

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Bernie MacLellan, Deputy Mayor Robert Fisher, Councillors Dianne Diehl, Zoey Onn, John Lowe, Alvin McLellan, Brenda Dalton, Gloria Wilbee, Ray Chartrand, Larry McGrath and Joe Steffler

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

Others Present: Shawn Loughlin, Editor, The Citizen
 Daniel Caudle, Reporter, Clinton News Record/Huron Expositor
 Bob Montgomery, Blackburn News

CALL TO ORDER & MAYOR'S REMARKS

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

Mayor MacLellan advised that he found the recent ROMA conference very informative. He noted that AMO is very concerned with the impacts of the downloading of public health care costs as it is projected that 30 to 50% of public health costs will be downloaded to municipalities.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Ray Chartrand: Adopt Agenda
 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated January 28th, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Bernie MacLellan declared a pecuniary interest on the cash-in-lieu of parkland as he has a severance application being processed (Item 12.02.3.1.1)

Councillor Joe Steffler declared a pecuniary interest on the request of Huron & Area Search and Rescue as he is a board member of the Huron County Victim Services (Item 8.02.2).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Joe Steffler and seconded by Alvin McLellan: Meeting Minutes
 That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated:
 a) Regular Meeting – January 7th, 2020 Carried.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

7:00 p.m. Presentation of Long Service Award

Mayor MacLellan presented 10 year long service award to Economic Development Officer Jan Hawley. Mayor MacLellan expressed appreciation to Ms. Hawley for her hard work, service and dedication to the Municipality.

7:00 p.m. Jim Kraemer – Kramer Concrete Ltd.

Mr. Jim Kraemer of Kraemer Concrete attended before Council to request controlled access to designated municipal roads during a reduced load limit period. Mr. Kraemer advised numerous contractors in the area have shown interest in the proposal indicating it would lengthen the construction period that is currently hampered by the 8 week restricted load season.

Mr. Kraemer suggested that more weight travelling slower protects roads better than quadrupling the truck traffic with reduced loads at regular speeds. Mr. Kraemer also advised he is presenting his proposal to other municipalities, including Perth East. He suggested to Council that no changes have

been made in the last 70 years in the criteria for reduced load limits, but that construction demands of today results in a higher volume of truck traffic trying to meet construction demands with reduced load and the environmental impact of current practices is significant. Mr. Kraemer summarized his proposal noting that;

- it would save the municipality money in repairing roads and provide a monetary deposit to be used to fix something in case of a problem spot
- it would benefit contractors due to lengthened construction season
- the environmental impact due to quadrupling of truck traffic during the half-load season would be reduced

Moved by Joe Steffler and seconded by Ray Chartrand:
That Council refer the request of Jim Kraemer of Kraemer Concrete Ltd. for controlled access to municipal roads designated during a reduced load limit period to the Public Works Coordinator for investigation. Carried.

Refer Request
Kraemer
Concrete Ltd.
Public Works
Coordinator

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Ray Chartrand:
That the accounts payable in the amount of \$2,420,430.42 be approved for payment. Carried.

Accounts
Payable

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – Huron East Parkland Reserve Fund

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report to Council outlining the history and criteria of the Huron East Parkland Reserve Fund. It was noted the Parkland Reserve Fund has allocated approximately \$235,000 to projects since its inception in 2005 and currently the fund has a balance of \$37,533.07.

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2020 Assessment Summaries/Notational Tax Rates

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report to Council providing analysis on the 2020 assessment values and the impact on the per ward basis. It was noted that as expected, the assessment in rural wards has continued to increase while residential assessment has decreased.

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – FCM – Municipal Asset Management Program Funding Application

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report to Council concerning submission of an updated funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Municipal Asset Management Program. Council was advised that FCM had recently inquired if there were any updates to our original submission of September 17th, 2018. The Finance Manager recommended the submission be revised to obtain condition assessments on Huron East's building assets and to develop risk framework for all asset categories noting both of these activities will move the Municipality forward in meeting the requirements of Ontario Regulation 588 in July 2021.

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Ray Chartrand:
That an application be submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Municipal Asset Management Program in the amount of \$50,000 to assist with obtaining condition assessments of Huron East's building assets. Carried.

FCM Funding
Application

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Joe Steffler:
That Huron East Council receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers a presented:

Reports of
Municipal
Officers

- (1) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolution of the Town of Deep River expressing support for investment in the research and development of small modular reactor technology as an innovative, safe, low-carbon energy option. Carried.

Endorse
Resolution
Town of
Deep River

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Larry McGrath:
That Council defer the request of Huron & Area Search and Rescue (HASAR) to use a bay at 30 Welch Street Seaforth to store equipment and use of the offices/auditorium on the second floor of the Seaforth arena to the next regular meeting. Carried.

Defer Request
HASAR to
next meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Larry McGrath:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the Petition for Drainage Works by Owners on Lot 39, Concession 3, LRS, Tuckersmith Ward, (Layton Drain) and appoint R. J. Burnside & Associates to prepare a report 30 days after notification to the Conservation Authority. Carried.

Petition for
Drainage Works
Layton Drain

PLANNING

COUNCIL REPORTS

Notice of Motion – Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:
That Council accept the recommendation from the Administration Committee that the cash-in-lieu of parkland for new lots created by severance be raised from \$500 to \$750. Carried.

Cash-in-Lieu
Parkland
Raised

Mayor Bernie MacLellan – ROMA Delegation

Mayor MacLellan advised that the delegation at ROMA concerning the BMGCC grant funding application for the renovation/expansion project was well received. Council were advised there is a \$1 billion budget for the program and \$11 billion in applications with announcements on funding expected in May.

Councillor Joe Steffler – Souper Saturday

Councillor Steffler advised the annual “Souper Saturday” fundraiser for the Seaforth & District Food Bank will be held on April 18th, 2020.

Mayor Bernie MacLellan – Huron County Budget

Mayor MacLellan advised the draft 2020 budget for the County of Huron currently stands at an approximate 9% increase with a 5% increase to the levy and the balance coming from reserves.

Councillor John Lowe – BMGCC Fundraisers

Councillor Lowe advised BMGCC is hosting a Yuk Yuks dinner on February 8th and on Family Day Sunday February 16th a variety of family activities will be held.

Councillor Larry McGrath – Sanitary Sewer Connections

Councillor McGrath advised ratepayers have questioned when connections will be allowed to the new sanitary sewer on County Road 12/Kippen Road. The Public Works Coordinator indicated that final inspections/testing are being completed and that limited emergency connections will be permitted, but that non-emergency connections will not be considered until later in the spring when the contractor has completed some outstanding site works. He indicated that staff will prepare a notice updating residents on the process and timing to connect.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Zoey Onn and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:
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 – AGM – January 10th, 2019
- (2) Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust – December 4th, 2019
- (3) Huron East Water & Sewer Committee – January 14th, 2020
- (4) Huron East Administration Committee – January 16th, 2020
- (5) Vanastra Recreation Centre/Day Care Committee – January 16th, 2020
- (6) Huron East Heritage Advisory Committee – September 30th, 2019

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Joe Steffler and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce
By-Law 84 for 2019 and By-Laws 6 and 7 for 2020.

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 84-2019 – Haney Municipal Drain 2019 (3rd reading)
By-Law 6-2020 – Authorize Amendment No. 10 to By-Law 26-2010 – CH2MHILL OMI
By-Law 7-2020 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Robert Fisher:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 84 for 2019, a by-law to authorize
borrowing on the credit of the Municipality for the completion of the Haney
Municipal Drain 2019 be given third and final reading and signed by the Mayor
and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto. Carried.

Haney
Municipal
Drain
3rd reading

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Larry McGrath:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 6 for 2020, a by-law to authorize
Amendment No. 10 to By-Law 26-2010 – CH2MHILL OMI 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.

Amendment
No. 10
CH2MHILL
OMI

CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT**CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Dianne Diehl and second by Brenda Dalton:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 7 for 2020, 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.

Confirm
Proceedings

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Larry McGrath:
The time now being 8:19 p.m.
That the meeting do adjourn until February 4th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk