

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, APRIL 16th, 2013 – 7:05 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Bernie MacLellan, Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler
Councillors David Blaney, Frank Stretton, Dianne Diehl,
Alvin McLellan, Robert Fisher,
Nathan Marshall, Les Falconer and Larry McGrath

Members Absent: Councillors Andrew Flowers and William Siemon

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

Mayor MacLellan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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 invoice payable to the company he owns.

DEPUTATIONS

The following members of the public were in attendance to hear the discussion on roadside mowing practices:

Dean Glanville, John VanDooren, Ken Glanville, Betty Glanville, Mervyn Erb, Murray Cardiff, Steve Johns, John Gibson, Ralph Siemon and Don Dalton.

7:00 p.m. Roadside Mowing Practices

Murray Cardiff attended before Council as a representative for concerned rural residents requesting support and cooperation for the management of vegetation on roadsides, railway and hydro corridors. They requested roadside mowing from fence to fence 3 times during the growing season to control the weeds and beautify the community. Council were requested to take the initiative to spearhead roadside management and then approach the utility providers, the County of Huron and the Province of Ontario requesting management to the same level.

Mervyn Erb, a local crop advisor dealing with perennial weeds, described the impact of perennial weeds on adjacent fields. Mr. Erb advised the weeds need to be cut before they go to seed to stop them from spreading into the adjacent farm fields. It was also noted that landowners that do maintain the roadsides adjacent to their property, do so at their own risk. John Gibson advised the Area Weed Inspector has the authority and power to ensure compliance with the Weed Control Act and control noxious weeds.

Councillor Falconer suggested a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation concerning maintenance on provincial roadsides. Mr. Cardiff requested Huron East to approach the County on behalf of the ratepayers and they were willing to send a delegation for support.

Council discussed various options and requested the Public Works Coordinator to prepare a report for consideration. Mr. Cardiff thanked Council for considering their request and acknowledged options need to be considered prior to moving forward as perhaps there are other ways to deal with the issue.

7:30 p.m. Robert Tetu – Multi-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 April 11th, 2013 in Chesley. Mr. Tetu also provided copies of the following documents to Council.

- 1) Safe Wind Energy for All Residents (SWEAR) – correspondence to all Municipal Councils in Ontario requesting financial support
- 2) Municipality of North Perth – copy of By-Law 41-2013 – Prohibit Shadow Flicker
- 3) Township of Wainfleet – copy of correspondence to Kathleen Wynne requesting changes to site rules for energy projects
- 4) CAW/CEP Industrial Wind Turbine – listing of health and property threats – April 7th, 2012

Mr. Tetu advised the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbines Working Group will be hosting a meeting of municipalities in June. Once a municipality indicates they will attend, closed session information will be provided to that municipality.

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Councillor Blaney commended municipal staff, Huron East volunteer firefighters and local residents for their time and effort during the recent ice storm and power outages. The Brussels Morris & Grey Community Centre was used as a ‘warming centre’, and the efforts of BMG staff to keep it open and provide services was acknowledged. It was noted that not all residents in the area were aware that the Community Centre was open and it was suggested that the County PRISM system could have been used to notify residents and that this experience showed the importance of being registered with PRISM. It was suggested that information be included in the next Huron East newsletter about being registered with PRISM.

Councillor McGrath requested an update on the cost of renovations to the town hall to be provided at the next regular meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

<i>Moved</i> by Alvin McLellan and seconded by David Blaney: That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting Minutes as printed, circulated and amended.	Meeting Minutes
a) Regular Meeting – April 2 nd , 2013	Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<i>Moved</i> by Les Falconer and seconded by Nathan Marshall: That the accounts payable in the amount of \$712,425.23 be approved for payment. Carried.	Accounts Payable
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REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Chief Building Official – Report

A report to Council from the Chief Building Official Paul Josling summarizing zoning and tax certificates as well as building permits was received. CBO Josling noted that as a result of the weather, the number of building permits issued is down considerably from this time last year, although it is expected that by the end of April permits will compare with last year.

Fire Chief/CEMC – Victory Rides on Fire Trucks

Fire Chief/CEMC Marty Bedard reviewed his report concerning winning sports team riding on fire trucks after a championship win and outlined the pros and cons of a policy. Council were in agreement a policy should be developed to provide guidelines and requested the Fire Chief/CEMC draft a policy for consideration.

<i>Moved</i> by Larry McGrath and seconded by Les Falconer: That Huron East Council direct the Fire Chief/CEMC to develop a policy for consideration to regulate winning sports teams riding on municipal fire trucks after a championship win. Carried.	Develop Policy Victory Rides Fire Trucks
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<i>Moved</i> 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:	Receive Reports
a) Chief Building Official	
b) Fire chief/CEMC	

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

<i>Moved</i> by Les Falconer and seconded by Robert Fisher: That Council of the Municipality of Huron East support the Board of Directors of the Bluewater Recycling Association that the Corporation apply for Supplementary Letters Patent to change special provision 7(d) of the previously amended Letters Patent to read: <i>Upon the dissolution of the corporation and after the payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed or disposed of to municipal corporations which carry on their work solely in Canada.</i> Carried.	Support BRA Letters of Patent
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Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East appoint the following Directors to the Seaforth Business Improvement Area Board of Management:

- (1) Carolanne Doig (Chair) – Seaforth Golf Club
- (2) Shelly McMillan – The Looking Glass
- (3) Betty Small – Sally’s Closet
- (4) Herb McGowan – General Public
- (5) Cathy Elliott – Fill Vacancy on Board
- (6) Maureen Agar – Fill Vacancy on Board
- (7) Robert Fisher – Council Representative

Appoint
Directors
Seaforth BIA

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Frank Stretton:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East submit an application to the County of Huron Heritage Fund for the maximum assistance available (\$5,000) towards the estimated cost of \$35,200 to replace the existing main floor windows in the Brussels Library with Kolbe Heritage Windows. Carried.

Application
County Heritage
Fund
Brussels Library

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
Huron East Council accept the Petition for Drainage Works by Owners on the Grant Municipal Drain on Lot 2, Concession 7 and Lot 2, Concession 8, Grey Ward, and appoint Dietrich Engineering Limited, Consulting Engineers, to prepare a report 30 days after notification to the Conservation Authority. Carried.

Petition for
Drainage Works
Grant Municipal
Drain

TILE DRAINAGE

FINANCIAL REPORT

PLANNING

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by Joseph Steffler:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following Board and Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted:

1. Huron East/Brussels Community Development Trust – November 28th, 2012
2. Vanastra Recreation Centre Committee – April 4th, 2013
3. Vanastra Recreation Centre Building & Fundraising Committee – April 4th, 2013

Carried.

Receive Board/
Committee
Minutes

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Joseph Steffler:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East, pursuant to Section 239(2) of the *Municipal Act*, adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 9:03 p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss the following:

239(2)(f) – advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (comments from solicitor Greg Stewart on draft road user agreement NextEra Energy, St. Columban Energy) Carried.

Closed Session

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Joseph Steffler:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East resumes the regular Council meeting at 10:20 p.m. Carried.

Resume Regular
Council

BY-LAWS

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce
By-Law No. 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 for 2013.

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 19-2013 – Establish Tax Rates – 2013

By-Law 20-2013 – Zoning Amendment – Lot 10, Concession 6, Grey Ward, JR
Terpstra Farms (Herman Terpstra Jr.)

By-Law 21-2013 – Deem part of a Registered Plan of Subdivision not to be
Registered Plan of Subdivision – Lots 27 and 28, Registered
Plan 236, Egmondville, Tuckersmith Ward

By-Law 22-2013 – Authorize Agreement – Ontario Trillium Foundation –
Winthrop Park Facility

By-Law 23-2013 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by Joseph Steffler:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 19 for 2013, a by-law to
establish the tax rates for 2013, 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.

Establish
2013 Tax Rates

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 20 for 2013, a by-law to
amend the zoning on Lot 10, Concession 6, Grey Ward, 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.

Rezoning
Lot 10, Con. 6
Grey Ward
Terpstra Farms

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Larry McGrath:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 21 for 2013, a by-law to
deem part of registered plan of subdivision not to be registered plan of
subdivision – Lots 27 and 28, Registered Plan 236, Egmondville, Tuckersmith
Ward, 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.

Deem Lots Not
Part of Plan of
Subdivision
Lots 27-28
RP 236, Egmond.
Tuckersmith

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Joseph Steffler:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 22 for 2013, a by-law to
authorize a Letter of Agreement between the Ontario Trillium Foundation
and the Municipality for renovations to the Winthrop Park facility, 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.

Authorize
Agreement
Ont. Trillium
Foundation
Winthrop Park
Facility

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Robert Fisher:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 23 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 Alvin McLellan and seconded by Les Falconer:

The time now being 10:35 p.m.

That the meeting do now adjourn until May 7th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk