adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

CARRIED

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Councillor Roger Watt

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Clerk Susan Cronin