

**MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members Absent: nil

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, Brad Knight
Public Works Coordinator, Barry Mills
Economic Development Officer, Jan Hawley
Executive Assistant, Janice Andrews

Gary Pundsack, representative of Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc., was in attendance to hear the discussion and answer any questions on the proposed FIT project on Lot 9, Part Lot 10, Concession 5, McKillop Ward.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Joseph Steffler: Adopt
Agenda
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated October 18th, 2016 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

- a) Regular Meeting – October 4th, 2016

Carried.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Nathan Marshall and seconded by Raymond Chartrand:
Accounts
That the accounts payable in the amount of \$728,073.77 be approved for Payable

payment. Carried.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

CAO/Clerk – Committee Appointments

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report to Council concerning Council and citizen appointments to the various Committees and Boards. It was noted that at the commencement for this term of Council there was some discussion by Council as to the term of appointments to various committees and that the process be reviewed half way through the term of Council. Councillor appointments were made at the inaugural meeting (December 2nd, 2014) of Council and the 2-year appointment of citizen appointees took place on January 5th, 2015. The CAO suggested this matter be discussed by the Administration Committee at their next meeting.

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Alvin McLellan:

Review

That Council commence a review of Council and citizen appointments to

Council and

Committees and Boards with appointments to be confirmed by Council

Citizen

resolution before the end of 2016. Carried.

Appointments

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Larry McGrath:

Receive

That Huron East Council receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers

Reports

as presented:

Municipal

- 1) CAO/Clerk

Officers

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl:

Endorse

AMO

WHEREAS recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities

Resolution

of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or somewhat concerned property

Close

Fiscal Gap

taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities;

AND WHEREAS infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government;

AND WHEREAS a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

AND WHEREAS the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increase of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS this cap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal government are fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels,

it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increase of up to 8.35% for ten years; AND WHEREAS Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country; AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Huron East supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments.

Carried.

<p><i>Moved</i> by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Larry McGrath: File That the Municipality of Huron East note and file the Municipality of Grey Resolution of Highlands resolution requesting the Minister of Education initiate an immediate Highlands moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process for rural schools. Carried.</p>	<p>Note & Grey</p>
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<p><i>Moved</i> by Kevin Wilbee and seconded by Brenda Dalton: Objection WHEREAS Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to Rooftop them in the FIT Rules, Version 5.0; Project AND WHEREAS Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. (the “Applicant”) Pt.Lot 10 proposes to construct and operate a Non-Rooftop Solar Project (the “Project”) on McKillop 413010048 and 413010045 (the “Lands”) in The Corporation of the Municipality Murray of Huron East under the Province’s FIT Program; AND WHEREAS the Applicant has requested that Council of the Municipality of Huron East indicate by resolution Council’s support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property; AND WHEREAS pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 5.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council of the Municipality of Huron East supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands. This resolution’s sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project or any other purpose.</p>	<p>No Non- Solar Lot 9, Con. 5, Mark</p>
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Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

PLANNING

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Lowe – Recreation Strategic Planning

Councillor Lowe advised a strategic planning meeting was held the previous night with all three recreation committees facilitated by OMAFRA advisor Vicky Lass. The meeting was successful and involved developing a Terms of Reference for the three recreation departments. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29th, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Councillor Lowe – BMGCC – Sprung Instant Structures Ltd.

Councillor Lowe advised the information received at the last meeting regarding a fabric membrane building from Sprung Instant Structure Ltd. that had been built for a second ice pad in Collingwood, had been discussed at a recent meeting of Brussels, Morris & Grey Recreation Committee.. The Committee had noted the lack of specific details and the cost of the Collingwood project and did not believe it was a type of structure to be considered for the Brussels site. Mayor MacLellan suggested that the products provided by Sprung Instant Structures shouldn't be dismissed so quickly and suggested that staff should research the concept. The CAO noted the Chief Building Official and Deputy Clerk will research this matter further.

Councillor Lowe – Brussels Medical-Dental Centre

Councillor Lowe advised the Brussels Medical-Dental Social Meet and Greet held on October 13th, 2016 to welcome Dr. Bradley Ross to the community was successful and well attended.

Councillor McLellan – Ethel Annual Harvest Supper

Councillor MacLellan advised the Ethel Annual Harvest Supper is being held on Sunday, October 22nd, 2016 and tickets are available.

Councillor Chartrand – Recreation Study

Councillor Chartrand noted that at a previous Vanastra Recreation Committee meeting and the strategic planning sessions for the recreation centres, that a regional recreation study was being promoted and asked who was initiating the study, what the purpose of the study was and how it was being funded.

Mayor MacLellan advised that the Mayor of the Municipality of Bluewater approached him regarding an overall regional review to determine the needs of area and that the Municipality of Huron East could be included. Mayor MacLellan suggested that based on his discussions with OMAFRA advisor Vicki Lass, such a study could be funded through OMAFRA program funding.

Several Councillors expressed concerns about the lack of specific information on the purpose of the study and the potential costs. The CAO advised he will contact the Municipality of Bluewater to obtain further information on what is being proposed and the funding parameters.

Councillor Chartrand – Policing

Councillor Chartrand questioned if Council would consider the option of contacting the

Stratford Police Service to obtain a price to providing policing to the Municipality.

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by David Blaney:
Stratford

That staff be directed to contact the Stratford Police Service to see if
Service
they would be interested in providing a quote to the Municipality of
Huron East. Carried.

Police

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Larry McGrath:
Board/Committee

That Huron East Council receive the following Board and Committee
Minutes

Meeting

Meeting Minutes as submitted:

- 1) Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust – September 1st, 2016
- 2) Huron East Economic Development Committee – June 1st, 2016

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

BY-LAWS

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Alvin McLellan:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce

Introduce

By-Laws No. 62, 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 for 2016.

By-Laws

By-Law 62-2016 – Authorize Site Plan Control Agreement – Lot 8, East Part Lot 24,
West Part Lot 24 and Lot 25, Plan 192, Brussels Ward (Brussels
Four Winds Inc.) (3rd reading)

By-Law 69-2016 – Authorize Agreement – Gravel Extraction- Lot 21, Part Lot 22,
Concession 2, Grey Ward (Ali Epeus Vlieg)

By-Law 70-2016 – Authorize Sale of Lot 24, Plan 192, Brussels Ward (Brussels Four
Winds Inc.)

By-Law 71-2016 – Deem part of Registered Plan of Subdivision not to be part of
Registered Plan of Subdivision – Lots 8, 24 and 25, RP 192,
Brussels Ward

By-Law 72-2016 – Appoint Deputy Clerk (Acting) – Mark Gilpin

By-Law 73-2016 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by David Blaney and seconded by John Lowe:

Site Plan

Control

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 62 for 2016, a by-law to authorize a
Four

Brussels

Site Plan Control Agreement on Lots 8, 24 and 25, Plan 192, Brussels Ward
Inc. Winds
(Brussels Four Winds Inc.), be given third and final readings and signed by the
Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto. Carried.

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Brenda Dalton: Gravel
Extraction

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 69 for 2016, a by-law to authorize an Ali Vlieg
Agreement for Gravel Extraction on Lot 21, Part Lot 22, Concession 2, Grey Ward
(Ali Epeus Vlieg), 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 Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan: Authorize
Sale

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 70 for 2016, a by-law to authorize the Lot 24, Plan 192
sale of Lo 24, Plan 192, Brussels Ward, be given first, second, third and final Brussels
Ward
readings and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be
affixed thereto. Carried.

Moved by Kevin Wilbee and seconded by Brenda Dalton: Deeming
Lot 8, 24,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 71 for 2016, a by-law to deem part of
25, Brussels
registered plan of subdivision not to be a registered plan of subdivision, Lots 8, 24

Ward
and 25, Registered Plan 192, 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 Nathan Marshall and seconded by John Lowe: Appoint

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 72 for 2016, a by-law to appoint Mark Deputy Clerk
Gilpin as Deputy Clerk (Acting), be given first, second, third and final readings and Acting
signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto. Mark

Gilpin
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Larry McGrath: Confirm

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 73 for 2016, a by-law to confirm the Council
proceedings of Council, be given first, second, third and final readings and signed

Proceedings
by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by John Lowe:

Adjournment

The time now being 8:12 p.m.

That the meeting do now adjourn until November 1st, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk