

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

Goderich, Ontario
May 17, 2017

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 17th day of May 2017.

1. Call to Order:

All members of Council were present except Councillor Steffler. Chair MacLellan called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Chair MacLellan and members of Council had a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Past Warden David Johnston.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Gowing and Seconded By: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Agenda for May 17, 2017 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 Waterfront Regeneration Trust / Great Lakes Waterfront Trail:

Marlaine Koehler, Executive Director, Waterfront Regeneration Trust, requested that the County of Huron participates in the extension of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail through Huron County and the Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) partnership program.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded By: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day directs staff to prepare a report regarding the request that the County of Huron participates in the extension of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail through Huron County and the Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) partnership program.

CARRIED

5. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Watt informed members that SWIFT has issued its procurement process for a two-stage Request For Pre-Qualification. Respondents will share information about the exact location of existing infrastructure and known service gaps. This information will be used in Phase 2 to establish critical network standards and eligibility criteria for the final overall design of the project.

Councillor Hessel asked when his request for a report that investigated opportunities for Huron County Municipalities to borrow funds from the County would be available. Treasurer Blumhagen stated the report will be presented in June or August 2017.

Councillor Vincent informed members that the Grand Opening of the Blyth Memorial Community Hall is Friday May 19, 2017.

Councillor Fergusson stated concerns regarding the announcement by the Province to overhaul the Ontario Municipal Board. His concerns were regarding costs to municipalities and downloading of duties. Councillor Donnelly stated that it was prudent restructuring that could be strategically leveraged and that the need to take action was at this time.

Councillor Versteeg informed members that the Province has a grant of \$100 million available for new natural gas expansion for communities that do not currently have service. The utilities companies and natural gas distributors make the application. There may be a future request for support of Council. Councillor Gowing indicated that this grant supports economic development. Councillor Vincent supported this information. Warden Ginn stated that he discussed this program with gas companies at the OSUM conference.

Councillor Morrison thanked volunteers and organizers for the following events: Bayfield Food, Wine and Beer Festival, Dave Mounsey Memorial Run Around the Square in Goderich, and the Dutch-Canadians Remember As One Committee official visit of Princess Margriet of the Netherlands in Goderich.

6. Consent Agenda – Items 6.1 through 6.9:

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:

The recommendation of Senga Smith, Land Division Secretary, that no objections be lodged further to the Delegated Consents submitted with the report of May 1, 2017 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 submitted with the report of May 1, 2017, be approved.

6.3 Forest Conservation: (prepared by Dave Pullen)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

- 6.4 Museum and Gaol Information/Updating Report for March 2017: (prepared by Elizabeth French-Gibson and Meighan Wark)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

- 6.6 Accounts:

Accounts up to and including April 30, 2017 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	ACCOUNT
Planning	38,442.21
Museum/Gaol	5,922.32
Council	2,407.95
Corporate	2,718,637.59

Financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2017 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Planning	72,883	58,995	489,991	603,120	417,108	544,125
IT and GIS	91,165	100,449	482,403	486,447	391,238	385,998
Museum/Gaol	35,858	77,262	310,675	422,208	274,817	344,946
Huron Heritage	-	-	(13,132)	7,818	(13,132)	7,818
Council	-	-	119,212	141,798	119,212	141,798
Corporate	10,879,896	11,020,860	1,126,076	1,335,933	(9,753,820)	(9,684,927)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT:

The accounts up to and including April 30, 2017 and the financial statements as of March 31, 2017 be received.

Consent Agenda

MOTION:

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

7. Planning and Development:

- 7.1 Planning and Development Consents under the Planning Act (9:00):

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.

- 7.2 Request for Refund - Gerardus Geene for Consent Files B5-2014 and B6-2014, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, and Related Expenses: (presented by Sandra Weber)

A letter was received from Gerardus Geene requesting a refund for application fees and associated legal and survey costs for Consent Files B5-2014 and B6-2014. Mr. Geene submitted consent applications to create 3 lots from 2 existing farm lots. The applications did not meet the criteria for approval under the Planning Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Huron County Official Plan and the Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Official Plan and were recommended for denial by both the Township of ACW and the Planning and Development Department. The Committee of the Whole denied the applications on August 6, 2014. The applicant did not appeal the decision. It was recommended that the application fees and associated costs not be refunded. The application fees were spent on processing the applications and almost 3 years have passed since the decision was made. The County is not responsible for legal, survey or other costs incurred by the applicant.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Vincent and Seconded By: Councillor Fergusson

THAT

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Sandra Weber, Manager of Planning, that the request from Mr. Gerardus Geene dated February 22, 2017, for a refund of application fees and related expenses for Consent Files B5-2014 and B6-2014 be denied.

CARRIED

- 7.3 Plan of Condominium File 40CDM17001, Larry Otten Contracting Inc. (owner), Part of Lot 11, Concession C, in the Town of Goderich, County of Huron: (presented by Victor Kloeze)

This application to create a Vacant Land Condominium development will result in 22 multiple attached dwelling units (townhouses) being constructed (five buildings, each containing between 2 and 6 dwelling units) in Goderich. The Plan of Condominium would be accessed by way of a private street connecting to Bennett Street. The Town of Goderich is supportive of the application with conditions.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Donnelly and Seconded By: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Victor Kloeze, Planner, that Draft Plan of Condominium 40CDM17001 be granted draft plan approval subject to the attached conditions;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The notice of draft plan approval be circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION:

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

THAT:

Comments were received on Draft Plan of Condominium 40CDM17001. Previous public comments were addressed through related planning processes and Agency comments were addressed through conditions.

CARRIED

- 7.4 Extension of Draft Plan Approval – Wingham Creek A2A Development Inc. (Owner), Weston Consulting, Ryan Guetter (Agent) File 40T 12001, Lots 5 and 6, Concession 1, Wingham Ward, Township of North Huron: (presented by Sandra Weber)

The draft plan of subdivision is located on the east side of Wingham and is proposed in 3 phases with a mix of housing density in each phase. The subdivision received draft plan approval with conditions from the County on July 2, 2014. The draft plan approval will lapse on July 2, 2017. Weston Consulting has submitted an application for extension to draft plan approval to allow time to fulfill conditions. The Township of North Huron has passed a motion supporting a 2 year draft plan extension with the addition of a condition that Phase 1 of the subdivision be registered within the extension period. In addition, North Huron is requesting that the applicant reimburse the Township for all third party review expenses incurred to date, prior to the extension being granted.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Frayne and Seconded By: Councillor Cole

THAT

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Laura Young, Planner, that draft plan approval of Subdivision File 40T12001 be extended until July 2, 2019 with the addition of the following condition which is considered to be a minor change:

1. Phase 1 of the Plan must be registered by July 2, 2019.

CARRIED

8. Cultural Services: None.

9. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

- 9.1 Fee By-law for Plumbing and Sewage Systems Related Activities for January 2018 Implementation: (presented by Jean-Guy Albert)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jean-Guy Albert, Public Health Manager, dated May 17, 2017 titled Fee By-law for Plumbing and Sewage Systems Related Activities for January 2018 Implementation, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Huron County Council proceeds to amend the fee by-law to reflect the changes in the fee schedule for plumbing and sewage systems related activities conducted by the Huron County Health Unit.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Morrison and Seconded By: Councillor Gowing

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 accepts correspondence not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Committee of the Whole Day 1 will be in Goderich on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The meeting adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Bernie MacLellan

Clerk Susan Cronin