

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Councillor Dianne Diehl

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

Others Present: Shawn Loughlin, Editor, The Citizen
 Bob Montgomery, Blackburn News/CKNX

Peter Bakos, applicant of the proposed Minor Variance Application MV01-2020 on 47 West Street, Plan 400, Lot 72, Block E, Seaforth Ward, attended the public hearing to hear the discussion and answer any questions (Item 5.03.1)

David Raithby, Ontario Land Surveyor, NA Geomatics, surveyor for the applicant of the proposed Minor Variance Application MV01-2020. (Item 5.03.1)

Joan Gross, Laurel Peever, Carl Meikle, Robert Dinsmore, Joan Gowan, Jim Filleter, Anne Marie Bedard, Marty Bedard, Darlene Cronin, Madray Kuttan, Katherine Filleter, Kevin Bennewies, Scott Force, Candice Force, Marilyn MacKenzie, Clayton Mank, Craig Vanderveen, Richard Vanderveen, Ken McGrath and Waneeta McGrath, neighbouring property owners attended the public hearing for Minor Variance Application MV01-2020. (Item 5.03.1)

CALL TO ORDER & MAYOR'S REMARKS

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Gloria Wilbee: Adopt Agenda
 That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated February 4th, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Bernie MacLellan declared a pecuniary interest on consent application C04/20 as he is owner of the subject property (Item 11.03.1).

Deputy Mayor Bob Fisher declared a pecuniary interest on the 2020 Municipal Grants as he is a member of the Seaforth Lions Club (Item 7.03.2).

Councillor Larry McGrath declared a pecuniary interest on the minor variance application MV01-2020 as he may be doing work on the property (Item 5.03.1).

Mayor Bernie MacLellan declared a pecuniary interest on the electric charging station as his company builds units for one of the possible suppliers (Item 12.3.2).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Joe Steffler and seconded by Zoey Onn: Meeting Minutes
 That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated:
 a) Regular Meeting – January 28th, 2020 Carried.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS7:02 p.m. Public Hearing – Minor Variance Application 01-2020

Moved by Gloria Wilbee and seconded by Ray Chartrand:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:02 p.m. to go into a Public Hearing to discuss the following:

- a) Minor Variance Application MV01-2020 – Plan 400, Lot 72, Block E, Seaforth Ward (Elaine and Peter Bakos).

Adjourn to
Public Hearing

Carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

Reconvene
Regular Council

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**CAO/Clerk – Health Unit Fees – Planning Applications

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report to Council concerning the fee schedule for planning applications. It was noted that with the download of responsibility for plumbing and septic applications/inspections from the County Health Unit to the lower tiers, that it was no longer necessary to circulate the Health Unit and review/comments would be provided internally by Huron East staff. The CAO advised that the County of Huron has recently updated its planning applications and has deleted the fee schedule and inserted a clause to confirm with the local municipality if fees are required. The CAO noted that it was brought to Council's attention in December that the consensus of the Huron County Clerks/Treasurers Association was that the existing fee schedule for Health Unit fees related to septic systems for planning applications be retained to allow some time for staff review of the work involved and a recommended fee schedule. It was recommended that Council maintain the previous fee schedule at this time and it be incorporated into the municipal fee schedule.

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That the previous fee schedule for Health Unit comments on planning applications continue to be used for planning applications and incorporated into the municipal fee schedule until further notice to allow a staff review/recommendation on a new fee schedule. Carried.

Health Unit
Comments on
Planning
Applications

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2020 Municipal Grants

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels presented Council with a summary of grants from 2017 to 2019 along with the list of grant requests for 2020.

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Ray Chartrand:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following grants for 2020.

Municipal
Grants 2020

Brussels Ag. - Fall Fair	1,000.00
Brussels Horticultural	550.00
Brussels Santa Claus	1,000.00
Ethel Minor Ball Grant	500.00
Huron Cty. Farm & Home Safety	250.00
Huron Perth Agriculture & Water Festival	250.00
Huron Plowmen's Assoc.	250.00
Lions Club - Seaforth (Santa Claus Parade)	1,000.00
Lions Club - Seaforth (Pool)	10,000.00
Maitland Bank Cemetery	400.00
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 468 (Hensall)	55.00
Royal Canadian Legion - Remembrance Day (Seaforth/Brussels)	100.00
Seaforth Ag. Fall Fair	1,000.00
Seaforth Food Bank - Hall Rental	375.00
Seaforth Horticultural	550.00
St.Columban Soccer	500.00
Van Egmond Foundation	1,000.00
Walton Area Sports Club	500.00
Winthrop Ball Park	500.00

\$ 19,780.00

Carried.

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2020 Budget Process

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed with Council the process for the 2020 budget deliberations. The first draft of the 2020 Budget will be provided for the February 18th, 2020 meeting and it is anticipated final consideration of the budget will be at the March 17th, 2020 meeting of Council.

Mayor MacLellan requested permission from Council to arrange a meeting with the Deputy Mayor, CAO/Clerk and Finance Manager or the Administration Committee to discuss reserve levels of the Municipality. Council were in agreement to a meeting being scheduled with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CAO/Clerk and Finance Manager to discuss reserve levels noting a follow up report will be presented to Council.

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

Reports of
Municipal
Officers

- (1) CAO/Clerk
- (2) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Larry McGrath:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East note and file the resolution of the City of Sarnia concerning the halting of the construction of the Deep Geological Repository, in the Bruce Peninsular, so that less dangerous solutions can be found for the longer storage of nuclear waste. Carried.

Note & File
Resolution
City of Sarnia

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the 2020 County of Huron Annual Accessibility Plan and Multi-Year Accessibility Plan update as required by the *Ontario with Disabilities Act, 2001* to meet the lower tier requirements. Carried.

Endorse 2020
Huron County
Accessibility
Plan & Update**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****MUNICIPAL DRAINS****PLANNING**

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Larry McGrath:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East has no objection to severance application C04/20 of Bernie and Helen MacLellan on Part Park Lots 8, 13-15, Plan 181, Tuckersmith ward, 75836 London Road, provided the following conditions are met:

No Objection
Consent C04/20
MacLellan

- i) that \$750 be paid to the Municipality as cash-in-lieu of parkland
- ii) that Section 645 of the *Drainage Act* be addressed to the satisfaction of the Municipality

Carried.

COUNCIL REPORTSRequests by Members – Deputy-Mayor Bob Fisher, Councillors Ray Chartrand, and Joe Steffler Electric Car Charging Station

Councillor Chartrand advised a delegation previously made to Council was also presented at a recent meeting of the Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust requesting support to install an electronic charging station in Seaforth during the upcoming reconstruction of the Main Street. Council were advised the members of the Trust have suggested a partnership with the Municipality on a 50-50 basis to cover the cost and installation of a charging station. Councillor Chartrand suggested that perhaps the photovoltaic solar reserve could be used to provide funds towards the charging station therefore not jeopardizing the 2020 budget. Council discussed various options on a location for a charger. Councillor Lowe suggested that perhaps a 70-30 split be considered as a charger would benefit mainly the Seaforth area. The CAO advised staff will investigate this matter further as to the reserve policy and provide additional information to Council at a future meeting.

Councillor Alvin McLellan – MVCA Annual Meeting

Councillor Alvin McLellan advised the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority will be holding their Annual Meeting at the municipal office in Goderich on February 18th, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Gloria Wilbee and seconded by Zoey Onn: Board/Committee Meeting Minutes
That Huron East Council receive the following Board and Committee meeting minutes as submitted:

- (1) Huron East/Brussels Community Development Trust – December 30th, 2019
Carried.

OTHER BUSINESSBY-LAWS

Moved by Gloria Wilbee and seconded by Ray Chartrand: Introduce By-Laws
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce By-Law 8 for 2020.

By-Law 8-2020 – Confirm Council Proceedings
Carried.

CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUTCONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Ray Chartrand: Confirm Proceedings
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 8 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.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joe Steffler and seconded by Gloria Wilbee: Adjournment
The time now being 8:20 p.m.
That the meeting do adjourn until February 18th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

 Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

 Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk