

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, MAY 19th, 2015 – 7:00 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

CALL TO ORDER

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

DISCLOSURE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS – PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Marshall declared a conflict of interest on the accounts payable as there was an invoice from his employer.

Councillor Wilbee declared a pecuniary interest on the building permit report as a building permit had been issued to his father.

DEPUTATIONS

7:00 p.m. Huron County Planning Department – Update to Official Plan Review

Huron County Senior Planner Claire Dodds and Planner Laura Young attended before Council and provided a review of the draft 2015 Huron East Official Plan update with Council.

It was noted that to be consistent with the requirements of Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, Planning staff drafted policies to revise the Huron East Official Plan to:

1. confirm with the provincial plans
2. have regard to matters of provincial interest
3. be consistent with the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement
4. have policies regarding the removal of employment lands
5. establish criteria for completeness of applications
6. be consistent with the recent update of the County of Huron Official Plan (OPA 3 & 4)
7. meet Huron East's land use requirements for a 20 year time horizon

Council were advised that Huron East staff, including Brad Knight, Cathy Garrick, Brad Dietrich, Barry Mills and Jan Hawley have meet several times with the Planning staff during April 2015 to review and discuss proposed changes to the Official Plan.

Claire Dodds noted the next step in the proposed timeline of the review will be the Open House being held at the Huron East municipal office on June 2nd, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Council were encouraged to attend. A report will be brought back to Council by planning staff that will summarize public and agency input following the conclusion of the June 9th commenting period.

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

- a) Regular Meeting – May 5th, 2015

Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Kevin Wilbee and seconded by Larry McGrath: Accounts
 That the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$669,649.94 be approved Payable
 for payment. Carried.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**Chief Building Official Pro-Tempore – Report**

The Chief Building Official Pro-Tempore Report summarizing the 2015 year-to-date zoning and tax certificates as well as building permits was received by Council.

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – Tax Rate Comparison

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report to Council providing a tax rate comparison of the municipalities within Huron County.

CAO/Clerk – Northland Power – Commencement of Transmission Line

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report to Council and provided an update on the transmission line construction for the Grand Bend Wind Project. It was noted that Northland Power will commence construction of the transmission line before the end of May.

CAO/Clerk – Community Infrastructure Program

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight presented a report on the Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150) announced on May 15, 2015. The grant program is federal funding program that may provide up to 50% of the cost of a project and with some preference to the community benefits of renovations/expansions of community facilities prior to Canada's 150th anniversary (July 1, 2017). It was noted that the Brussels Morris and Grey Recreation Committee had line drawings and estimates prepared for an expansion to the facility to address the undersized dressing rooms. He further noted that the deadline for the submission was June 9th, 2015 but that an application could be prepared for consideration by Council at the next meeting.

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to prepare a application for the Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150) for renovations/expansion of the change rooms at Brussels Morris and Grey Community Centre.

Prepare
Grant Application

Carried

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive the following reports of municipal officers as presented:

Receive
Reports

- a) Chief Building Official Pro-Tempore
- b) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
- c) CAO/Clerk

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East have no objection to the 1st Annual Patriots Co-ed Baseball Tournament at the Seaforth Lions Park to be held on June 12th to 14th, 2015 and declare it a municipally significant event. Carried.

Patriots Co-ed
Baseball Tourney
Municipally
Significant Event

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by John Lowe:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee and note and file the request of SWEAR (Safe Wind Energy for All Residents) for financial assistance to support their Charter of Rights challenge with respect to wind turbines. Carried.

Note & File
SWEAR
Request for
Financial
Assistance

Moved by Kevin Wilbee and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolution of the Township of North Stormont requesting the Province of Ontario to consider the proposal by the Coalition of Ontario Manufacturers to implement industrial/farm power rates. Carried.

