

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: nil

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, Brad Knight
 Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Paula Michiels
 Public Works Coordinator, Barry Mills
 Chief Building Official, Paul Josling
 Facility Manager – VRC, Lissa Berard (arrived at 8:40pm)

CALL TO ORDER

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

DECLARATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The CAO/Clerk administered the Declaration of Oath of Office to Councillor Allison Dekroon.

DISCLOSURE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS – PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor David Blaney declared a conflict of interest and refrained from any discussion on agenda item 8.16.4 as he is employed by a company that installs roof top solar mounts that may bid on the RFP.

DEPUTATIONS

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

<i>Moved</i> by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated.	Meeting Minutes
a) Regular Meeting – July 30 th , 2013	Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<i>Moved</i> by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Robert Fisher That the accounts payable in the amount of \$918,270.30 be approved for payment.	Accounts Payable
Carried.	

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – Tax Rate Comparison

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report to Council summarizing the tax rates of the municipalities within Huron County pre and post amalgamation.

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2012 Financial Statements

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed the audited 2012 financial statements received from Vodden, Bender and Seebach LLP.
 An error was noted on page 12 of the statements in Note 1 that the Municipality of Central Huron is referenced versus the Municipality of Huron East. The Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels will have this corrected by the auditors.

<i>Moved</i> by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Andrew Flowers That the 2012 Financial Statements for the Municipality of Huron East be accepted as presented and amended.	Audited Financial Statements
Carried.	

CAO/Clerk – Charity BBQ for the United Way

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report regarding municipal staff conducting a charity BBQ in front of Town Hall with the proceeds being donated to the Huron-Perth United Way. Councillors are welcome to assist with staffing the BBQ as well. Funds will be donated to United Way after a financial statement of the event is presented to council.

Moved by Andrew Flowers and seconded by Larry McGrath
That council authorize staff to operate a charity BBQ in front of the Town Hall in the month of September 2013 with proceeds being donated to the Huron-Perth United Way. Carried.

United Way
Charity BBQ

CAO/Clerk - Solar Contracts

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report concerning issuing an RFP for 6 rooftop mount solar (10kwh) installations.

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Larry McGrath
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to issue an RFP for 6 rooftop mount solar (10kwh) installations for the RFP to close on Sept 9th, 2013 at 4 pm with the project to be funded from (and returned) to the Bridge Reserve. Carried.

RFP Rooftop
Mount Solar
Installation

Moved by Allison Dekroon and seconded by Dianne Diehl
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:

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

Carried.

Receive
Reports

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Joe Steffler
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East support the Municipality of Middlesex Centre in opposing the re-qualification of Building Officials under the Ontario Regulation 332/12 and the Ontario Building Code. Carried

Support
Municipality
of Middlesex
Centre opposing
OReg 332/12
Requalification
of CBO's

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Robert Fisher
That the request of the Seaforth Eagles to declare the annual year-end playoff tournament for the Winthrop Slo-Pitch League being held on September 13th and 14th, 2013 in Seaforth to be declared as a municipally significant event, be approved by Council. Carried.

Seaforth Eagles
Municipal
Significant
Event

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by David Blaney
That the BMG Recreation Committee be authorized to proceed with the quote of John Mitchell (CoEm-Tek Coatings) of \$38,028.75 to recondition the roof at the community centre, with the work to be done under the supervision of Building & Property Maintenance Coordinator John Hill and his final approval prior to proceeding. Carried.

BMG Roof
Reconditioning

Vanastra Buildings

Councillor Fisher inquired if there was any activity with respect to the physical condition and appearance of 197 Toronto Blvd (Vanastra) and the disposal of soap products from 36 Winnipeg Rd (Vanastra). The CAO indicated that both issues will be discussed at an upcoming administration meeting.

Seaforth school property

Councillor Fisher inquired about the status of the Seaforth Public School property owned by Aljack Holdings. The CAO advised that he was not aware of any activity concerning the property.

