

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, JUNE 4th, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Bernie MacLellan, Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler
 Councillors David Blaney, Frank Stretton,
 Alvin McLellan, Andrew Flowers, Robert Fisher,
 Nathan Marshall and Les Falconer
 Councillor Larry McGrath arrived at 9:18 pm

Members Absent: Councillor Dianne Diehl

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, Brad Knight
 Treasurer-Finance Manager, Paula Michiels
 Public Works Coordinator, Barry Mills
 Economic Development Officer, Jan Hawley
 Executive Assistant, Janice Andrews

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MacLellan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS – PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Blaney declared a conflict of interest on agenda item 7.11.3 as he has a financial interest in wind turbine development.

DEPUTATIONS

The following members of the public were in attendance:

Jim Papple, Brian Oldfield, Allison DeKroon and Carol Ryan.
 Dan Babcock on behalf of NextEra Energy Inc. was also in attendance.

7:00 pm Court of Revision – Melady Drainage Works ‘A’ Drain Improvement, 2013

<i>Moved</i> by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Frank Stretton:	Court of Revision
That the Court of Revision for the Melady Drainage Works ‘A’ Drain Improvement, 2013 be opened with Councillors Flowers, McLellan and Barb McLean (West Perth) appointed as members, Councillor Flowers acting as Chairman. Carried.	Melady Drain

No appeals were received.

<i>Moved</i> by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Andre Flowers:	Close Court of
That the Court of Revision for the Melady Drainage Works ‘A’ Drain Improvement, 2013 be closed. Carried.	Revision

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

<i>Moved</i> by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Frank Stretton:	Meeting
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting Minutes as printed, circulated and amended.	Minutes
a) Regular Meeting – May 21 st , 2013	
b) Special Meeting – May 21 st , 2013	Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

CAO/Clerk – Council Vacancy

CAO/Clerk Knight reviewed his report outlining options for Council to consider and provided direction on the process to be followed to replace Councillor Siemon.

<i>Moved</i> by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Joseph Steffler:	Prepare By-Law
That Huron East Council direct the Clerk to prepare a by-law to fill the vacant McKillop Ward council position by by-election and that the by-law will be considered at the next meeting of Council. Carried.	Fill Vacant McKillop Ward Council Position

7:10 p.m. Robert Tetu – Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group

Robert Tetu attended before Council to extend an invitation to attend a Multi Municipal Meeting Summit to be held Friday, June 21st, 2013 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Ripley Huron Community Centre. Mr. Tetu urged Council to attend indicating a confidential legal opinion will be available at this meeting that deals with municipal powers under the *Municipal Act* that addresses noise, nuisance control and mitigation for wind turbines, existing or in the future. Mayor MacLellan and Councillor Fisher advised they would attend the meeting.

7:15 p.m. Huron East Against Turbines (HEAT)

Tom Melady, Jeannie Melady and Gerry Ryan, representatives of HEAT, attended before Council concerning the April 23rd, 2013 meeting with the Mayor and two councillors. Mr. Melady advised that from the meeting, sound and noise was a concern and they requested a baseline sound study be done prior to turbines going up. The cost to complete a baseline study could be covered under the cost recovery by-law and they also suggested that the baseline noise study be included as a requirement in the consultation form being submitted to the Ministry of Environment.

7:30 p.m. Janet Papple – NextEra Correspondence

Janet Papple attended before Council to provide comment on the correspondence presented at the previous Council meeting from NextEra providing an update on the Varna Wind Energy Centre project. Ms. Papple expressed frustration with the process in pursuing their preferred route for the transmission line to be relocated from the Centennial Road allowance in front of their residence to a location south of their residence. Ms. Papple requested Council continue to support their request to relocate the transmission line.

7:45 p.m. Maureen Agar – Canada Day Plans – Seaforth Illumination Show

Maureen Agar presented a powerpoint presentation to Council of the Seaforth 'Go Postal' Canada Day Celebration plans for July 1st, 2013 in Seaforth. Many events will be planned for the day including an Illumination Show. Ms. Agar advised that grant funds to purchase the laser light show were received from the Huron Economic Development Partnership Committee in the amount of \$10,000 and the Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust matched the grant contribution. The Seaforth BIA also contributed to the cost of the light show. The backdrop for the light show on Canada Day will be the Town Hall although it could be used on other buildings throughout Huron East in the future.

8:00 p.m. Jan Hawley, Economic Development Officer – Profile of Huron East

Economic Development Officer Jan Hawley presented a short video entitled "Invest in Huron East". The video can be viewed on the Huron East website by potential investors and entrepreneurs and it showcases the opportunities and services available within Huron East.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Treasurer-Finance Manager/Deputy Clerk

Tender Results – Melady Drainage Works 'A' Drain Improvement, 2013

Treasurer-Finance Manager/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report on the tenders received for the construction of the Melady Drainage Works 'A' Drain Improvement, 2013. Two tenders were received and opened on May 30th, 2013 in the presence of Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler, Finance Manager/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels and Drainage Clerk Barbara Dalrymple. The tender results were as follows:

VanBree Drainage & Bulldozing Ltd.	\$30,275.00
AG Hayter Contracting Ltd.	27,850.00

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Joseph Steffler: Accept Tender
That Council accept the tender of A. G. Hayter Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$27,850 plus applicable taxes for the construction of the Melady Drainage Works 'A' Drain Improvement, 2013, subject to review by the municipal engineer and the necessary appeal periods. Carried. A.G.Hayter Cont. Melady Drainage

CAO/Clerk – Municipal Consultation Form, St. Columban Wind Energy

CAO/Clerk Knight reviewed the municipal consultation form for the St. Columban Wind Energy Project in detail. It was noted the consultation form will focus on the following 3 areas:

- 1) continued criticism of the location of T-9 relative to an intersection
- 2) continued criticism of the lack of consideration for alternate routes for the transmission line rather than through the historical hamlet of Cranbrook
- 3) that the Municipality request copies of all acoustical audits or other studies conducted which analyze noise

The CAO/Clerk summarized by suggesting the municipal consultation form is a consistent and reasonable approach to reinforce the previous concerns of the Municipality and to request ongoing information in an area (noise) that various individuals and groups have raised concerns with.

Council made the following recommendations to the consultation form:

- 1) strengthen the wording on the alternate route to avoid the hamlet of Cranbrook
- 2) request copy of their emergency plan and what is expected of the Municipality in an emergency
- 3) request a baseline sound study
- 4) that vacant lot receptors not impacted by existing livestock operations (MDS) be maintained or enhanced.

The Mayor noted that the consultation form would be revised by the CAO/Clerk and changes would be emailed to all of Council for comment to allow the form to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment as soon as possible.

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Larry McGrath:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:

- a) CAO/Clerk
- b) Treasurer-Finance Manager/Deputy Clerk

Receive
Reports

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Joseph Steffler and seconded by Andrew Flowers:
That Huron East Council endorse the resolution of the Township of Malahide concerning a recent Provincial Auditor General's report spelling out major concerns with the Drive Clean program and the Township of Malahide proposes the Drive Clean program be wound down. Carried.

Endorse
Resolution
Township of
Malahide

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That the Ethel Minor Ball Committee, being a committee of the Municipality of Huron East, be authorized to apply for a special occasion permit for a three-pitch ball tournament being held on July 12th, 13th and 14th, 2013 with all proceeds being designated towards the Ethel Minor Ball program and park improvements. Carried.

No Objection
Ethel Minor Ball
Tournament
July 12, 13 & 14

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Robert Fisher:
That Huron East Council grant permission to the Terry Fox Run organization to install a banner across Godeich Street East, between St. James Church and Sanderson Optometry, Seaforth Ward, promoting the annual Terry Fox Run to be held September 15th, 2013. Carried.

Grant Permission
Terry Fox Run
Banner

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Frank Stretton:
That Huron East Council has no objection to a Special Occasion Permit Application of the Brussels Optimist Club for the Beach Volleyball Tournament to be held on July 26th, 27th and 28th, 2013 at 212 Turnberry Street in a designated area on the west side of the club house property. Carried.

No Objection
Brussels
Optimist Club
SOP
July 26, 27 & 28

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Andrew Flowers:
That Council refer the May 29th, 2013 letter of Jim and Janet Papple concerning the Varna Wind Project transmission line to NextEra for comments. Carried.

Refer Papple
Letter to
NextEra

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tabled Motion – Appointment to VRC Committee

Moved by Andrew Flowers and seconded by David Blaney:
That the motion at the May 21st, 2013 meeting concerning the appointment to the Vanastra Recreation Centre Committee be brought back to the table. Carried.

Motion back
to the table

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Larry McGrath:
Due to the resignation of Steve Pilon from the Vanastra Recreation Centre Committee, that Council appoint Becky Kyle to the Committee to fill the vacancy. Carried.

Appoint VRC
Committee
Becky Kyle

Vanastra Walkways

Councillor Falconer advised a ratepayer has questioned whether the parkland behind the cul-de-sac on Regina Road could be divided up and sold to the adjoining property owners. CAO/Clerk Knight advised that previous attempts to plot out vacant parkland property in Vanastra proved to be very difficult due to the configuration of the properties, but information could be brought back to Council for consideration at a later date.

Brussels Library – Award of Merit

Councillor Falconer advised the County of Huron Award of Merit for Barrier-Free Design was presented to the Brussels Library to recognize excellence in accessibility design.

NEW BUSINESSProposed Revisions to Green Energy Policies

Councillor Marshall suggested that given Premier Wynne's recent announcement of changes proposed to Green Energy Policies including greater pre-consultation with municipalities, that Huron East forward a letter to Premier Wynne with recommendations based on Council's experiences with wind turbine proposals. A letter will be drafted by staff for consideration by Council

Newsletter in Water Bills

Councillor Marshall noted that with water/sewage billing now being removed from the property tax bills and billed out quarterly that there was an opportunity to put a Huron East newsletter in the water bills. Staff noted that a newsletter was already sent out twice a year with the property taxes and presented information that was relevant to the entire municipality. It was agreed that the separate billings did provide an opportunity to send additional information out and there may be occasion where something specific to the urban wards could be inserted into the bills

Summer Council Meeting Schedule

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Joseph Steffler:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East move the August 6th and 20th
Council meetings to July 30th and August 13th. Carried.

Meeting
Schedule

MUNICIPAL DRAINSTILE DRAINAGEFINANCIAL REPORTPLANNINGINFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Vanastra Recreation Centre Building & Fundraising Committee – May 23rd, 2013
 2. Seaforth & District Community Centres Management Committee – May 9th, 2013
- Carried.

Receive Board/
Committee
Minutes

CLOSED SESSIONBY-LAWS

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by Robert Fisher:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce
By-Law No. 38 and 39 for 2013. Carried.

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 38-2013 – Authorize Water Agreement with Doug Campbell for
Winthrop Park

By-Law 39-2013 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Andrew Flowers:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 38 for 2013, a by-law to authorize an
agreement for the supply of water to the Winthrop Community Park, 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
Water
Winthrop Park

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 39 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
Proceedings

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
The time now being 10:34 p.m.
That the meeting do now adjourn until June 18th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk