

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Goderich, Ontario  
September 2, 2015

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

All members of Council were present.

Chair Gowing stated that the purpose of this meeting was for the Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron to receive public input on a proposed amendment to By-law 11-2006, Schedule "C" – Health Unit Plumbing and Sewage Systems Related Inspections User Fees provided by the County of Huron.

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** There were no declarations of pecuniary interest stated.

Public Health Manager Jean-Guy Albert reviewed the proposed By-law No. 2015-043; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend User Fees and Charges for Services provided by the County of Huron – Schedule "C" Plumbing and Sewage Systems Related Inspections. These fees were last amended in 2006 and the program must be self-sustaining.

**Public Comments:**

Chair Gowing requested anyone present from the public wishing to speak in favour of the proposed User Fees and Charges By-law No. 2015-043 to step to the lectern, state their name and provide their comments to Council for the record. No one was in attendance.

Chair Gowing requested anyone present from the public wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed User Fees and Charges By-law No. 2015-043 to step to the lectern and state their name; and provide their comments to Council for the record.

Dave Hemingway spoke in opposition of the proposed fees. Mr. Hemingway outlined his concerns: no definition of sewer systems, no exemption for Septic Systems in Rural Municipalities, this is leading to mandatory 5 year inspections, permission to come on to private property. Jean-Guy Albert stated that this information is in the Ontario Building Code and that this by-law was just a "fee structure". Dave Hemingway outlined concerns regarding the manner of notice, time of meeting and process of passing this by-law. Clerk Cronin reviewed the process followed for giving notice as well as holding a meeting.

**Correspondence:**

Clerk Susan Cronin stated that written comments were received regarding this Public Meeting from Dave Hemingway by email. These comments were forwarded by email to each member of Council, a copy was placed on each member's desk and Mr. Hemingway reviewed each point under "Public Comments". Council did not direct the Clerk to read the written comments.

**Council Comments:**

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

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Councillor Hessel, Chair for the Board of Health, stated that amending the fees has been a topic at the Board of Health for some time. The program is legislated to be self-sustaining and currently is not. The Board of Health approved this fee schedule.

Councillor Watt stated that he was concerned that the notice requirements did not reach Huron County citizens.

Councillor Donnelly stated that notice requirements are as per the Building Code Act and that the proposal is just a revision of fees.

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

MOTION: #166-15

Moved by: Councillor Frayne and Seconded by: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The Public Meeting for proposed amendment to By-law 11-2006, Schedule "C" – Health Unit Plumbing and Sewage Systems Related Inspections User Fees provided by the County of Huron be adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

CARRIED

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Warden Paul Gowing

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Clerk Susan Cronin