NEW BUSINESS**Pet By-law review**

Councillor McLellan inquired of the regulations that the Municipality has in place regarding exotic animals being kept as pet. He cited the recent death of two children in New Brunswick by an African rock python snake. The CBO noted that the zoning by-law had restrictions concerning exotic animals – a copy of the zoning by-law restrictions will be provided to Council.

Plumbing inspections

Mayor MacLellan referred to correspondence from Morris-Turnberry requesting the County to consider transferring plumbing inspection responsibilities back to lower-tier municipalities who wished to assume the responsibility. He asked the CBO for his opinion with respect to assuming the responsibility for the inspections. The CBO advised that he was not supportive of moving the service from the Health Unit to the lower tiers because he did not have the practical plumbing experience or the required training for the inspections. He noted that if the County downloaded the responsibility for plumbing inspections that the responsibility for septic inspections may be downloaded as well.

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

Moved by Andrew Flowers and seconded by Allison Dekroon
That the Municipality of Huron East has no objection to the severance application of Nancy Dewar B37/13 (Part Lot 10, Concession 1, McKillop Ward) subject to the following conditions being met:

No Objection
Consent B37/13
Dewar

1. that \$500 be paid to the Municipality of Huron East as cash-in-lieu of parkland Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Nathan Marshall
That Huron East Council receive the following Board and Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted:

Receive Board/
Committee
Minutes

1. Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust – July 4th, 2013 Carried

Vanastra Pool incident

Vanastra Recreation Centre Facility Manager Lissa Berard was present for the discussion on the recent incident that had occurred.

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed the recent incident that occurred at the Vanastra Recreation Centre on August 9th. A check valve on the chlorine feed had started to deteriorate and when a backwash procedure had been conducted, a small amount of chlorine had continued to drain into the system, but there was no water flowing through the circulation system during a backwash procedure to dilute the chlorine. The higher concentration of chlorine had mixed with a small amount of water containing muriatic acid (chemical to control pH levels) which created a strong vapor when the pool circulation system started after the backwash. There were approximately 15 children in the pool at the time that was quickly exited from the pool area by staff. All the children were transported to area hospitals for observation and all but one individual were released after a couple hours and the remaining individual was kept for further observation on unrelated issues and was released that evening. The system was inspected over the weekend, the check valve was isolated and a replacement ordered. He noted that he had viewed the video from the security cameras in the facility and noted staff had reacted quickly and professionally and commended the staff for their response.

Several councillors questioned if the backwash procedure was normally done when the pool was in use. Ms. Berard indicated that the backwash procedure had occurred many times when the pool was in use without incident, but agreed that the procedure should now likely be done when the pool was not in use. She did note that the backwash procedure was necessary every 7 to 10 days and while they could attempt to schedule the procedure when the pool was not in use, there would be occasions that the system would require a backwash during times the pool was in use – if the Committee adopts a policy that a backwash will only occur when the pool is not being used, they may have to temporarily shut the pool down for 10 minutes.

Maitland Bank Cemetery

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight presented a request from the Maitland Bank Cemetery for assistance in cleaning up several large trees that had come down in a recent storm. Several trees had split and were wedged into other trees; the Committee had received a quote of \$4,000 to \$4,500 from Stumpy's Tree Removal for the cleanup

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Joe Steffler
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East contribute \$2,000 towards the cleanup of large downed tree limbs in the Maitland Bank Cemetery. Carried

Contribute Funds
Maitland Bank
Cemetery – Tree
Limb Clean up

CLOSED SESSIONBY-LAWS

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce
By-Law No. 57 for 2013.

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 57-2013 – Confirm Council Proceedings
Carried.

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Joe Steffler
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 57 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 Andrew Flowers and seconded by Larry McGrath
The time now being 9:46 p.m.
That the meeting do now adjourn until September 3rd, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

 Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

 Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk