

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

Goderich, Ontario
November 9, 2016

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 9th day of November 2016.

1. Call to Order:

All members of Council were present except Councillor Jewitt. Councillor Watt called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Ginn and Seconded By: Councillor Cole

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Agenda for November 9, 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:

No declarations of pecuniary interest were stated.

4. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

4.1 The Huron County Afghanistan Community Monument Committee:

Paul Thorne and Deb Shewfelt presented the “2016 Friends of the Legion Branch 109 (Goderich) Award” to the Huron County Bridge Crew. \$25,000 was presented to Council for legacy funding for the Huron County Afghanistan Community Monument.

4.2 Hospice Palliative Care for Huron County:

Lisa Penner and Mary Cardno, South West Hospice Palliative Care Lead provided an update on Hospice Palliative Care for Huron County.

5. Councillor’s Issues:

Councillor Morrison informed members of the Huron Manufacturing Association Awards banquet on November 17, 2016.

Councillor MacLellan informed members that Councillors Ginn, MacLellan, Warden Gowing and Andrew Kemp, Economic Development Officer attended the “What’s Next Ontario” Conference. CAO Orchard stated that staff is preparing a follow up report.

Warden Gowing thanked everyone for attending and organizing the Warden’s Banquet.

6. Consent Agenda – Items 6.1 through 6.5:

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

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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:

The recommendation of Senga Smith, Land Division Secretary, that no objections be lodged further to the Delegated Consents submitted with the Report of October 25, 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 – Notice of Intent: (prepared by Dave Pullen):

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

6.4 Museum and Gaol Information/Updating Report for September 2016: (prepared by Meighan Wark and Elizabeth French-Gibson)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

6.5 Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts up to and including October 23, 2016 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	ACCOUNT
Planning	22,279.15
Museum/Gaol	11,952.99
Council	4,769.35
Corporate	2,523,052.94
Ec Dev Board	42,630.29

Financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2016 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Planning	218,343	225,891	1,753,260	1,691,701	1,534,917	1,465,810
IT and GIS	301,455	291,294	1,217,769	1,298,225	916,314	1,006,931
Museum/Gaol	146,340	160,272	1,103,412	1,181,793	957,072	1,021,521
Huron Heritage	-	-	(4,267)	18,747	(4,267)	18,747

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DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Council	8,083	-	294,153	379,503	286,070	379,503
Corporate	31,799,534	32,121,909	3,533,482	3,852,098	(28,266,052)	(28,269,811)
Ec Dev	216,164	296,388	817,218	1,142,204	601,054	845,816
Ec Dev Board	1,889	-	69,478	112,311	67,589	112,311

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT:

The accounts up to and including October 23, 2016 and the financial statements as of September 30, 2016 be received.

Consent Agenda

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded By: Warden Gowing

THAT:

Items 6.1 through 6.5 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:

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.

There are no disputed consents this month.

8.2 Planning Application Fees Review: (presented by Sandra Weber)

The collection of fees for planning applications is a cooperative arrangement between the County and local municipalities. Fees are reviewed every 5 years.

With input from the County and local municipal CAOs, a new fee structure is proposed for the next 5 years with a 2% annual increase. In addition, a higher fee for large plans of subdivision is proposed, and a new fee is proposed for the review of natural heritage and environmental impact studies.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Ginn and Seconded By: Warden Gowing

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Sandra Weber, Manager of Planning to approve the report and planning fees chart entitled Planning Application Fees Review;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The proposed 2017 planning fees be adopted by by-law to come into effect on January 1, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The report and fees chart be circulated to the local municipalities and that they be asked to revise their planning fees by-law effective January 1, 2017.

CARRIED

8.3 Shoreline Management Plan Update, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA): (presented by Sandra Weber)

The ABCA is currently conducting an update of its Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The Plan was last updated in 2000. A Draft 2016 Shoreline Management Plan Consultant's Recommendation Report was released for public comment. There has been a significant amount of public comment and opposition to the recommendations of the Consultant's Report. The project Steering Committee recommended that the ABCA Board "throw out the Consultant's 2016 SMP Draft Report and take the 2000 Shoreline Management Report and update it to meet today's expectations." The report and the recommendation of the Steering Committee are at the ABCA Board for further consideration.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Frayne and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests that the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority provide another commenting period once a direction on the Shoreline Management Plan Update has been established by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board.

CARRIED

8.4 Huron County Extreme Lake Levels Integrated Assessment: (presented by Susanna Reid)

The Graham Sustainability Institute, University of Michigan, funded the Huron County Extreme Lake Levels Integrated Assessment as one of four research projects completed in 2016 considering impacts from variable Great Lake levels. The US research team worked with the Huron County Water Protection Steering Committee as an advisory committee.

A final draft Huron County Extreme Lake Levels Integrated Assessment report is provided as requested at the October 2016 Committee of the Whole Day 1 meeting. The staff report reviews the report's recommendations.

MOTION:

Moved By: Warden Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the Huron County Extreme Lake Levels Integrated Assessment for information, and that the staff report be provided to Lynne Peterson (lead author of the Integrated Assessment).

CARRIED

8.5 Agricultural Lot Size and Meeting the Diverse Needs of Agriculture in Huron County, Report 2: (presented by Sandra Weber)

Opportunities to create smaller farm parcels to support younger farmers, and for more intensive types of agriculture such as market gardening, have been raised by County Council, the public (including Mennonite and Amish communities) through consultation

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for the 5 year review of Official Plans, and have been identified in some local Economic Development Strategies. A report and background study on agricultural lot sizes in Huron County was reviewed with Council earlier in 2016. Staff was directed to bring back further information on options and a draft terms of reference that could be used to hire a consultant to complete a County-wide agricultural lot size study. The Department has undertaken additional research on agricultural lot sizes (including GIS analysis), drafted a terms of reference, and summarized options for consideration by Council.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

Local municipalities utilize the options available to them as outlined in the Background section of the report;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A decision on a County-wide study on Agricultural Lot Sizes be deferred until the Essex County Study and recommendations are available for review;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff work with local municipalities that wish to pursue an area specific study pertaining to the type of agriculture common in the local area;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This report be circulated to the local municipalities.

CARRIED

9. Cultural Services: None.

10. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

10.1 Clean Water Wastewater Fund Application: (presented by Scott Currie)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Vincent and Seconded By: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Communications/Grants Coordinator Scot Currie dated November 9, 2016 titled Clean Water Wastewater Fund Application, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Notice of Motion presented on November 2, 2016 as follows:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The County of Huron pre-approves the allocation of \$400,000 to the Huron Clean Water Project in the 2017 budget.

CARRIED

10.3 Letter of Agreement: Afghanistan Community Monument (presented by Mike Blumhagen)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Frayne

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron approves the Letter of Agreement with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 109 (Goderich) for the purpose of establishing a legacy fund for future expenditures relating to the Huron County Afghanistan Community Monument;
AND FURTHER THAT:

A bylaw be drafted authorizing the Warden to sign the Letter of Agreement with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 109 (Goderich).

CARRIED

10.4 Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Health Task Force:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Warden Gowing

THAT:

A letter be sent to the local municipalities requesting that they provide information on any annual budget contributions made by their local municipality that are related to the health care sector over the past five (5) years;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This information be forwarded by November 28, 2016:

AND FURTHER THAT:

Councillor MacLellan is welcome to share this information with the AMO Health Task Force.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Steffler and Seconded By: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 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, December 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Steffler

THAT:

The meeting adjourn at 11:26 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Roger Watt

Clerk Susan Cronin