

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

Goderich, Ontario
January 10, 2018

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 met in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich on the 10th day of January 2018.

1. Call to Order:

All members of Council were present except Warden Ginn and Councillors Fergusson, Frayne, Morrison and Steffler. Councillor Jewitt departed at 10:47 a.m. Chair Vincent called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 Agenda for January 10, 2018 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 Huron County Federation of Agriculture (HCFA):

Rob Vanden Hengel (HCFA Executive) asked the County of Huron to consider an adjustment of the farm property tax rate in relation to the proportion of the current total tax base. Ben Lefort, Farm Policy Researcher with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture was also in attendance and spoke in favour of this request.

4.2 Choices for Change: Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselling Centre:

Catherine Hardman, Executive Director, Choices for Change and Cathy Graham, Huron Clinical Services Manager, Huron-Perth Centre for Children and Youth, provided information on the Youth Mental Health and Addiction Services in Huron County.

5. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Gowing informed members of a request by Doug Walker regarding the soil health of the demonstration plot at Huronview due to water conditions.

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to prepare a report regarding the feasibility of installing farm drainage at the demonstration plot located near Huronview Home for the Aged.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda – Items 6.1 through 6.6:

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 Director of Planning under By-law No. 2017-051. 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 January 10, 2018 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, Director of Planning, that no objections be lodged to the Zoning By-laws submitted with the report of January 10, 2017, be approved.

6.3 Forest Conservation Notices of Intent Under the Tree By-law: (prepared by Dave Pullen)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

6.4 Museum and Gaol Update: (prepared by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

6.5 Cultural Planning and Community Development Update: (prepared by Rick Sickinger)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive for information.

6.6 Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts up to and including December 22, 2017 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	ACCOUNT
Planning	42,035.82
Museum/Gaol	13,603.43
Council	1,541.93
Corporate	2,046,215.32

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Financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2017 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Planning	339,556	216,315	1,986,452	2,211,440	1,646,896	1,995,125
IT and GIS	334,890	368,313	1,709,605	1,930,577	1,374,715	1,562,264
Museum/Gaol	199,207	283,294	1,303,006	1,548,096	1,103,799	1,264,802
Huron Heritage	-	-	(8,925)	28,666	(8,925)	28,666
Council	772	-	438,579	519,926	437,807	519,926
Corporate	40,144,110	40,409,820	4,915,097	4,898,421	(35,229,013)	(35,511,399)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT:

The accounts up to and including December 22, 2017 and the financial statements as of November 30, 2017 be received.

Consent Agenda

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded By: Councillor Hessel

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 2017-051. Decisions become effective upon a carried motion of the Committee of the Whole. County Council is notified for information and appeal purposes only.

7.1 a) File B77/17- Glenn Campbell (Owner/Applicant), Part Lots 27-30 Concession 1 (Morris), Municipality of Morris-Turnberry: (presented by Jennifer Burns)

The purpose of this application is to create a new lot under the surplus farm residence consent policies. The land to be severed is approximately 1.16 acres (0.47 ha) with a house and garage. The land proposed to be retained is approximately 74.6 acres (30.2 ha) and is farmland and natural environment. The property abuts the urban settlement area of Bluevale. The Provincial Policy Statement and Official Plans allow the severance of a surplus farm residence as a result of farm consolidation. The application does not meet these policies as it is not surplus to the owner and the Department is recommending denial. Morris-Turnberry Council has recommended that the application be approved with conditions.

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 approves the Consent application B65/17 by Glenn Campbell requesting the severance of a surplus farmhouse on a parcel of land described as Part Lots 27-30, Concession 1 (Morris), Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, with conditions.

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Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Watt

THAT:

On Consent application B65/17 by Glenn Campbell requesting the severance of a surplus farmhouse on a parcel of land described as Part Lots 27-30, Concession 1 (Morris), Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, no public concerns were received on this application so there was no effect on the decision. Comments were received from agencies and were thoroughly considered but there was no effect on the decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

7.1b) File B41/16 – MHBC Planning c/o Carol Wiebe (Applicant) for Wieslaw and Jadwiga Kaminski (Owners), Lot 2, Range N, Bayfield Ward, Municipality of Bluewater: (presented by Craig Metzger)

The purpose of this application is to create a new 1,350 m² (0.3 acre) residential lot containing the existing house while retaining the 2.9 ha (7.2 acre) vacant parcel. The Bluewater Official Plan designates this property as Residential and permits the development of the proposed lot by consent. Concerns have been expressed by the public regarding how the retained lands may be developed in the future but the applicant has submitted a suitable concept plan for those lands. The Department recommends that the application be approved with conditions as does the Municipality of Bluewater. Scott Allen of MHBC was in attendance and spoke in favour of the application.

Moved By: Member Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 approves the recommendation by Craig Metzger, Senior Planner, that consent application B41/16 requesting the severance of an existing residence on a parcel of land described as Lot 2, Range N, Bayfield Ward, Municipality of Bluewater, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Consent application B41/16 requesting the severance of an existing residence on a parcel of land described as Lot 2, Range N, Bayfield Ward, Municipality of Bluewater. Public comments were received on the issues of the concept plan, the impact of lot 17 on the neighbour to the west, and the retained lands' state and suitability for development. Public Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of the Committee to approve the application. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

7.2 2017 Clean Water Project Categories: (presented by Rachel White)

The Clean Water Project has been funded by the County of Huron since 2005 as a grant program to assist farmers and rural landowners in making stewardship improvements on their properties. The Clean Water Project Review Committee has reviewed the grant categories and is recommending 3 modifications.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Rachel White, Stewardship Coordinator, dated January 10, 2018, titled 2018 Clean Water Project Categories, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

County Council approves the proposed changes to the Clean Water Project outlined in the report.

CARRIED

8. Cultural Services:

- 8.1 Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report: (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

Moved By: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded By: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole Day 1 receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Senior Curator, dated January 10, 2018, titled Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

That Committee of the Whole Day 1 accepts the recommendation of the Huron County Museum's Collections Committee that items M959.0113.001, M960.0123.001, A986.0077.001, A950.0048 (series of 17), and 2017.0013.014 be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection

CARRIED

9. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

- 9.1 Assistance to the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry re: tax class of tenanted farm class being changed to the residential tax class: (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Donnelly

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer, dated January 10, 2018, titled Assistance to the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry re: tax class of tenanted farm class being changed to the residential tax class, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the financial support required by Morris-Turnberry up to an amount of \$5,000.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:07 a.m. and resumed at 11:17 a.m.

- 9.2 County of Huron 2018 Draft Budget (As at December 18, 2017) Presentations:

- Planning (presented by Sandra Weber)
- Museum (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)
- IT (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
- Corporate (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
- Human Resources (presented by Lara Vanstone)

Moved By: Councillor Hessel and Seconded By: Councillor MacLellan

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The Committee of the Whole directs staff to prepare a report reviewing the updated service delivery model in relation to the planning department including the levels of activity and comparators.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence: None.

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, February 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved By: Councillor Gowing and Seconded By: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The meeting adjourn at 12:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Neil Vincent

Clerk Susan Cronin