MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Bernie MacLellan, Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler
Councillors David Blaney, Frank Stretton, Alvin McLellan,
Dianne Diehl, 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
Building & Property Maintenance Coordinator, John Hill
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

DEPUTATIONS
John Cardiff, Maureen Agar, Michael Peare and Jeremy Terpstra attended the meeting to hear the proceedings of Council.

7:00 p.m. Court of Revision – Inglis Municipal Drain, 2014

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Les Falconer: Court of Revision
That the Court of Revision for the Inglis Municipal Drain 2014 be opened with Inglis Drain
Councillors McLellan, Diehl and Neil Warwick (Morris-Turnberry) appointed as members, Councillor McLellan acting as Chairman. Carried.

No appeals were received.

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That the Court of Revision for the Inglis Municipal Drain 2014 be closed.
Carried.

7:00 p.m. Court of Revision – Dickson Municipal Drain, 2014

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Joseph Steffler: Court of Revision
That the Court of Revision for the Dickson Municipal Drain 2014 be opened with Dickson Drain
Councillors Flowers, Dekroon and McLellan appointed as members, Councillor McLellan acting as Chairman. Carried.

No appeals were received.

Moved by Andrew Flowers and seconded by Allison Dekroon:
That the Court of Revision for the Dickson Municipal Drain 2014 be closed.
Carried.

7:00 p.m. Court of Revision – Williamson Municipal Drain, 2014

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Les Falconer: Court of Revision
That the Court of Revision for the Williamson Municipal Drain 2014 be opened Williamson Drain
with Councillors Diehl, Flowers and McLellan appointed as members,
Councillor McLellan acting as Chairman. Carried.

No appeals were received.

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Andrew Flowers:
That the Court of Revision for the Williamson Municipal Drain 2014 be closed.
Carried.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – Tender Results Inglis, Dickson & Williamson Municipal Drains

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report on the tenders received for the construction of the Inglis, Dickson and Williamson Municipal Drains. Tenders were received and opened on April 15th, 2014 in the presence of Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler, Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels and Drainage Clerk Barbara Dalrymple. The tender results were as follows:

Inglis Municipal Drain 2014

Contractor	Price
	(excluding taxes)
Marquardt Farm Drainage Ltd.	$84,019.00
A.G. Hayter Contracting Ltd.	$82,940.00
Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc.	$78,000.00

Moved by Allison Dekroon and seconded by Larry McGrath: Accept Tender Inglis Drain
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the tender of Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc. in the amount of $78,000 plus applicable taxes for the construction of the Inglis Municipal Drain 2014, Grey Ward. Carried.

Dickson Municipal Drain 2014

Contractor	Price
	(excluding taxes)
Marquardt Farm Drainage Ltd.	$58,351.00
A.G. Hayter Contracting	$68,645.00
VanBree Drainage & Bulldozing Ltd.	$63,400.00
Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc.	$62,000.00

Moved by Andrew Flowers and seconded by Les Falconer: Accept Tender Dickson Drain
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the tender of Marquardt Farm Drainage in the amount of $58,351 plus applicable taxes for the construction of the Dickson Municipal Drain 2014, McKillop Ward. Carried.

Williamson Municipal Drain 2014

Contractor	Price
	(excluding taxes)
A.G.Hayter Contracting Ltd.	$86,990.00
Marquardt Farm Drainage Ltd.	$76,130.00
VanBree Drainage & Bulldozing Ltd.	$91,620.00
Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc.	$78,000.00

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Accept Tender Williamson Drain
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the tender of Marquardt Farm Drainage in the amount of $76,130 plus applicable taxes for the construction of the Williamson Municipal Drain 2014, Grey Ward. Carried.

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

a) Regular Meeting – April 1st, 2014 Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

7:30 p.m. Dan Bachert – Seaforth Minor Soccer

Dan Bachert, executive member of the Seaforth Minor Soccer organization, attended before Council concerning improving the presence of Seaforth Minor Soccer within Seaforth and the playing surfaces used by the organization. Mr. Bachert advised that presently the organization uses a field at the Seaforth Public School however it requires a great deal of upkeep by the soccer volunteers. He also noted that the house league part of their program uses a field associated with St. James School east of Coleman Street and although adequate in size, the playing surface was not adequate for travel teams. Mr. Bachert inquired of Council if there was any green space the municipality would consider or offer as an area to develop or whether assistance could be provided to have the playing surface at the St. James site improved. He noted that the soccer organization has contacted the School Board and although they are not willing to sell the property they were receptive to working with the organization to allow the continued use of the field. Mr. Bachert advised improving the field would require fill added to level the playing surface and this was an option the organization had considered. The financial situation of the organization is good and funds are available to assist with obtaining good playing pitches for the soccer organization.

Councillor Marshall advised the Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust will be having a strategic planning meeting and this may be a potential project for the Trust to consider. The option of submitting a Trillium application was also mentioned as another avenue for assistance. Mayor MacLellan suggested this matter be deferred to allow the Seaforth Community Development Trust an opportunity to consider the project.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Les Falconer: Accounts Payable
That the accounts payable in the amount of $2,685,340.93 be approved for payment. Carried.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Building & Property Maintenance Coordinator – Report

The Building & Property Maintenance Coordinator's quarterly report for January 2nd to March 31st of 2014 was received by Council.

Chief Building Official – Report

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

7:30 p.m. – Public Meeting – 2014 Budget

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels provided a power point presentation to provide an overview of the entire 2014 budget process. The 4th draft of the 2014 budget recommended an 11.5% increase to the general municipal levy. The 2014 budget projects total expenditures of $14,050,164 including $3,431,065 in capital expenditures.

Moved by Joseph Steffler and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Adopt 2014 Budget
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East adopt the 2014 Budget as presented with projected operation and capital expenditures of $14,050,164 and staff be directed to prepare a by-law to establish the 2014 tax rates, based on a 11.5% increase in the general municipal levy. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – NextEra Transmission Line – Hensall Road

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report to Council concerning placement of guiderails in the road allowances on Hensall Road. Council were advised that staff had met with NextEra representatives in January to review and discuss pole locations and clear zone requirements. Their engineering firm provided T-line clearance drawings which were reviewed and forwarded to B. M. Ross for a 3rd party review and from a staff perspective, concern was expressed with a number of pole locations and their proximity to the travelled part of the road, particularly Hensall Road. B. M. Ross advised that given the design speed chosen and upon review of the submitted drawings, calculations and documentation, it was their opinion that the proposed works are in general conformance with Municipal and Provincial standards for Clear Zone requirements, guide rail design, and open trench installation for buried infrastructure.

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Nathan Marshall: Receive Reports
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following reports of municipal officers as presented:

a) Building & Property Maintenance Coordinator
b) Chief Building Official
c) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
d) CAO/Clerk

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Frank Stretton: Proclaim June 2014 Seniors' Month
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East proclaim June 2014 as Seniors' Month within the Municipality of Huron East and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

TILE DRAINAGE

FINANCIAL REPORT

PLANNING

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1) Brussels Morris & Grey Board of Recreation Management – March 12th, 2014
2) Huron East Administrative Committee – April 2nd, 2014
3) Seaforth & District Community Centres Management Committee – March 13th, 2014

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

BY-LAWS

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by Andrew Flowers:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce By-Law No. 23 for 2014. Introduce By-Laws

By-Law 23-2014 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried

Moved by Allison Dekroon and seconded by Robert Fisher: Confirm Council Proceedings
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 23 for 2014, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Andrew Flowers: Adjournment
The time now being 8:35 p.m.
That the meeting do now adjourn until May 6th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk