

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Goderich, Ontario
May 13, 2015

Warden Paul Gowing acted as Chair for this Public Meeting and called the Public Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

All members of Council were present.

Chair Gowing advised the purpose of this County initiated amendment was to amend the County of Huron Official Plan to ensure consistency with the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement. A copy of Official Plan Amendment No. 4 was available.

Declarations of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest stated.

Chair Gowing outlined the requirements of the Public Meeting:

This was the required public meeting under the Section 17 of the Planning Act, RSO, 1990 for Amendment No. 4 to the Huron County Official Plan. Notice of the public meeting was given to persons and public bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act.

If anyone wishes to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to adopt the official plan amendment, a written request must be made to Susan Cronin, Clerk, County of Huron.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Huron before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Huron to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Huron before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body.

Sandra Weber, Manager of Planning reviewed the planning report.

Public Comments:

Chair Gowing requested anyone present from the public wishing to speak in favour of the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 4 to the Huron County Official Plan to step to the lectern, state their name and provide their comments to Council for the record.

Elam Martin, representing the Mennonite Community from Wingham, Wroxeter and Gorrie area indicated support for the Official Plan Amendment No. 4. He expressed concerns about minimum rural lot size restrictions as a conflicting statement to Huron County supporting all farm sizes and diversification of uses.

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Chair Gowing requested anyone present from the public wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 4 to the Huron County Official Plan to step to the lectern and state their name; and provide their comments to Council for the record.

Lynn Haygarth requested clarification regarding the endangered species and post wind turbine land restoration with regards to Official Plan Amendment No. 4. Sandra Weber informed Ms. Haygarth that endangered species requires the Ministry of Natural Resources and Conservation Authorities consultation and land restoration post wind turbines is not within the scope of an Official Plan.

Correspondence:

Clerk Susan Cronin stated that all written comments received prior to the agenda being published were included in the agenda and Sandra Weber spoke to these during her reports.. Comments from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority were received after the agenda was published and a copy was given to each member of Council, made available to the public and the conclusion read aloud during the Public meeting.

Council Comments:

Members of Huron County Council were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Councillor Ginn stated that he supported this amendment but requested that natural environmental zones and designations be addressed in a future Official Plan Amendment.

With no further comments forthcoming, Warden Gowing asked for a motion to adjourn this Public Meeting.

MOTION: #111-15

Moved by: Councillor Steffler and Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

The Public Meeting for Amendment No. 4 to the Huron County Official Plan adjourn at 9:32 a.m.

CARRIED

Warden Paul Gowing

Clerk Susan Cronin