

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 2014 – 7:05 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Councillors Andrew Flowers and Larry McGrath

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, Brad Knight
 Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Paula Michiels
 Fire Chief/CEMC, Marty Bedard
 Economic Development Officer, Jan Hawley
 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 Robert Fisher declared a pecuniary interest and refrained from voting on the motion regarding the Seaforth Splash Pad.

DEPUTATIONS

The following members of the public were in attendance to hear the discussion on the Seaforth splash pad: Brenda Campbell, Dean Price, Bryan Vincent, Kendra Jewitt, Sue Alce, Betty Small, Danielle Small, Caitlin McKercher, Lorna McKercher, Mandy Duffy, Joanne Jewitt, Ruth Feeney, Vicki Nolan, Tamara Giffen, Gwen Good, Joanne Maloney Flanagan, Melanie Mero, Ashley Smith and Gerrid Dalton.

Kevin Wilbee, Brenda Dalton and Neil Tam were in attendance to observe the proceedings of Council.

Gary Boyer was in attendance to hear the discussion on the Grey Firehall renovations.

7:05 p.m. Nathan Marshall – Seaforth Splash Pad

Nathan Marshall spoke to Council on behalf of a Committee that had been formed to discuss the process of building a splash pad in Seaforth at the Lions Pool. He advised Council that the Committee included members of the Lions Club and Optimist Club as well as business owners and residents. The Committee believed a splash pad would benefit families, businesses and economic development and also increase use and memberships of the Lions Pool. He noted that the Committee believed the ideal location for a splash pad would be at the Lions Park but acknowledged flooding concerns at certain locations and annual maintenance costs. He further noted that the Committee is working with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to ensure any flooding concerns are addressed and advised that the Lions Club have indicated they would like a guarantee that the maintenance costs would be covered prior to proceeding further with the location at the Lions park. He requested, on behalf of the Committee, that Huron East Council consider financial assistance to cover maintenance funds of a splash pad up to a maximum of \$10,000 annually. He noted that comparisons of neighbouring municipalities with splash pads indicated a range of between \$1,500 and \$9,000 for maintenance costs depending on the type of system installed. .

Council questioned whether a financial commitment of that size could be made given the lame duck situation. CAO Brad Knight advised Council could make a commitment of under \$50,000, but not \$10,000 per year for an indefinite period of time.

Mayor MacLellan advised that prior to making a financial commitment he would like to see a business plan, the location secured and operational details worked out. Councillor Falconer suggested perhaps the annual contribution to the Lions Club for maintenance could be increased from the current \$7,500 to \$15,000 to maintain both the pool and splash pad.

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Allison Dekroon:
 That Council of the Municipality of Huron East commit up to an additional \$7,500 annually for maintenance to the Seaforth Lions Club, conditional on the installation of a Splash Pad. Defeated.

Additional
 Maintenance
 Seaforth Lions
 Club

7:50 p.m. Joe Seili – Brussels Out of Town Water & Sewer Rates

Joe Seili attended before Council to discuss the out of town water/sewer rates for Morris-Turnberry residents on the north edge of Brussels. It was noted that on east side of the road (Brussels) the annual charges are \$984, however on the west side (Morris) of the road they are \$1,728 per year. Mr. Seili requested Council review the out-of-town rates prior to the beginning of 2015. He also provided Council with a letter from affected Morris-Turnberry taxpayers requesting a review of the rates to be charged to residents involved in the Turnberry street reconstruction project.

Mayor MacLellan advised the Huron East Water & Sewer Committee have discussed this matter briefly and recognize the merit in the concerns expressed. The Committee will discuss the matter further during the review of the Huron East Water/Waste Water Financial Plan and will forward a recommendation to Council for consideration.

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

On behalf of Ben Lobb, M.P. Huron-Bruce, Mayor MacLellan presented to Councillor Alvin McLellan a Certificate of Recognition awarded for over 20 years of service as a council representative.

Mayor MacLellan advised Council of a concern expressed to him regarding the acoustics in the new community room at the Brussels Library. Councillor Blaney advised he was aware of the issue and that several solutions were being considered including some decorative items and window blinds.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mayor MacLellan brought back to the table the motion that was deferred at the previous meeting to adopt the August 5th, 2014 meeting minutes. Mayor MacLellan advised the meeting minutes include actions/proceedings and typically some brief background information for Council, but not personal conversation and discussions.

Councillor Dekroon requested the following comments be noted and included in the minutes;
I will not be supporting August 5th, 2014 meeting minutes as circulated. My original concerns were based on an issue that was not on the agenda but was brought up in the public session and not recorded in the minutes. If we are discussing issues in this form they should be a matter of record. I am also alarmed that a request to amend the meeting minutes in order to include the previous discussion was not reflected in the agenda for this evening. As a Councillor representing the McKillop ward, I feel we are not following the policies and procedures that govern our Council.

Moved by Alvin McLellan 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 – August 5th, 2014

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Dekroon.

Blaney, David	No	Brussels Ward
Dekroon, Allison	No	McKillop Ward
Diehl, Dianne	Yes	Grey Ward
Falconer, Les	Yes	Tuckersmith Ward
Fisher, Robert	No	Seaforth Ward
Flowers, Andrew	Absent	McKillop Ward
MacLellan, Bernie	Yes	Mayor
Marshall, Nathan	Yes	Seaforth Ward
McGrath, Larry	Absent	Tuckersmith Ward
McLellan, Alvin	Yes	Grey Ward
Steffler, Joseph	Yes	Deputy Mayor
Stretton, Frank	Yes	Brussels Ward

Motion Carried.

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

Meeting
Minutes

- a) Regular Meeting – September 2nd, 2014

Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Frank Stretton:
That the accounts payable in the amount of \$3,261,302.52 be approved
for payment. Carried.

Accounts
Payable

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**Public Works Coordinator – Seaforth Connecting Link – Winter Maintenance 2014-2015**

Public Works Coordinator Barry Mills reviewed his report recommending the offer of winter maintenance service from MTO for the Seaforth Connecting Link at a cost of \$5,350.00 plus HST for the 2014-2015 winter season. CAO/Clerk Brad Knight noted a by-law to enter into an Agreement with MTO for the 2014-2015 winter maintenance season will be considered by Council at the next regular meeting.

Fire Chief/CEMC – Grey Firehall Renovations

Fire Chief/CEMC Marty Bedard reviewed his report concerning renovations to be completed at the Grey Firehall Station. It was noted that two quotations were received to complete the recommended renovations as follows:

Boyer Construction	\$24,604.72
Terry Brown Carpentry	\$32,134.98

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the quotation from Boyer Construction in the amount of \$24,604.72 to complete renovations at the Grey Firehall. Carried.

Renovations
Grey Fire Hall

Fire Chief/CEMC – Sale of Decommissioned Equipment

Fire Chief/CEMC Marty Bedard reviewed his report to Council regarding sale of decommissioned equipment. The Municipality has signed up with GovDeals.com to sell off decommissioned equipment through an online auction process. Sellers must be a government agency however anyone can purchase the equipment by registering with GovDeals. The fee charged for the service is 7.5% of the selling price. The 1972 tanker from Grey Fire Station and the 1989 street sweeper were sold with GovDeals. The closing bid for the tanker was \$2,216 and the street sweeper sold for \$2,560.

CAO/Clerk – Seaforth Public Library

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report to Council concerning the condition of the Seaforth Library. The CAO recommended Council consider hiring a professional with experience in renovations/repairs of heritage buildings to develop an assessment of the condition of the Seaforth Library and develop a work plan for repairs. It was noted the Library is an institutional building that is more than 100 years old and is within the Seaforth Heritage Conservation District and exterior repairs would have to be considered in conjunction with the designation and would be subject to review/approval by the Huron East Heritage Advisory Committee.

Economic Development Officer Jan Hawley suggested an application be submitted to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Preservation Works to conduct an initial assessment. The process would be similar to the Town Hall project and completion of the initial assessment would be of assistance to provide a general understanding of the work needed on the Library

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East authorize staff to submit an application to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario to prepare an assessment of the Seaforth Library building. Carried.

Application
ACO
Seaforth Library

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Frank Stretton:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following reports of municipal officers as presented:

- Public Works Coordinator
- Fire Chief/CEMC
- CAO/Clerk

Receive
Reports

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East proclaim October 29th, 2014 as the 14th annual “Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in appreciation of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and the quality of life in the community. Carried.

Proclaim
Child Care
Worker &
Early Childhood
Educator
Appreciation Day

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Huron East Council receive the assessment and recommendations on the accessibility of the Seaforth Public Library as prepared by the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee and refer the report to the Building & Property Maintenance Coordinator Carried.

Assessment
Recommendations
Seaforth Public
Library

Moved by Allison Dekroon and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Huron East Council proclaim October 20th to 26th, 2014 as ‘Waste Reduction Week’ within the Municipality. Carried.

Proclaim
Waste Reduction
Week

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Frank Stretton:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East enter into a Lease Agreement with Robert Charles Kellington for site # 2 (28 Trailer Park Road) in the Brussels Trailer Park, Lot 358 to Lot 361, Plan 192, subject to the signing of the said Agreement and the finalization of the necessary documentation. Carried.

Lease Agreement
Brussels Trailer
Park Site # 2
(Kellington)

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Les Falconer:
That Huron East Council book the electronic road side speed sign from the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention for a minimum of one week for the Harpurhey Road. Carried.

Electronic
Road Side
Speed Sign

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Allison Dekroon and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
The Municipality of Huron East provide comments to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) with respect to the following community engagement requirement or criteria.

Comments-OPA
Community
Engagement

1. That Section 15e (local council support resolution) – be a minimum requirement.
2. That Section 15k (letters of support from all landowners adjacent to the site) be in a rated requirement.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Les Falconer and seconded by Allison Dekroon:
That the Municipality of Huron East submit Expressions of Interest for the following projects/grant programs:

Expression of
Interest
Grant Programs

- i) Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund – replacement of Bridge M58 with an estimated cost of \$354,850 and a 50% funding request.
- ii) Small Communities Fund – Phase 2 of Vanastra Infrastructure Renewal with an estimated cost of \$1,825,578 and a 66% funding request.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

TILE DRAINAGE

FINANCIAL REPORT

PLANNING

Moved by Allison Dekroon and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East have no objection to the severance application of G. L. Pryce Farms Inc. (B20/13) on Lot 17, Concession 11, McKillop Ward, provided the following conditions are met:

No Objection
Severance
B20/13
Pryce Farms

- i) that the severed land be rezoned to Agricultural Small Holding (AG4) and the retained land be rezoned to Restricted Agriculture (AG2) to prohibit a residence
- ii) that the drain maintenance obligations of the severed and retained parcels be apportioned in accordance with Section 65 of the *Drainage Act*
- iii) that the sum of \$500 be paid to the Municipality as cash-in-lieu of parkland

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Allison Dekroon and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Huron East Council receive the following Board and Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted:

Board/Committee Meeting Minutes

- 1) Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust – August 7th, 2014
 - 2) Huron East Heritage Advisory Committee – June 10th and September 3rd, 2014
 - 3) Huron East Water & Sewer Committee – August 12th, 2014
 - 4) Joint Health & Safety Committee – September 11th, 2014
 - 5) Seaforth & District Community Centres Management Committee – August 14th, 2014
 - 6) Brussels Morris & Grey Board of Recreation Management Committee – September 10th, 2014
- Carried.

CLOSED SESSION**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Les Falconer:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce By-Law No. 58, 59 and 60 for 2014.

Introduce By-Laws

By-Law 58-2014 – Establish Municipal Elections Joint Compliance Audit Committee

By-Law 59-2014 – Adopt Accountability and Transparency Policy

By-Law 60-2014 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 58 for 2014, a by-law to establish a Municipal Elections Joint Compliance Audit Committee, 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.

Municipal Elections Audit Committee

Moved by Frank Stretton and seconded by Joseph Steffler:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 59-2014, a by-law to adopt an Accountability and Transparency Policy, 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.

Accountability and Transparency Policy

Moved by Joseph Steffler and seconded by Frank Stretton:
BE IT HEREBY REVOLVED that By-Law 60 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.

Confirm Council Proceedings

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by David Blaney:
The time now being 9:26 p.m.
That the meeting do now adjourn until October 7th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk