

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Bernie MacLellan arrived at 7:30 p.m.
 Councillors David Blaney, Frank Stretton, Dianne Diehl,
 Alvin McLellan, Andrew Flowers, William Siemon, Robert Fisher,
 Nathan Marshall and Larry McGrath

Members Absent: Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler and Councillor Les Falconer

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, Brad Knight
 Treasurer-Finance Manager, Paula Michiels
 Public Works Coordinator, Barry Mills
 Chief Building Official, Paul Josling
 Fire Chief/CEMC, Marty Bedard
 Executive Assistant, Janice Andrews

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the absence of the Mayor, CAO/Clerk Brad Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Nathan Marshall: Appoint Chair
 That due to the absence of the Mayor, that Council appoint Councillor
 Alvin McLellan as Chair of the regular meeting. Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS – PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Larry McGrath declared a conflict of interest and refrained from any discussion on the accounts payable since there was an cheque payable to his company.

DEPUTATIONS

7:00 pm Court of Revision – Eckert Municipal Drain, 2013

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Frank Stretton: Open Court of
Revision
Eckert Drain
 That the Court of Revision for the Eckert Municipal Drain, 2013 be opened with
 Councillors Andrew Flowers, Alvin McLellan and William Siemon
 appointed as members, Councillor Siemon acting as Chairman. Carried.

No appeals were received.

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Andrew Flowers: Close Court of
Revision
 That the Court of Revision for the Eckert Municipal Drain, 2013 be closed. Carried.

7:00 p.m. Court of Revision – Nolan Municipal Drain, 2103

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Nathan Marshall: Open Court of
Revision
Nolan Drain
 That the Court of Revision for the Nolan Municipal Drain, 2013 be opened with
 Councillors Andrew Flowers, Alvin McLellan and William Siemon
 appointed as members, Councillor Siemon acting as Chairman. Carried.

No appeals were received.

Moved by Andrew Flowers and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Close Court of
Revision
 That the Court of Revision for the Nolan Municipal Drain, 2103 be closed. Carried.

7:15 p.m. Barbara Major-McEwan, Executive Director – Huron East Health Centre

Barbara Major-McEwan, Executive Director at the Huron East Health Centre, attended before Council to provide an overview of the services provided at the Centre. A power point presentation was provided outlining the following:

- What is a Family Health Team?
- Where are we located?
- What is Primary Health Care?
- Team members in the Huron community Family Health Team

COUNCILLORS ISSUES**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Larry McGrath: Meeting
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Minutes
Council Meeting Minutes as printed, circulated and amended.

- a) Regular Meeting – March 5th, 2013 Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by William Siemon and seconded by David Blaney: Accounts
That the accounts payable in the amount of \$2,426,051.29 be approved Payable
for payment. Carried.

Mayor MacLellan arrived and assumed the Chair.

DEPUTATIONS**7:30 p.m. Public Meeting – 2013 Budget**

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels provided a power point presentation to provide an overview of the entire 2013 budget process. The 3rd draft of the 2013 budget recommended a minimum 6% general levy increase, but also provided information on the amounts that could be transferred to reserves if Council considered levy increases of between 6% and 9%

Glen Howling attended the public meeting to hear discussion on the 2013 Budget and asked several questions of Council on the proposed budget.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**Chief Building Official**

A report to Council from the Chief Building Official Paul Josling summarizing zoning and tax certificates as well as building permits was received.

Public Works Coordinator – Grass Cutting on Municipal Property

Public Works Coordinator Barry Mills presented a report summarizing the grass cutting costs and existing contracts in place. The Public Works Coordinator recommended that no changes be made to the current arrangements for grass cutting maintenance although he noted that a tender should be prepared for the grass cutting at the Brussels Business & Cultural Centre.

Councillor McLellan suggested the local Agricultural and Horticultural Societies be approached to inquire if they would be interested in assisting in watering flowers.

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Grass Cutting
That Council accept the recommendation of the Public Works Coordinator Recommendation
concerning grass cutting on municipal properties as follows:
a) municipal properties continue as currently maintained
b) Committees/Boards continue present arrangements
c) a tender be prepared for grass cutting at the Brussels Business & Cultural Centre
Carried.

Public Works Coordinator – Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy

Public Works Coordinator Barry Mills reviewed his report on the request from Heather and Philip Ashwin for additional sidewalk snow removal on a section of sidewalk from Thompson Street to Nicholson Drive on the west side of the Kippen Road in Egmondville.

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by Robert Fisher: Defeat Motion
That Council authorize the inclusion of a section of sidewalk into the current Additional
sidewalk snow removal policy – between Thompson Street and Nicholson Drive Sidewalk Snow
on the west side of Kippen Road within Egmondville. Defeated. Removal

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk reviewed her report on the changes to the water/sewer billings. Flat rate water/sewer charges had been collected on property tax bills since amalgamation in 2001. The new financial system that had been implemented which included a utility module and in an effort to increase transparency and to utilize the system to its fullest potential, the water/sewer charges were removed from the property tax bills and were being invoiced separately.

Fire Chief/CEMC – Seaforth Rescue

Fire Chief/CEMC Marty Bedard reviewed his report on the proposed purchase of a new rescue vehicle for the Seaforth Fire Department. Fire Chief Bedard requested Council to transfer funds in the 2013 budget to equipment reserves and the balance to come from the 2014 budget to purchase the vehicle in 2014. Seaforth District Chief Tom Phillips attended to answer questions of Council regarding the purchase of the new rescue vehicle.

Mayor MacLellan noted that the amount being requested for the rescue vehicle was significantly higher than the amount that had been spent a couple of years ago on a rescue van for the Brussels Department and he requested a report be prepared outlining services provided by all fire departments in Huron East including the equipment required to supply those services.

DEPUTATIONS8:40 p.m. Robert Tetu – Inter-Municipal Wind Turbines Working Group

Robert Tetu attended before Council to present a report from the Inter-Municipal Wind Turbines Working Group meeting held on February 28th, 2013 in Chesley.

8:57 p.m. Huron East Against Turbines (HEAT)

The following ratepayers were in attendance at the meeting to hear discussion on recent activities regarding wind turbine projects and municipal responses:

Jim Papple, Jan Bokkers, Gerry Ryan, Carol Ryan, Louise Flanagan, Ken Flanagan, Tom Melady, Jeanne Melady, Jim Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Frank Crowley, Dennis O'Reilly, Dennis Mueller, Dave Cronin, Jen Dixon, Pat Koehler, Al Koehler, Tom Ryan, Catherine Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Shawn Ryan, Karen Ryan, Ann Cronin, Brent Cronin, Gary Cronin, Scott Dixon, Robert Tetu and Cora deVries.

Jeanne Melady and Gerry Ryan reviewed the following documents that were provided to Council in the agenda package:

- List of health practitioners with evidence of real health effects around the world from wind turbine projects.
- A list of the municipal Councils in Ontario who have taken action to identify resistance through motions, resolutions, by-laws.
- The description of the request for an injunction on the basis of infringement of Charters of Rights with legal advice by Julian Falconer a lawyer specializing in advocacy in human rights and public interest litigation.

The information package that had been circulated to Council contained the following three questions:

1. Has the new Municipal Consultation Form (after changes to point system) been submitted with the St. Columban Energy LP application? If it has not it would be in keeping with the regulations that the Council ask the MOE to reconsider their deeming the Application as “complete” until the New Municipal Consultation Form can be submitted with the Comment Letter. If the New Municipal Consultation Form has been submitted could that form be made public so ratepayers could peruse it?
2. Will the Council identify this municipality as an “unwilling host” in a statement in a letter? (This may require a motion and open vote.)
3. Will members of the Council (not the administration) identify in a public way their interest and opinion on having wind turbine projects in the Municipality of Huron East sited at 551 metres?

The following questions and request for action was presented to Council at the meeting by Jeanne Melady:

1. Has the official Municipal Consultation Form been submitted? If so where is it available to be read by the public?
2. How has the 10 point agreement, which was presented on November 27th, 2012 been addressed by Council?
3. As constituents, we are arranging a meeting with Lisa Thompson to express our concerns regarding the wind turbines projects, transmission lines and transformer station and to let her know that we are “unwilling hosts” to the wind turbine project. We ask this council to identify the municipality as one that is an ‘unwilling host’ to wind turbine projects, that the municipality does not support this project.

With items 2 and 3 we ask that 2 motions be made to deal with these issues.

Moved by William Siemon and seconded by Larry McGrath:
That notice be given to consider a motion at the April 2nd, 2013 meeting
declaring Huron East Council as an unwilling host to turbine development.
Carried.

Notice of Motion
Unwilling Host
Turbine Dev.

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by Robert Fisher:
That notice be given to consider a motion at the April 2nd, 2013 meeting to draw up an agreement with turbine companies to include the following:
→ testing of sound levels before, during and after construction
→ appraisals of properties
→ health
Carried.

Notice of Motion
Agreement with
Turbine Companies

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2013 Budget

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Michiels reviewed the information report on the 2013 budget deliberations to date. It was suggested that a 9% general levy increase be approved for the 2013 Budget which will allow for the overall Huron East tax increase to be under 5% for 2013. A transfer of \$100,900 to equipment reserves was also authorized as the demand for replacement of equipment in 2014 will be significant.

Moved by William Siemon and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct the Treasurer to develop the 2013 Huron East Budget with a 9% general levy increase. Carried.

2013 Budget
9% General
Levy Increase

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Andrew Flowers:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East adopt the 2013 Budget as presented with projected operation and capital expenditures of \$14,234,469 and staff be directed to prepare a by-law to establish the 2013 tax rates, based on a 9% increase in the general levy. Carried.

Adopt 2013
Budget

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:
a) Chief Building Official
b) Public Works Coordinator
c) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
d) Fire Chief/CEMC

Receive
Reports

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Andrew Flowers and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve and support the Huron County Road Supervisors Association in their bid to host the 2015 Municipal Tradeshow. Carried.

Support
HCRSA bid
Hosting 2015
Trade Show

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Frank Stretton:
That Council authorize a financial donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Elementary School Fair (formerly the Belgrave, Brussels, Blyth School Fair). Defeated.

Defeat Motion
Financial Support
Elementary
School Fair

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Andrew Flowers:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron east endorse the resolution of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio requesting the Minister of Municipal Affairs establish a committee to work with the LHIN's and hospital boards to establish parameters and procedures to include hospitals under the Development Charges Act. Defeated.

Defeat Motion
Resolution of
Adjala-Tosorontio

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by William Siemon:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive and accept the 2012 Annual Operations and Summary Reports for the Brucefield, Brussels, Seaforth and Vanastra Water Supply Systems as submitted by CH2MHILL OMI. Carried.

Receive/Accept
2012 Annual
Operations &
Summary
Reports
Water Systems

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor McGrath questioned if a by-law could be written restricting the kv on transmission lines closer than 150 feet to a residence. Mayor MacLellan advised that the Ontario Energy Board regulates the construction of transmission lines, not the municipality.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Fisher questioned when the level of service provided to Huron East residents will be discussed. Mayor MacLellan suggested an all day meeting of Council be arranged to incorporate 2 to 3 hours in the morning to discuss level of services and a road/facility tour could be held in the afternoon. A tentative date has been scheduled for April 27th starting at 8:00 am.

Councillor William Siemon suggested the Brussels Business & Cultural Centre be considered for solar panels.

Councillor Diehl advised a request will be coming to Council from the Blyth, Brussels Minor Hockey Association for upgrades to the BMGCC.

MUNICIPAL DRAINS**TILE DRAINAGE****FINANCIAL REPORT****PLANNING****INFORMATION ITEMS**

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by William Siemon:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following
Board and Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted:

1. Vanastra Recreation Centre Committee – March 7th, 201
2. Vanastra Recreation Centre Building & Fundraising Committee
January 29th and March 7th, 2013
3. Seaforth & District Community Centres Management Committee – February 14th, 2013
Carried.

Receive Board/
Committee
Minutes

CLOSED SESSION**BY-LAWS**

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce
By-Law No. 17 for 2013.

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 17-2013 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by William Siemon and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 17 for 2013, a by-law to confirm the
proceedings of Council, be given first, second, third and final readings and signed
by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto. Carried.

Confirm
Council
Proceedings

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
The time now being 11:02 p.m.
That the meeting do now adjourn until April 2nd, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment