

MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THE SEAFORTH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE
SEAFORTH, ONTARIO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Councillor Larry McGrath

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

Kaitlyn Pipe attended the meeting to hear the consideration of the Brussels Four Winds request to extend their licence area (Item 8-15-5).

CALL TO ORDER & MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Bernie MacLellan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor MacLellan advised that he attended the 2020 AMO conference virtually and noted that AMO did a good job of providing the conference in this format. He advised that questions for the Minister's forum were grouped by category and presented in a structured fashion over the 3 days. He noted that several funding announcements were made including the continuation of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and an additional 5% in land ambulance funding. He also advised that Covid-19 and the impact on long term care homes (residents, staff, funding, etc.) was a focus point during the convention; he noted that 16% of long term care is provided by municipalities.

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 September 1st, 2020
be adopted as circulated with the following addition:
Agenda Item: 15.15.2 – By-Law 51-2020 – Temporary Road Closure – Brussels Fall Parade
Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Joe Steffler and seconded by John Lowe: Meeting
Minutes
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council
Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated:
a) Regular Meeting – August 11th, 2020
b) Public Hearing – August 11th, 2020
c) Public Meeting – August 11th, 2020 Carried.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Gloria Wilbee: Accounts
Payable
That the accounts payable in the amount of \$2,216,628.97 be approved for
payment. Carried.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk – Tax Rate Comparison

Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Paula Michiels reviewed her report to Council providing tax rate comparison of the municipalities within Huron County. It was noted that since amalgamation in 2000 Huron East has maintained a level of stability with respect to taxation for its member wards comparative to the rest of the County.

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Joe Steffler:
That Huron East Council receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:

Municipal
Officers
Reports

(1) Finance Manager-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Robert Fisher and seconded by Brenda Dalton:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolution of the Municipality of West Grey to actively work towards anti-racism and anti-oppression at every opportunity beginning with annual training for council, committee members, and employees for anti-racism, anti-oppression, diversity and inclusion, and the history of Aboriginal peoples. Carried.

Endorse
Resolution
Municipality
West Grey

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Robert Fisher:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolution of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh asking the federal government of Canada to support the broad based call to exempt farmers from paying the carbon tax on farm use propane and natural gas.

Resolution
ACW

Mayor MacLellan suggested that other sectors of the economy were impacted by the carbon tax and questioned the fairness of supporting one sector over the other on the issue and suggested that the ACW resolution perhaps should be more inclusive

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That the motion to endorse the resolution of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh asking the federal government of Canada to support the broad based call to exempt farmers from paying the carbon tax on farm use propane and natural gas be tabled until the next regular meeting. Carried.

Table
Resolution
ACW

Moved by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Zoey Onn:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East grant permission to the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation to install the CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon Banner across Hwy. # 8 during the month of October, 2020. Carried.

Grant
Permission
Healthcare
Heroes Banner

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Zoey Onn:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the City of Port Colborne resolution regarding Private Member's Bill 164 – Protecting Vulnerable Persons in Supportive Living Accommodation Act, 2019. Carried.

Endorse
Resolution
City of
Port Colborne

Moved by Zoey Onn and seconded by John Lowe:
That the Municipality of Huron East has no objection to the request by the Brussels Four Winds Barn to extend their licence onto their concrete patio area for the balance of 2020 provided the following conditions are met:

No Objection
Brussels
Four Winds
Licence
Extension
Patio Area

1. The area to be enclosed by a temporary fence/barrier at least 9 metres in height
2. The occupancy limit for the outdoor area to not exceed 1.11m² per person
3. That the hours of the outdoor patio area be limited to 11:00 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Joe Steffler:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the Town of Lakeshore resolution urging the Government of Canada to immediately work with internet connection providers to ensure that all Canadians are paying a fair and similar price for their internet connections including the elimination of data usage caps and overage fees. Carried.

Endorse
Resolution
Town of
Lakeshore

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL DRAINS

PLANNING

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan:
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East has no objection to severance application C52/20 of Rob and Christine Keffer on West Half Lot 17, Concession 8, Grey Ward, provided the following conditions are met:

No Objection
Severance
C52/20
Keffer

- i) that the severed and retained lands be rezoned to AG4 and AG2 respectively
- ii) that \$750 be paid to the Municipality as cash-in-lieu of parkland
- iii) that Section 65 of the *Drainage Act* be addressed to the satisfaction of the municipality.

Carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

In response to a question raised at the previous meeting, Deputy-Mayor Fisher advised that he had contacted Huron County's Climate Change and Energy Specialist Lily Morrow to inquire of the status of the County grant application and advised that she indicated that the County should hear about the status of the grant in September.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

Huron County Municipal Officers Meeting

Councillor Lowe inquired of the County Councillors if any consideration would be given to rescheduling the annual municipal officers meeting that had been cancelled this past spring.

Maitland Valley Park (Brussels)

Councillor Lowe requested staff to place garbage containers in the park and place a 911 emergency sign at the pavilion.

Seaforth Hospital entrance

Councillor Lowe requested staff to inspect the entrances/exits to the hospital and specifically the trees/hedges obstructing the view of vehicles entering and leaving from the hospital.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Ray Chartrand and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:

That Huron East Council receive the following Board and Committee meeting minutes as submitted:

Meeting Minutes

- (1) Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust – July 2nd, 2020

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

BY-LAWS

Moved by Joe Steffler and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce By-Laws 50, 51 and 52 for 2020:

Introduce
By-Laws

By-Law 50-2020 – Authorize Ontario Infrastructure Loan Debentures

- Cost of Main Street County Road 13 Reconstruction

By-Law 51-2020 – Temporary Road Closure – Brussels Fall Parade

By-Law 52-2020 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried.

Moved by Dianne Diehl and seconded by John Lowe:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 50 for 2020, a by-law to authorize Ontario Infrastructure Loan Debentures towards the cost of Main Street County Road 12 Reconstruction, 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.

Authorize
Ontario
Infrastructure &
Lands Corp.
Debentures

Moved by John Lowe and seconded by Zoey Onn:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 51 for 2020, a by-law to temporarily close a portion of Sport Drive, Ellen Street, Ainley Street and Turnberry Street (County Road 12) in the Brussels Ward, on September 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, 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.

Temporary
Road Closure
Brussels Fall
Parade

CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT (Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Zoey Onn and seconded by Brenda Dalton:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 52 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.

Confirm
Proceedings

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Brenda Dalton:
The time now being 7:48 p.m.
That the meeting do adjourn until September 22nd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk