

**MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SEAFORTH, ONTARIO
TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members Absent: Mayor Bernie MacLellan and Councillor Joseph Steffler

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

Others Present: Daniel Caudle, Reporter, Clinton News Record/Huron Expositor

Janet Boot, Chair of the Vanastra Recreation Centre/Day Care Committee, attended the meeting to hear the discussion on the 2019 Budget.

CALL TO ORDER & MAYORS REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Robert Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Raymond Chartrand: Adopt Agenda
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated March 19th, 2019
be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Raymond Chartrand: Meeting Minutes
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council
Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated:

- a) Regular Meeting – March 5th, 2019 Carried.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Zoey Onn and seconded by John Lowe: Accounts Payable
That the accounts payable in the amount of \$2,983,899.94 be approved
for payment. Carried.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2019 OMPF Funding

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report to Council concerning the release of the 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) funding allocations. She advised Council that the Municipality of Huron East's 2019 funding allocation decreased by 12% from 2018 funding levels. She further advised that the \$179,900 decrease was equivalent to 4.2% of the general municipal levy in the 2019 Budget. The Finance Manager further noted the overall decline in funding levels to Huron East from a peak of \$3,154,000 to levels that are now well below the 2001 funding level of \$2,365,418. Council were also advised that on March 14th, 2019 the Minister of Infrastructure had also advised that the 2018 OCIF top-up funding program had been cancelled and that the Egmondville servicing project which had been submitted to this program would not receive funding and the Ministry had not nominated the project for consideration under the new federal/provincial Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – 2019 Budget – 2nd Draft

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels presented and reviewed the 2nd draft of the 2019 Budget for consideration by Council.

She noted that the 1st draft of the 2019 Budget was reviewed at the February 19th council meeting and was presented with a general municipal levy increase of \$303,302 (7%) but also with a shortfall of approximately \$1.49 million. She reviewed a number of minor adjustments that had been made to the 1st draft to reflect actual amounts/updates that have been received. Council were advised that the 2019 Budget – 2nd Draft includes a general municipal levy increase of 7% and has a shortfall of \$1,107,982. The Treasurer provided options for consideration by Council to balance the 2019 Budget including transferring funds from reserves, increasing the general municipal levy, borrowing from Infrastructure Ontario or cutting costs and/or services.

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Zoey Onn: Brussels
That Council direct the Treasurer to allocate \$20,000 in the 2019 Budget to Medical
the Brussels Medical Committee to assist with the installation of a two-stage lift Committee
elevator. Carried. Allocation

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Raymond Chartrand: Vanastra
That Council direct the Treasurer to include \$302,500 in the 2019 Budget to Recreation
the Vanastra Recreation Committee for dehumidification and ventilation Centre
upgrades and that the Committee be authorized to proceed with the project Upgrades
if the Municipality receives approval from Northland Power to commit
“community funding” (By-Law 80-2014) to the project. Carried.

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by John Lowe: Increase
That Council direct the Treasurer to increase the general tax levy increase General Tax
in the final draft of the 2019 Budget to 10%. Carried. Levy 10%

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by John Lowe: Contributions
That Council direct the Treasurer to show the following contributions from from Reserves
reserves in the final draft of the 2019 Budget:
i) \$784,000 from working capital reserves
ii) \$285,000 from equipment reserves

Carried.

Drainage Clerk – Tenders – Balfour Municipal Drain 2018 and Campbell Municipal Drain 2018

The CAO presented the Drainage Clerk’s report to Council concerning tenders received for the construction of the Balfour Municipal Drain 2018 and the Campbell Municipal Drain 2018. The following tenders were received before 2:00 pm on March 13th, 2019 and opened by Councillor Raymond Chartrand, Finance Manager-Treasurer Paula Michiels and Drainage Clerk Miranda Boyce.

Balfour Municipal Drain 2018	
Contractor	Price (excluding taxes)
A.G. Hayter Contracting Ltd.	\$82,020.00
Horst Excavating Inc.	\$82,052.00
Engineer’s Estimate	\$89,340.00

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Accept Tender
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the tender of A. G. Hayter Balfour Drain
Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$82,020.00 plus applicable taxes for the
construction of the Balfour Municipal Drain 2018. Carried.

Campbell Municipal Drain 2018	
Contractor	Price (excluding taxes)
VanBree Drainage & Bulldozing Ltd.	\$153,450.00
A.G. Hayter Contracting Ltd.	\$141,310.00
Engineer’s Estimate	\$180,600.00

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the tender of A. G. Hayter Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$141,310.00 plus applicable taxes for the construction of the Campbell Municipal Drain 2018. Carried.

Accept Tender
Campbell Drain

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
Huron East Council receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:
1) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
2) Drainage Clerk

Receive
Municipal Reports

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Gloria Wilbee and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolution of the Town of Saugeen Shores requesting the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario move forward with accepting applications for funding under the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program” to help address the recreation and cultural capital infrastructure deficit in Canada. Carried.

Endorse
Resolution
Town of
Saugeen Shores

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

PLANNING

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Robert Fisher – County Presentations

Deputy Mayor Fisher advised the following two presentations were made at County Council at their meeting on March 6th, 2019.

- i) Ontario Federation of Agriculture and Huron County Federation of Agriculture
- requesting that Huron County Council adjust the Farm Tax Ratio to .223 to allow farm property owners to maintain the current proportion of tax burden.
- ii) John Schwartentruber, representing the Huron Group
- requesting Huron County Council halt any further action on the Huron Natural Heritage Plan until there is a comprehensive study completed on the economic impact of the Heritage Plan.

Annual Summary Reports – Huron East Water Systems

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Brenda Dalton:
That Huron East Council receive and accept the 2018 Annual Summary Reports from Jacobs OMI Canada for the following Huron East Water systems:

2018 Annual
Summary
Reports
Water Systems

<u>System</u>	<u>System Number</u>
Brucefield	220007604
Brussels	220001487
Seaforth	220001511
Vanastra	210001585

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Fisher – Souper Saturday

Deputy Mayor Fisher advised the Annual Souper Saturday fundraiser for the Seaforth Foodbank is being held on April 13th, 2019 from 11:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Councillor Chartrand – VRC Annual Chicken Dinner

Councillor Chartrand advised the VRC Committee is hosting their 5th Annual Chicken Dinner on April 26th, 2019 and tickets are available.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
That Huron East Council receive the following Board and Committee meeting minutes as submitted:

Board/Committee
Meeting Minutes

- (1) Vanastra Recreation Centre/Day Care Committee – February 20th, 2018
- (2) Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust – February 7th, 2019
- (3) Huron East Water & Sewer Committee – March 12th, 2019
- (4) BMG Board of Recreation Management Committee – February 11th, 2019

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce
By-Laws 21 and 22 for 2019

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 21-2019 – Authorize Extension of Seaforth Sanitary Sewage Collection System and
Establish a Capital Charge for the Area Serviced

By-Law 22-2019 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Dianne Diehl:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 21 for 2019, a by-law to authorize
Extension of Seaforth Sanitary Sewage Collection System and establish a capital
charge for the area serviced, 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.

Extension
Seaforth Sewage
System &
Establish Capital
Charge for Area
Serviced

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

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Zoey Onn:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 22 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 Raymond Chartrand and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:
The time now being 9:10 p.m.
That the meeting do adjourn until April 2nd, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Carried.

Robert Fisher, Deputy Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk