

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Bernie MacLellan, Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler, Councillors David Blaney, Frank Stretton, Dianne Diehl, Alvin McLellan, William Siemon, Robert Fisher, Nathan Marshall, Les Falconer and Larry McGrath
 Andrew Flowers arrived at 7:25 pm

Members Absent: nil

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

DISCLOSURE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS – PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor David Blaney declared a conflict of interest and refrained from any discussion on the request for funding by the Inter-Municipal Wind Turbines Working Group as he has a financial interest in wind turbines.

DEPUTATIONS

Gerry Ryan was in attendance to hear the proceedings of Council.

7:00 p.m. John Rutledge, Architect – Brussels Library Tender Results

Architect John Rutledge attended before Council to provide an update on the tenders received for the Brussels Library renovations and addition project. Mr. Rutledge advised that on January 31st, 2013 the following tenders were opened at a meeting of the Brussels Library Building Committee (Mayor McLellan, Councillors Diehl and Blaney and Morris-Turnberry Mayor Paul Gowing). Also in attendance were Architect John Rutledge, CAO/Clerk Brad Knight and Chief Building Official Paul Josling.

1. Wayne & Harold Smith Construction (Seaforth) - \$894,300 plus HST
2. Metkor Group (Lucknow) - \$876,900 plus HST
3. Elgin Contractors (St. Thomas) - \$1,188,000 plus HST

Mr. Rutledge anticipated the project would be completed in 6 to 9 months with an expected start date sometime in March.

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
 That Council accept the tender of Metkor Group in the amount of \$876,900 plus HST for the renovations/expansion of the Brussels Public Library.

Accept Tender
 Metkor Group
 Brussels Library
 Project

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor McGrath.

Blaney, David	Yes	Brussels Ward
Diehl, Dianne	Yes	Grey Ward
Falconer, Les	Yes	Tuckersmith Ward
Fisher, Robert	No	Seaforth Ward
Flowers, Andy	Yes	McKillop Ward
MacLellan, Bernie	Yes	Mayor
Marshall, Nathan	No	Seaforth Ward
McGrath, Larry	No	Tuckersmith Ward
McLellan, Alvin	Yes	Grey Ward
Siemon, Bill	No	McKillop Ward
Steffler, Joe	Yes	Deputy Mayor
Stretton, Frank	Yes	Brussels Ward

Motion Carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Frank Stretton:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following
Council Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated.

Meeting
Minutes

a) Regular Meeting – January 22nd, 2013

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

7:30 p.m. Robert Tetu – Inter

Robert Tetu attended before Council to present a report from the Inter-Municipal Wind Turbines Working Group meeting held on January 10th, 2013 in Chesley. The Group passed a motion at the January 10th meeting requesting member municipalities to pay an annual fee of \$500 to pay for a part-time secretary. Mr. Tetu urged Council to support the group and maintain the membership. Council were also advised of a Rural & Small Urban Green Energy Symposium to be held on February 22nd, 2013 hosted by the Township of Wainfleet providing an open forum to discuss potential negative impacts of wind turbines, and to gain valuable networking support.

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by William Siemon:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East agree to pay \$500
administration costs and membership in the multi-municipal wind turbine
working group upon receipt of an invoice from the group. Carried.

Donation
Multi-Municipal
Wind Turbine
Working Group

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS****Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2013 Budget – 1st draft**

Treasurer Finance Manager Paula Michiels presented and reviewed the 1st draft of the 2013 budget for consideration by Council. The first draft included a 4% general municipal levy increase providing an additional \$94,177 of revenue for the municipality. It was noted the 2013 OMPF funding has been reduced by \$131,000, which represented 5.6% of the general municipal levy. She further noted that the 2013 policing estimates have increased by 2.4% (\$28,341) which is equivalent to a 1.2% general municipal levy increase. Ms. Michiels noted the first draft of the 2013 budget is in a deficit position of (\$741,800).

Mayor MacLellan requested councillors provide recommendations in writing to staff giving direction on what areas of the budget can be cut to bring the deficit to a manageable percentage for consideration by Council.

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Councillor Diehl questioned the new regulations for Special Occasion Permits and events held in licensed facilities for fundraising purposes (stag and doe events) The CAO/Clerk advised that the regulations were not new, but that the official from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission were starting to enforce the regulations with particular emphasis on events involving Special Occasion Permits. It was suggested a local inspector be asked to attend a meeting to provide clarification on events and activities. .

Councillor Marshall questioned the possibility of contracting out booth area in recreation facilities and/or replacing booth services with vending machines. Mayor MacLellan suggested facility staff monitor the costs involved with providing this service and the information be made available to their respective Committees for further consideration.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**Fire Chief/CEMC – MDL Doors Fire**

A report to Council providing information on the fire department operations during the MDL Doors fire which occurred on January 23rd, 2013 was received. It was noted that Grey, Brussels and Seaforth stations were involved and North Huron was paged for Mutual Aid as well.

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.

CAO/Clerk – Brussels Library Tender Results

A report to Council providing a summary of the quotations received and funding committed for the Brussels Library project was received.

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by William Siemon:

Receive

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented: Reports

- a) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
- b) Fire Chief/CEMC
- c) Chief Building Official
- d) CAO/Clerk

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Andrew Flowers:
That Council donate the rental fees at the Seaforth & District Community Centres for the Seaforth & District Food Bank to host their fundraiser “Souper Saturday” scheduled for April 6th, 2013. Carried.

Donate Rental
at SDCC
Food Bank
Fundraiser

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East support, in principle, the Municipality of Central Huron in collaboration with the Clinton and Central Huron Business Improvement Association in their bid to host the 2014 Ontario ParaSport Games. Carried.

Support
Central Huron
Hosting 2014
ParaSport Games

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MDL Doors – Plant Closing

Council were provided a copy of the news release from MDL Doors announcing it will not be re-opening its plant in Brussels as the fire on January 23rd destroyed most of its operating facilities.

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by David Blaney:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the Grant Application Request Form – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for anticipated Drainage Superintendent employment costs totaling \$6,120 with anticipated Superintendent grant of \$3,060. Carried.

Approve
Drainage Grant
Application Form

TILE DRAINAGE

FINANCIAL REPORT

PLANNING

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Vanastra Recreation Centre Committee and Building & Fundraising Committee – January 15th, 2013

Receive Board/
Committee
Minutes

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

BY-LAWS

Moved by William Siemon and seconded by Robert Fisher:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce By-Law No. 5 and 6 for 2013.

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 5-2013 – Authorize Contribution Agreement – Community Infrastructure Improvement fund – Brussels Library Renovations & Accessibility

By-Law 6-2013 – Confirm Council Proceedings Carried.

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 5 for 2013, a by-law to enter into an Agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to provide funding for the Brussels Library Renovations and Accessibility Improvements under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund program, 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
 Contribution
 Agreement
 CII Fund
 Brussels Library
 Renovations &
 Accessibility

Moved by Andrew Flowers and seconded by Les Falconer:
 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 6 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 Les Falconer and seconded by Larry McGrath:
 The time now being 10:57 p.m.
 That the meeting do now adjourn until February 19th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk