

**MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Bernie MacLellan,  
 Councillors Dianne Diehl, Alvin McLellan, John Lowe,  
 Brenda Dalton, Gloria Wilbee, Joseph Steffler, Larry McGrath  
 and Raymond Chartrand

**Members Absent:** Deputy Mayor Robert Fisher and Councillor Zoey Onn

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

**Others Present:** nil

Remo Schlumpf, applicant of proposed Minor Variance Application 03-2019 on South Part Lot 20, Concession 6 and Lot 20 less highway, Concession 7, Grey Ward, attended the public hearing to hear discussion and answer any questions. (Item 5.10.1)

**CALL TO ORDER & MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Bernie MacLellan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

*Moved* by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by John Lowe:  
 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 be adopted as circulated.

Adopt Agenda

Carried.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS**

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Minor Variance Application A03-2019

*Moved* by Joseph Steffler and seconded by Dianne Diehl:  
 That Council of the Municipality of Huron East adjourn the regular meeting  
 of Council at 6:33 p.m. to go into a Public Hearing to discuss the following:  
 i) Minor Variance Application – South Part Lot 20, Concession 6 and Lot 20  
 less highway, Concession 7, Grey Ward (Remo Schlumpf)

Adjourn Regular  
 Meeting to  
 Public Hearing

Carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:41 p.m.

Reconvene  
 Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. Stop-up, Close and Sell Road Allowances  
Pearson (James) Street in Ethel and Hawkes Street west of Elizabeth Street in Brussels

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight advised that no comments were received concerning the proposed road allowances and By-Laws 36 and 38 for 2019 to authorize the transactions will be considered later in the meeting.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels advised the Ministry of Infrastructure has announced the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). Council were advised there are four funding streams and projects will be funded through 50% Federal, 33.33% Provincial and 16.67%

Municipal funding. The 2019 intake for the Rural & Northern Communities stream closes on May 14th, 2019 at 11:59 pm. The submission for the replacement of structure T13 on Kinburn Line is recommended and includes removal of the existing structure constructed in the 1930's, replace the structure with a wider concrete girder bridge that will accommodate larger vehicles and agricultural equipment and widening of existing road approaches.

**Moved** by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Larry McGrath:  
That the Municipality of Huron East submit the replacement of bridge structure T13 on Kinburn Line, Tuckersmith Ward at an estimated cost of \$2,492,600 to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Rural & Northern Stream; with a requested funding level of \$2,077,083. Carried.

ICIP Funding  
Application  
Bridge T13

**Moved** by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Brenda Dalton:  
Huron East Council receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:  
1) Finance Manager-Treasurer-Deputy Clerk

Receive  
Municipal Reports

Carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Moved** by Alvin McLellan and seconded by John Lowe:  
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolution of the Township of McKellar and Township of Essa urging the Ontario government to restore funding to Ontario Library Service North and Southern Ontario Library Service at a minimum to the previous 2018 funding level. Carried.

Endorse  
Resolutions  
Townships of  
McKellar and  
Essa

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **MUNICIPAL DRAINS**

### **PLANNING**

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Mayor MacLellan – Request to County Council**

Mayor MacLellan advised that his request from Huron East to County Council requesting support for legislative changes to address the implications of dormant residential infill lots and the ability to adjust sewage plant capacities based on dormant infill lots had received support from County Council and would be forwarded to MPP Lisa Thompson and Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

### **Cannabis Growing Operation – Tuckersmith**

Mayor MacLellan and Councillor Chartrand advised they have been contacted by several Vanastra residents regarding the cannabis growing operation that is located in the former Plant Paradise greenhouse in Vanastra.. It was noted that questions were being raised about the awareness the Municipality had of the location and the level of input the Municipality had with respect to approvals and enforcement. The CAO noted that in addition to some initial research on the licensing/approval process that he had been in contact with OMAFRA and the OPP with respect to the odour emissions and the level of regulatory licensing. He further noted that the federal licensing did not involve notification from Health Canada to the Municipality. The CAO indicated that he was currently waiting for additional information from both OMAFRA and the OPP and that he would bring a report to the next meeting.

### **Notice of Motions – Municipal Grants**

**Moved** by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Joseph Steffler:  
That Council concur with the recommendation of the Administration Committee and increase the grant to the Huron Centennial School graduation awards to \$50 for 2019 but also advise that this grant will be discontinued after 2019. Carried.

Huron  
Centennial  
School Grant

**Moved** by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Joseph Steffler:  
That Council concur with the recommendation of the Administration Committee that in lieu of reducing the funding to the Seaforth Lions Club for the Santa Claus Parade, increase the operating grant to the Seaforth Lions Pool by \$2,500 to make the total grant \$10,000 for 2019. Carried.

Seaforth Lions  
Club Grant

**Moved** by Larry McGrath and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:  
That Council concur with the recommendation of the Administration Committee to discontinue the grant to the Clinton Lions Club after 2019 for the maintenance of the Clinton Lions Park and that a letter be forwarded to the Clinton Lions Club advising of Council's direction. Carried.

Clinton Lions  
Club Grant

**Moved** by Dianne Diehl and seconded by John Lowe:  
That Council concur with the recommendation of the Administration Committee that the existing municipal grant policy 1.08 be repealed and replaced by the following:

Municipal  
Grant Policy

*Grant requests from national/provincial fundraising organizations that conduct a general canvas of ratepayers within the Municipality will not be considered for a municipal grant.*

*Grant requests for organizations of cultural/recreational/medical significance within Huron East will be accompanied by financial statements for the organization and preference will be given to organizations that provide services exclusively in Huron East or that are generally available to all residents of Huron East.*

*Grant requests from organizations supporting a one-time specific cause or event will be considered by Council at any time of the year with Council giving consideration to the cause and any budget allotment remaining.*

Carried.

#### Brucefield Church Parking Lot/Scott Street

Mayor MacLellan advised a representative from the Brucefield United Church had contacted him regarding the parking lot/Scott Street on the Brucefield Church property presently being maintained by the Municipality. They had requested deferral of any motion on this matter while they investigate options for consideration. Several Councillors expressed concerns with the Municipality maintaining property it does not own and the potential liability that creates.

Councillor Larry McGrath requested the motion recommended to Council be tabled to allow the Brucefield Church representatives time to research the matter further.

**Moved** by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl:  
That Council concur with the recommendation of the Administration Committee and advise the Brucefield United Church that the Municipality will not provide any maintenance activities on the property between MacLellan Drive and Highway 4.

Brucefield  
United Church  
Parking Lot

**Moved** by Larry McGrath and seconded by Raymond Chartrand:  
That Council table the motion concerning the Brucefield United Church and maintenance activities on the property between MacLellan Drive and Highway 4. Motion Defeated.

Table  
Motion  
Brucefield  
Church  
Defeated

**Moved** by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl:  
That Council concur with the recommendation of the Administration Committee and advise the Brucefield United Church that the Municipality will not provide any maintenance activities on the property between MacLellan Drive and Highway 4. Motion Carried.

Brucefield  
United Church  
Parking Lot

**Moved** by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Raymond Chartrand:  
That Council concur with the recommendation of the Administration Committee and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Dr. Chris Cooper for the use of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Town Hall for classroom/training purposes, provided that proof of insurance can be provided and that the Memorandum of Understanding be entered into for a period not to exceed 12 months. Carried.

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Dr. Chris  
Cooper  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Town Hall

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Moved** by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by John Lowe: 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 – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- (2) Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- (3) Huron East Administration Committee – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS****BY-LAWS**

**Moved** by Joseph Steffler and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Introduce By-Laws  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce By-Law 29, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 for 2019

By-Law 29-2019 – Establish 2019 Tax Rates

By-Law 35-2019 – Easement – Hydro One Networks Inc. – part of Pearson Street (formerly James Street) Plan 239, more particularly described as Parts 2 and 3, Plan 22R-6729, Grey Ward

By-Law 36-2019 – Stop Up, Close and Sell part of Pearson (James) Street, Grey Ward

By-Law 37-2019 – Easement – Festival Hydro Inc. – part of Hawkes Street, Plan 192, Brussels Ward

By-Law 38-2019 – Stop Up, Close and Sell part of Hawkes Street, Brussels Ward

By-Law 39-2019 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

**Moved** by Gloria Wilbee and seconded by Larry McGrath: Establish 2019 Tax Rates  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 29 for 2019, a by-law to establish the 2019 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.

**Moved** by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Brenda Dalton: Easement Hydro One Pearson St. Grey Ward  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 35 for 2019, a by-law to provide an easement to Hydro One Networks Inc. on Part of Pearson Street (formerly James Street), Plan 239, 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.

**Moved** by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Alvin McLellan: Stop Up, Close, Sell Part of Pearson St. Grey Ward  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 36 for 2019, a by-law to stop up, close and sell Pearson Street (formerly James Street), Plan 239, 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.

**Moved** by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Easement Festival Hydro Hawkes St. Brussels Ward  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 37 for 2019, a by-law to provide an easement to Festival Hydro Inc. on part of Hawkes Street, 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 Dianne Diehl and seconded by John Lowe: Stop Up, Close, Sell Part of Hawkes St. Brussels Ward  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 38 for 2019, a by-law to stop up, close and sell part of Hawkes Street, 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.

**CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT**

**CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

*Moved* by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 39 for 2019, a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, be given first, second, third and final readings and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.  
Carried.

Confirm  
Proceedings

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved* by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Raymond Chartrand:  
The time now being 7:24 p.m.  
That the meeting do adjourn until May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Carried.

Adjournment

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Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

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Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk