

**MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES****VIRTUAL MEETING****TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, Larry McGrath and Raymond Chartrand

**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

**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 Dianne Diehl and seconded by Ray Chartrand: Adopt Agenda  
That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
as circulated with the following addition:  
Item 7.21.2 – Public Works Coordinator – Snow Removal Seaforth Core Carried.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST****MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Moved* by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Zoey Onn: Meeting  
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Minutes  
Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated:  
a) Regular Meeting – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Carried.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS****ACCOUNTS PAYABLE****REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS****CAO/Clerk – Agreement – County of Huron (EMS)**

CAO/Clerk Brad Knight reviewed his report to Council concerning the location for County ambulance services in the Brussels area. Council were advised that prior to COVID-19 a County ambulance was normally located in the Huronlea parking lot in Brussels with an office and lounge services provided to EMS personnel within Huronlea. With COVID-19 protocols in place, Huronlea was limiting access to their facility and the County ambulance has been relocated to the Brussels Fire Hall for some time with temporary arrangements in place for use the meeting room, kitchen and washrooms facilities. The County has suggested this arrangement be formalized with a lease agreement that would provide a monthly lease of \$300 per month. It was noted By-Law 74-2020 to authorize a Lease Agreement with the County will be considered by Council later in the meeting.

Council were advised that during discussions with County staff regarding a lease agreement, discussions also touched on the concept of the future needs of EMS in Brussels. It was acknowledged that a maintaining a strategic location in the Brussels area may be desirable for the east side of the County. He suggested that if an expansion of the Brussels Fire Hall was being considered for EMS, the Municipality may wish to consider an additional bay for the Brussels Fire Hall, which was originally constructed in 1994. He further noted that such a proposal would make a strong application for funding under the recently announced ICIP – COVID Stream as the application could be developed around the concept of moving an EMS base from a vulnerable population to an existing location with a building retrofit and expansion, it would also be considered as a joint application (Morris-Turnberry fire agreement) along with the involvement of another level of government (County EMS). The CAO did suggest that while the concept may have merit, the consideration of it for grant purposes was premature at this time as the County had not made any commitments to future locations of facilities.

**Moved** by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Ray Chartrand:  
That staff investigate options for a grant application to ICIP – COVID Resilience Infrastructure Stream and bring a report back to the next meeting.  
Carried.

Investigate  
Options  
ICIP-COVID  
Funding Stream

#### Public Works Coordinator – Snow Removal Seaforth Core

Public Works Coordinator Barry Mills reviewed his report to Council concerning the status of snow removal in the core area of Seaforth. The Public Works Coordinator advised that Don Heard of G. Heard Construction Ltd. is contracted to provide snow removal equipment with operators for a 3-year period with a 2-year extension, noting this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the contract. He advised that Mr. Heard is having trouble obtaining liability insurance at a reasonable rate and will not be able to provide the service. Mr. Heard has offered to rent his Skid Steer and Blower to the Municipality through a rental agreement acceptable to our insurer. Council were requested to consider an equipment rental lease with G. Heard Construction Ltd. in lieu of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the snow removal of Seaforth core contract.

**Moved** by John Lowe and seconded by Gloria Wilbee:  
That Council authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign an equipment rental agreement with G. Heard Construction Ltd. for a Skid Steer and Blower for snow removal from the core area of Seaforth at a rate of \$200.00 per hour for the 2020-2021 season. Carried.

Equipment  
Rental  
Heard Const.  
Snow Removal  
Seaforth Core

**Moved** by Bob Fisher and seconded by Alvin McLellan:  
That Huron East Council receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:

- (1) CAO/Clerk
- (2) Public Works Coordinator

Municipal  
Officers  
Reports

Carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

**Moved** by John Lowe and seconded by Bob Fisher:  
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolutions of the Municipality of Meaford, Township of Amaranth, City of Belleville and County of Prince Edward expressing concerns regarding proposed Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, in particular proposed changes regarding ranked ballot voting and the nominations period. Carried.

Endorse  
Resolutions  
Bill 218  
Municipal  
Elections Act

**Moved** by Bob Fisher and seconded by Ray Chartrand:  
That the Municipality of Huron East support the submission by AMO to the Province of Ontario that Schedule 6 of Bill 229, (*Budget Measures Act*) be withdrawn and that the Province be encouraged to work with Conservation Authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and certain conditions for growth;  
AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. Carried.

Support  
Submission  
AMO  
Conservation  
Authorities

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### MUNICIPAL DRAINS

#### PLANNING

**Moved** by Bob Fisher and seconded by Dianne Diehl:  
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East acknowledge the report of Huron County Planner Laura Simpson dated November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and defer a decision on severance application C79/20 of Robert DeForest on Lots 290 to 295, Pt. Reserve, Pt. Walnut Street and 22R-6304 Parts 3, 5 and 7, Plan 192, Brussels Ward, to the next regular meeting of Council to allow the Planner to provide an updated planning report for consideration by Council. Carried.

Defer  
Consent C79/20  
DeForest

**Moved** by Brenda Dalton and seconded by Zoey Onn:  
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East acknowledge the report of Huron County Planner Laura Simpson dated November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and has no objection to severance application C82/20 of John Dekroon on Lot 5, Concession 1, McKillop Ward, provided the following conditions are met:  
i) that the severed land merge on title with the abutting property to the west (Part Lot 5, Concession 1, Plan 22R-2078 Part 1, McKillop Ward)

No Objection  
Consent C82/20  
Dekroon

- ii) one square foot portion of the abutting property to which the severed land is to be merged be conveyed to the Municipality
- iii) that the retained lands be rezoned to recognize that an existing accessory structure does not meet the minimum setback from the new lot line.

Carried.

**Moved** by Dianne Diehl and seconded by Alvin McLellan:  
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East acknowledge the report of Huron County Planner Laura Simpson dated November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and has no objection to severance application C85/20 of 1813075 Ontario Inc. c/o Andrea Van Nes on Part Lot 22, 22R-5781 Parts 1 and 6, Concession 8, Grey Ward, provided the following conditions are met:

No Objection  
Consent C85/20  
Van Nes

- i) that the severed land merge on title with the abutting property to the east (Part Lot 22, Concession 8, Grey Ward).

Carried.

**Moved** by Bob Fisher and seconded by Dianne Diehl:  
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East acknowledge the report of Huron County Planner Laura Simpson dated November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and has no objection to severance application C86/20 of 183075 Ontario Inc. c/o Andrea Van Nes on Lot 21, Part Lot 22, Part Road Allowance, 22R-5781 Part 3 and 5, Concession 8, Grey Ward. Carried.

No Objection  
Consent C86/20  
Van Nes

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Inaugural Meeting – County of Huron**

Deputy Mayor Bob Fisher advised the Inaugural Meeting of the County of Huron will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. noting an election will be held for a new Warden to serve the 2021-2022 term.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

Deputy Mayor Bob Fisher advised the application submitted by the County of Huron to the Zero-Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program for funding to assist with the installation of electric vehicle chargers was approved.

### **Climate Change – Single Serve Plastics**

Deputy Mayor Bob Fisher advised the County of Huron has adopted a Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy to encourage a reduction in the purchase, use and disposal of single-use items to minimize the environmental impact and improve sustainability. He suggested that he would obtain and provide a copy to councillors for their review and that he would ask that consideration be given to adopting a similar strategy for Huron East.

### **Brussels Christmas Experience**

Councillor John Lowe advised the Brussels Christmas Experience is being held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This event is a driving experience only and people are to stay in their vehicles and drive their own route.

### **Notice of Motion**

**Moved** by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl:  
That Council of the Municipality of Huron East proclaim December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada and that the flags at the Town Hall be lowered to half mast. Carried.

Proclaim  
December 6<sup>th</sup>  
National Day  
Violence  
Against  
Women

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Meeting Minutes

- (1) Seaforth & District Community Centres Management Committee – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- (2) Vanastra Recreation Centre/Day Care Committee – November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**BY-LAWS**

*Moved* by Alvin McLellan and seconded by Joe Steffler:  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that leave be given to introduce  
By-Laws 74, 76 and 77 for 2020: Introduce  
By-Laws

By-Law 74-2020 – Authorize Agreement – Mutual Assistance, Huron County, Lower Tiers,  
repeal By-Law 89-2019  
By-Law 76-2020 – Authorize Lease Agreement – County of Huron (Huron Emergency Services)  
– Brussels Fire Hall  
By-Law 77-2020 – Confirm Council Proceedings  
Carried.

*Moved* by John Lowe and seconded by Dianne Diehl: Authorize  
Agreement  
Huron County  
Mutual  
Assistance  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 74 for 2020, a by-law to authorize  
an Agreement with the County of Huron and lower tier municipalities for mutual  
assistance, 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 Zoey Onn and seconded by Joe Steffler: Authorize Lease  
Agreement  
Huron County  
Brussels Fire  
Hall  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 76 for 2020, a by-law to authorize a  
Lease Agreement with the County of Huron for the shared use of amenities at the  
Brussels Fire Hall for a Paramedic Services Post, 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 (Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)**

**CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

*Moved* by Bob Fisher and seconded by Alvin McLellan: Confirm  
Proceedings  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that By-Law 77 for 2020, a by-law to confirm  
the proceedings of Council, be given first, second, third and final reading  
and signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be  
affixed thereto. Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved* by John Lowe and seconded by Ray Chartrand: Adjournment  
The time now being 8:15 p.m.  
That the meeting do adjourn until December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

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Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

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Brad Knight, CAO/Clerk