

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler,
 Councillors Alvin McLellan, John Lowe, Dianne Diehl,
 David Blaney, Brenda Dalton, Robert Fisher, Nathan Marshall,
 Larry McGrath, Kevin Wilbee and Raymond Chartrand
 Mayor Bernie MacLellan arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, Brad Knight
 Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Paula Michiels
 Public Works Coordinator, Barry Mills
 Economic Development Officer, Jan Hawley
 Executive Assistant, Janice Andrews

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the absence of the Mayor, CAO/Clerk Brad Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Joseph Steffler assumed the Chair.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Kevin Wilbee: Adopt Agenda
 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated August 25th, 2015 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Meeting Minutes
 That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated:
 a) Regular Meeting – August 4th, 2015
 b) Special Meeting – August 20th, 2015 Carried.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Larry McGrath: Adjourn to
Public Meetings
 That Council of the Municipality of Huron East adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:05 p.m. to go into Public Meetings to discuss the following:
 i) Zoning By-Law Amendment Application – 40046 Kippen Road, Part Lot 16, as RP 22R2866 Part 3, Concession 1, London Road Survey, Tuckersmith Ward, Kippen Church
 ii) Minor Variance Application – 63 Birch Street, Lots 223, 224, 225 and Part Lots 219-222, Part of Maple Street closed, Plan 388, Seaforth Ward, Design Concrete Systems Ltd. Carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Accounts Payable
 That the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,487,548.11 be approved for payment. Carried.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Chief Building Official – 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.

CAO/Clerk – Small Community Fund – Intake 2

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report to Council concerning the second round of funding for the Small Communities Fund announced by the Province on August 17th, 2015. It was noted the project provides 2/3 funding (1/3 federal and 1/3 provincial) and Expressions of Interest for this funding are due by September 30th, 2015. Staff will continue to review the eligible categories and available projects.

CAO/Clerk – 197 Toronto Blvd.

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report to Council providing an update on the status of 197 Toronto Blvd. in Vanastra. Council were advised that staff have been to the property on several occasions and have met with a local demolition company to do a preliminary assessment of some of the demolition issues that may be encountered. OH Solutions from Ingersoll have been contacted to complete a Designated Substance Report and once the report is received, a course of action can be recommended to Council.

Moved by Kevin Wilbee and seconded by Raymond Chartrand:
That Huron East Council receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:

- 1) Chief Building Official, Pro-Tempore
- 2) CAO/Clerk

Receive
Municipal
Reports

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolution of Haldimand County requesting the Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs review the Vacancy Rebate Program to ensure that businesses are not eligible for a reduced property tax burden if the claimed “vacancy” is a result of a labour disruption. Carried.

Resolution
Haldimand County

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East support the resolution passed by the County of Peterborough calling on the provincial government to:

- Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a wholly public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;
- Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading aging infrastructure.

Resolution
County of
Peterborough

Carried.

7:36 p.m. Mayor MacLellan arrived and assumed the Chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESSMain Street Seaforth – Pedestrian Crossing

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Nathan Marshall:
WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Huron East is concerned with the lack of controlled crossings in Seaforth on County Road 12 between Goderich Street and the railway tracks to the south;
AND WHEREAS within Seaforth there is an increased use of motorized scooters, an increase in pedestrian accidents and an increase of pedestrians with limited vision;
AND WHEREAS there is a lack of road markings to aid in crossing at proper locations in Seaforth on County Road 12 between Goderich Street and the railway tracks to the south;
NOW THEREFORE Council of the Municipality of Huron East is requesting the County of Huron to install a mid-block crossing at a mutually agreed location in Seaforth on County Road 12 between Goderich Street and the railway tracks to the south to aid pedestrians in safe crossings.

Request County
Install Mid-Block
Crossing in
Seaforth

Carried.

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

PLANNING

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by David Blaney: No Objection
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East acknowledge the report of Severance
Huron County Planner Claire Dodds and has no objection to the severance B16/15
application (B16/15) of Jacob Penner/Brussels Agromart c/o Merle Hoegy on Penner/
Part Lots 290-295 and Part of Walnut Street Closed Plan 192, Brussels Ward, Merle Hoegy
provided the following conditions are met:

- i) that the severed land merge on title with the abutting property to the North (251 Albert Street, Plan 192, RP 22R1299 Part 1, Brussels Ward) and will be consolidated into one P.I.N. under the Land Title system
- ii) that an easement be registered in favour of Brussels Agromart for the purpose of extending sanitary sewer service

Carried.

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan: No Objection
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East acknowledge the report of Severance
Huron County Planner Claire Dodds and has no objection to the severance B44/15
application (B44/15) of 1463099 Ontario Limited/Neil Jutzi on Lot 11, Concession 1, Jutzi
Grey Ward, provided the following conditions are met:

- i) that the severed and retained lands be rezoned to AG4 and AG2 respectively
- ii) that \$500 be paid to the Municipality as cash-in-lieu of parkland
- iii) that Section 65 of the *Drainage Act* be addressed to the satisfaction of the Municipality

Carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS**Councillor Chartrand – Vanastra Recreation Centre Renovation Fundraising Update**

Councillor Chartrand provided an update on the fundraising completed to date for the renovations at the Vanastra Recreation Centre. It was noted that on January 1st, 2015 there was a shortfall of \$16,188 but after 8 months of fundraising a total of \$23,986 has been raised. He noted that fundraising for the renovations is complete and a fundraising reserve fund will be set up for the \$7,798 surplus. He noted that the Building & Fundraising Committee will continue fundraising efforts to build the reserve with the funds to be utilized when the need arises.

Councillor Blaney – What is Economic Development

In response to a request from Council concerning economic development within Huron East, Councillor Blaney provided a report to Council entitled ‘What is Economic Development?’. Council were also advised that the County of Huron is in the process of facilitating economic development discussions with all lower tier municipalities.

Councillor Fisher – Policing – accidents at Seaforth lights and vandalism after Street Dance

Councillor Fisher advised he has received complaints about vandalism following functions held at the Seaforth & District Community Centres and questioned whether more police presence would be of benefit.

Councillor Fisher expressed concerns with new traffic signals at the Seaforth traffic lights and a number of recent accidents at the intersections. Public Works Coordinator Barry Mills advised he has been in contact with the County of Huron expressing concerns with the timing on lights switching from yellow to red and was advised that the lights met the Ministry of Transportation standards. The Public Works Coordinator also noted the lighting system is being monitored, the advance green lighting is yet to come into effect and timing will be investigated further.

Councillor Fisher – Status of Seaforth Library

Councillor Fisher requested an update on the status of the Seaforth Library. CAO/Clerk Brad Knight advised architect Thor Dingman and Building and Property Maintenance Coordinator John Hill have recently inspected the building and that a further inspection of the roof will be conducted from the aerial truck and a report will be provided to Council once the review has been completed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- 1) Seaforth & District Community Centres Management Committee – July 9th, 2015
- 2) Huron East Economic Development Committee – May 14th, 2015
- 3) Vanastra Recreation Centre Committee – August 11th, 2015
- 4) Vanastra Recreation Centre Building & Fundraising Committee – August 11th, 2015

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Nathan Marshall: Introduce By-Laws
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce By-Laws No. 54, 55, 56 and 57 for 2015. By-Laws

By-Law 54-2015 – Temporary Road Closure – Portions of Sports Drive and McCutcheon Drive, Brussels Ward

By-Law 55-2015 – Zoning Amendment – Part Lot 16, as RP 22R2866 Part 3, Concession 1, London Road Survey, Tuckersmith Ward

By-Law 56-2015 – Smith Drain Maintenance (1st and 2nd readings)

By-Law 57-2015 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by David Blaney: Temporary Road Closures
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 54 for 2015, a by-law to temporarily stop up portions of Sports Drive and McCutcheon Drive, Brussels 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.

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Larry McGrath: Rezoning
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 55 for 2015, a by-law to amend the zoning on Part Lot 16 as RP 22R2866 Part 3, Concession 1, London Road Survey, Tuckersmith 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. Pt. Lot 16 Con. 1 LRS Tuckersmith

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Kevin Wilbee: Maintenance
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 56 for 2015, a by-law to authorize maintenance of Smith Municipal Drain, be given first and second readings. Carried. Smith Municipal Drain

CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Nathan Marshall: Closed Session
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East, pursuant to Section 239(2) of the *Municipal Act*, adjourn the special meeting of Council at 8:12 p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss the following:

- i) 239(2)(c) – proposed disposition of land (Lot 24, Plan 192, Brussels Ward)
- ii) 239(2)(c) – proposed or pending acquisition of land (Seaforth Entrance Sign)
- iii) 239(2)(c) – proposed or pending acquisition of land (Brussels Industrial Property)

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight, Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels, Public Works Coordinator Barry Mills and Economic Development Officer Jan Hawley shall remain for the Closed Session.

Carried.

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Larry McGrath: Resume Regular Council Meeting
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East resumes the Regular Council meeting at 9:12 p.m. Carried.

Mayor MacLellan advised that a number of property disposition/acquisition matters were discussed in Closed Session with appropriate direction being given to staff

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 57 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 John Lowe and seconded by Joseph Steffler:
The time now being 9:15 p.m.
That the meeting do now adjourn until September 8th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk