

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, APRIL 7th, 2015 – 7:40 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Bernie MacLellan, Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler, Councillors Alvin McLellan, John Lowe, Dianne Diehl, David Blaney, Brenda Dalton, Kevin Wilbee, Robert Fisher, Nathan Marshall, Raymond Chartrand and Larry McGrath

Members Absent: nil

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, Brad Knight
 Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Paula Michiels
 Public Works Coordinator, Barry Mills
 Economic Development Officer, Jan Hawley
 Fire Chief/CEMC, Marty Bedard
 North Patrol Foreman, Joe Ryan
 South Patrol Foreman, James Adkins
 Executive Assistant, Janice Andrews

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MacLellan called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS – PECUNIARY INTEREST

DEPUTATIONS

7:30 p.m. Court of Revision – Deitner Municipal Drain 2015

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
 That the Court of Revision for the Deitner Municipal Drain 2015 be opened and that Councillors McLellan, Dalton and Diehl be appointed as the Huron East members with Councillor McLellan acting as Chairman. Carried.

Court of Revision
 Deitner Municipal
 Drain 2015

No appeals were received.

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
 That the Court of Revision for the Deitner Municipal Drain 2015 be closed. Carried.

7:30 p.m. Court of Revision – Grant Municipal Drain 2015

Moved by Kevin Wilbee and seconded by Raymond Chartrand:
 That the Court of Revision for the Grant Municipal Drain 2015 be opened and that Councillors McLellan and Dalton be appointed as the Huron East members (along with Councillor John Smuck appointed by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry) with Councillor McLellan acting as chairman. Carried.

Court of Revision
 Grant Municipal
 Drain 2015

No appeals were received.

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
 That the Court of Revision for the Grant Municipal Drain 2015 be closed. Carried.

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Joseph Steffler:
 That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated.

Meeting
 Minutes

a) Regular Meeting – March 17th, 2015

Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2015 Budget – 1st Draft

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels presented and reviewed the 1st draft of the 2015 budget for consideration by Council. The first draft included an 11% Municipal levy increase that would provide an additional \$329,038 of revenue. It was noted however that the Municipality’s OMPF funding has been reduced by \$454,000 from 2014 funding levels. She noted that funding has been received from the formula based Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding amounting to \$113,350 which brings the net cut in OMPF funding to \$340,650. She further noted that the Municipality was also successful in obtaining additional funding in the amount of \$177,425 from the application based Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, to be used towards the replacement of bridge structures M58 and M60. She also noted that the 2015 policing costs have increased by 7.3% (\$82,652) which is equivalent to a 2.5% general municipal levy increase but that the Municipality is trying to absorb the increased policing costs and the 11% Municipal levy increase combined with 2.3% County levy increase and 1% Educational levy increase would result in an overall tax levy increase of 5.1%.

The Finance Manager-Treasurer advised that all departments were requested to develop 2015 budgets at the same level of municipal funding as their 2014 budgets but she noted the difficulties being encountered by the Recreation Centres in providing balanced budgets.

	Projected 2015 Operating (Surplus)/Deficit	Projected Accumulated 2015 (Surplus)/Deficit	Comments
Brussels Recreation (BMG)	13,762	123,018	
Seaforth Recreation (SDCC)	38,481	159,726	
Vanastra Recreation (VRC)	25,359	25,359	The deficit is related to roof repairs that are required in 2015 and unable to be absorb within the current budget

The Finance Manager suggest that Council may choose to allocate an additional \$25,000 to the Vanastra Recreation Centre for the required roof repairs to eliminate its 2015 projected deficit. She further noted that to keep the recreation centres levy equitable between the facilities, BMG and SDCC levies would need to be increased proportionately by \$25,920 and \$20,880 respectively which would require a further 2% increase in the general levy. .

Council reviewed the proposed budget and the Finance Manager provided highlights. General discussion was held on various items within the budget and Mayor MacLellan requested any suggestions be forwarded to the Finance Manager during the next two weeks to be included in the 2nd draft being presented to Council at the next regular meeting.

Public Works Coordinator – LED Street Lighting Project

Public Works Coordinator Barry Mills reviewed the report to Council providing an update on the LED street lighting project. The RealTerm Energy Corporation RFP for the project was being recommended as the preferred project manager. It was noted that RealTerm has re-negotiated a better LED fixture cost from the supplier and Ontario Power Authority (OPA) had increased the incentive amount from \$22,126 to \$91,998. He noted that the net project cost was projected at \$423,898 which included allowances for 100% rewiring and refusing and 3% arm replacement. He advised that by upgrading to LEDs, the annual energy consumption would decrease by 63% and the projected payback for the project was 4.5 years It was further noted the Seaforth BIA and Brussels Business Group would upgrading some lighting to decorative fixtures at their cost.

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East proceed to enter into a Contract Agreement with RealTerm Energy to finalize the design and upgrade of all Huron East streetlight systems to LED lights. Carried.

Contract Agreement
RealTerm Energy
LED Lights

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Robert Fisher:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following reports of municipal officers as presented:

Receive Reports

- a) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
- b) Public Works Coordinator

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****MUNICIPAL DRAINS****TILE DRAINAGE****FINANCIAL REPORT****PLANNING****INFORMATION ITEMS**

Moved by Larry McGrath and seconded by Robert Fisher:
That Huron East Council receive the following Board and Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted:

Board/Committee Meeting Minutes

- 1) Vanastra Recreation Centre Building & Fundraising Committee – March 10th, 2015
 - 2) Brussels Morris & Grey Board of Recreation Management – March 11th, 2015
 - 3) Seaforth & District Community Centres Management Committee – March 12th, 2015
- Carried.

CLOSED SESSION**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce By-Laws No. 24 and 25 for 2015.

Introduce By-Laws

By-Law 24-2015 – Rezoning – Lot 29, Concession 4, Grey Ward, Beirnes/VanderEyck

By-Law 25-2015 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by John Lowe:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 24 for 2015, a by-law to authorize a zoning amendment on Lot 29, Concession 4, Grey Ward, 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.

Rezoning Lot 29, Con. 4 Grey Ward Beirnes/VanderEyck

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 23 for 2015, 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 Kevin Wilbee and seconded by Joseph Steffler:
The time now being 10:29 p.m.
That the meeting do now adjourn until April 21st, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk