



Huron County Council

Minutes - March 23, 2011

Public Meeting

GODERICH, ONTARIO



PUBLIC MEETING HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Goderich, Ontario
March 23rd, 2011.

Warden N. Vincent acted as Chair for this Public Meeting and called the Public Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

All members of Council were present except for Councillors Grace and Klopp.

Chair Vincent advised the purpose of the Public Meeting:

To review the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Goderich and the Municipality of Central Huron; pertaining to a boundary agreement.

Declarations of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest stated.

Greg Stewart, Solicitor for the County of Huron reviewed the requirements for the County of Huron to consider the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Goderich and the Municipality of Central Huron.

Greg Stewart advised that an Agreement between the Municipality of Central Huron and the Town of Goderich had been concluded in the fall of 2010. The boundary adjustment proposal must be approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to the Restructuring Order being in place. There must be a triple majority of the lower tier Councils affected and the Council of the upper tier, being the County of Huron.

Greg Stewart reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Goderich and the Municipality of Central Huron that pertained to the proposed boundary agreement.

Chair Vincent requested anyone present from the public in favour of the boundary adjustment between the Town of Goderich and the Municipality of Central Huron to step to the lectern and state their name and address and present their comments for the record.

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Heather Lyons a resident of 156 Wilson Street in Goderich advised she was in favour of the proposed boundary adjustment. She congratulated both the Councils. Heather Lyons questioned the servicing charge and the 60/40 split and why it was not \$4300. Greg Stewart advised that the 60/40 split should be for the revenue portion. Heather Lyons also questioned the waterfront enhancement. Greg Stewart advised there have been no discussions specifically about the waterfront enhancements.

Chair Vincent requested anyone present from the public opposed to the boundary adjustment between the Town Goderich and the Municipality of Central Huron to step to the lectern and state their name and address and present their comments for the record.

There was no one present that commented in opposition to the proposed boundary adjustment. Members of Huron County Council were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Councillor J. Ginn thanked the Town of Goderich for their hard work and for bargaining in good faith. This effort has been ongoing and there have been some long standing issues that have been dealt with. This boundary adjustment assists in moving forward with development and economic development is good for the residents of Central Huron and Goderich. This is a win win situation and we all look forward to development in this area.

Councillor D. Shewfelt agreed with Councillor Ginn and praised him for taking the lead on this proposal. He also thanked Greg Stewart for his assistance with the negotiations. Councillor Shewfelt agreed this is a win win situation and it will be good to have a city developer come with ideas that will attract people from the city to this area. In terms of the lakefront enhancement the Town of Goderich will have to work with Maitland Valley Conservation Authority prior to any changes to the lakefront.

Warden N. Vincent applauded both municipalities and offered his personal thanks for getting this completed.

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

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MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor T. Hessel and Seconded by: Councillor P. Gowing:

THAT:

The Public Meeting to consider the Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality of Central Huron and the Town of Goderich adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

Warden Neil Vincent

County Clerk Barbara L. Wilson