Endorse
Resolution
Township of
North Stormont

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by David Blaney:
That the request of the Brussels Tigers Fastball Club to declare their 44th annual fastball tournament being held in Brussels from July 24th to 26th, 2015 to be declared as a municipally significant event be approved by Council;
AND FURTHER that the Municipality of Huron East Alcohol Policy be complied with, with specific reference to Regulation 11 of said Policy, being a minimum of \$2,000,000 in liability insurance naming the Municipality as an additional insured;
AND FURTHER that the Brussels Tigers Fastball Club consents to save harmless and keep indemnified The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East, its officers, employees, servants, agents, successors and assigns against any and all liability for losses, damages, claims, action demands, suits, and costs arising directly or indirectly by virtue of the Municipality of Huron East allowing the Brussels Tigers Fastball Club use of the Property/Facility for this event. The Municipality of Huron East shall not be responsible for any accidents, injury, or loss of property to the Brussels Tigers Fastball Club. Carried.

Brussels Tigers
Fastball Club
Fastball Tourney
Municipally
Significant Event

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Fisher advised that he had received numerous calls over the past few months inquiring if Council would be revisiting the extension of sanitary sewers into Egmondville. The CAO noted that the extension of sanitary sewers would also require an expansion to the Seaforth Sewage Treatment Plant, but the Municipality is currently in a process to re-rate the plant to current flows.

Councillor Fisher also inquired as to residential and industrial growth plans for the municipality. Councillor Blaney noted that a prosperity plan is being investigated by the Economic Development Committee as to the merit of such plan for the Municipality of Huron East.

Councillors Marshall and McGrath reviewed a list of questions from a recent meeting of the Seaforth & District Community Centre Committee for future consideration by Council;

- Website update – could updates to improve ease of navigation/etc. could be completed quicker and cheaper locally;
- Request that snow removal to be completed by public works staff as is the case at the Brussels Morris and Grey Community Centre;
- Requested that capital and operating costs be defined

Councillor Wilbee advised that he would introduce a resolution at the next meeting encouraging the Avon Maitland District School Board to offer French Immersion in schools locally.

Councillor McGrath indicated that he wanted to review the economic development component of the budget as he did not believe the Municipality received enough benefit from the Department to warrant the costs.

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

TILE DRAINAGE

FINANCIAL REPORT

PLANNING

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Brenda Dalton:
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 – April 2nd, 2015
- 2) Brussels Cemetery Board – April 16th, 2015
- 3) Vanastra Recreation Centre – May 11th, 2015
- 4) Vanastra Recreation Centre Building & Fundraising Committee – May 11th, 2015
- 5) Seaforth BIA – April 8th, 2015
- 6) Huron East Economic Development Committee – April 16th, 2015

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East, pursuant to Section 239(2) of the *Municipal Act*, adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 9:40p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss the following:

Closed Session

- i) 239(2)(d) – employee negotiations (Vanastra Daycare)
- ii) 239(2)(f) – advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (Seaforth entrance sign)
- iii) 239(2)(f) – advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (Affordable Housing Corporation)

Carried.

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East resumes the regular Council meeting at 10:27p.m. Carried.

Resume Regular Council Meeting

BY-LAWS

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce
By-Laws No. 21, 22, 31 and 32 for 2015.

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 21-2015 – Deitner Municipal Drain 2015 – 3rd reading
By-Law 22-2015 – Grant Municipal Drain 2015 – 3rd reading
By-Law 31-2015 – Establish 2015 Tax Rates
By-Law 32-2015 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Raymond Chartrand:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 21 for 2015, a by-law to provide for the borrowing on the credit of the Municipality the sum of \$68,100 for completion of the Deitner Municipal Drain, be given third and final readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto. Carried.

Deitner
Municipal Drain
3rd Reading

Moved by Kevin Wilbee and seconded by David Blaney:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 22 for 2015, a by-law to provide for the borrowing on the credit of the Municipality the sum of \$290,700 for completion of the Grant Municipal Drain, be given third and final readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto. Carried.

Grant
Municipal Drain
3rd Reading

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Brenda Dalton:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 31 for 2015, a by-law to establish 2015 tax rates, 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.

Establish 2015
Tax Rates

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Joe Steffler:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 32 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 Joe Steffler and seconded by John Lowe:
The time now being 10:31p.m.
That the meeting do now adjourn until June 2nd, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment