



Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
2nd Floor, 72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Members Present:

Deputy Mayor: Robert Fisher; Councillors: Raymond Chartrand, Brenda Dalton, Dianne Diehl, Larry McGrath, Alvin McLellan, Justin Morrison, Zoey Onn, Joe Steffler, and Gloria Wilbee

Absent:

Mayor: Bernie MacLellan

Staff Present:

CAO Brad McRoberts; Clerk Jessica Rudy; and Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier

Others Present:

Ben Gowing, GM BluePlan Engineering Ltd (Item 6.1)

Dawn Yundt (Item 6.1)

Mark Swart (Item 6.1)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

Clerk Jessica Rudy provided the land acknowledgement.

3. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Onn:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated September 20, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor McLellan:

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting Minutes as printed and circulated:

5.1 Regular Meeting – September 6, 2022

5.2 Public Meeting – September 6, 2022

Carried

6. Public Meetings/Hearings and Delegations

6.1 Engineer's Report re: Baker Municipal Drain, Branch A

Ben Gowing, Engineer, GM BluePlan Engineering, appeared before Council and provided an overview of the drainage works for the Baker Municipal Drain, Branch A, in particular the portions impacted by the Section 78 Improvement and subsequent Section 4 Petition. He provided an overview of the investigation, research conducted and proposed construction. It was noted, that there has been some concerns from landowners in regards to the net assessments, and that while they will continue to have discussions with the landowners the issues can be addressed through the Court of Revision, as it does not affect the design of the drain.

In response to the call for comments from landowners in attendance, Mark Swart and Dawn Yundt appeared addressed Council expressing concerns with current assessments and noted that they will address their concerns through the Court of Revision process.

Deputy Mayor Fisher requested if any landowner was present that wished to withdraw his or her name from the Section 4 Petition. No names were withdrawn.

In response to Council, B. Gowing stated that the recommended drain size is the current acceptable standard for municipal drains and explained that if a branch were to be installed to accommodate upstream flow would require a new Section 4 to be filed.

Moved by Councillor McGrath and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the engineers' report on the Baker Municipal Drain, Branch A, 2022 and designate it as By-law 078-2022;

And that the Court of Revision be set for October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and that Councillors Alvin McLellan, Dianne Diehl and Raymond Chartrand be appointed be appointed as members with Councillor McLellan acting as Chair.

Carried

7. Accounts Payable - \$1,617,383.87

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$1,617,383.87 be approved for payment.

Carried

8. Reports & Recommendations of Municipal Officers

9. Correspondence

9.1 Brussels Four Winds – Wedding and Event Venue re: Proposed Noise By-law

Clerk Jessica Rudy clarified that the purpose for the proposed Noise By-law was to create a unified and updated By-law for Huron East and repeals the Former Town of Seaforth By-law.

Received for information.

10. Unfinished Business

11. Municipal Drains

12. Planning

13. Council Reports

13.1 Council Member Reports

13.1.1 County Council Report

Deputy Mayor Fisher stated that there are two significant developments in Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, with over 100 homes planned in the next few years.

13.1.2 Other Boards/Committees or Meetings/Seminars

Deputy Mayor Fisher noted that the Rural to Rural Conference is being held from October 17-20, 2022 in Brussels and encouraged Councillors to attend.

13.2 Requests by Members

Councillor Chartrand requested an update in regards to the status of the Seaforth Manor. CAO Brad McRoberts noted that the MPP has been contacted, however there has been no response and staff will reach out again. Councillor Chartrand noted that the situation cannot be taken lightly and that support should be received from Provincial and Federal levels.

13.3 Notice of Motion

13.4 Announcements

Councillor Onn thanked all who attended the Brussels Fall Fair and noted the success of the event.

Councillor McLellan announced that the Ethel community will be hosting a drive thru harvest supper on October 30, 2022.

Councillor Chartrand announced Ciderfest being held on September 25, 2022 at the Van Egmond House and encouraged all to come out.

Deputy Mayor Fisher announced that the Huron Harvest tasting event is being held on October 2, 2022 from 12-5 p.m.

14. Information Items

14.1 Council Expenses for August 2022.

Received for Information.

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

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

14.2 Huron East/Seaforth Community Development Trust – August 4, 2022, 2022

14.3 Seaforth & District Community Centre Management Committee – September 4, 2022

Carried

15. Other Business

Clerk Jessica Rudy updated Council that due to the advertising of a virtual Public Meeting for the Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendments placed prior to the Council decision to return fully to in person meetings, the October 4, 2022 Public Meeting and Regular Council meeting will be held virtually.

16. By-laws

Clerk Jessica Rudy suggested that in response to recent correspondence received from the public in regards to the regulations and licensing requirements for kennels in Huron East, that the Animal Control By-law be deferred in order to allow staff to investigate any potential improvements to that portion of the By-law.

Moved by Councillor Dalton and Seconded by Councillor McGrath:

That By-law 77-2022, A By-law to Regulate Animal Care and Control with the Municipality of Huron East be deferred; and

That be It Hereby Resolved that leave be given to introduce By-laws 76, 78 and 79 for 2022.

By-law 076-2022 – A By-law for the Regulation and Prohibition of Noise and Sound for the Municipality of Huron East

By-law 078-2022 – A By-law for the Baker Municipal Drain, Branch A

By-law 079-2022 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 076-2022, A By-law for the Regulation and Prohibition of Noise and Sound for the Municipality of Huron East 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

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor McLellan:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 078-2022, A By-law for the Baker Municipal Drain, Branch A be given first, and second readings and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

17. Closed Session And Reporting Out (Section 239 Of The *Municipal Act*, 2001)

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East, pursuant to Section 239(2) of the *Municipal Act*, adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:52 p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss the following:

17.1 Adoption of September 6, 2022 Closed Session of Council Meeting Minutes

17.2 239(2)(c), proposed or pending disposition of land in Seaforth

And that CAO Brad McRoberts, Director of Finance Stacy Grenier, and Clerk Jessica Rudy remain in closed session.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Onn and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East resumes the regular Council meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Fisher reported out from the Closed Session that Council discussed potential disposition of land in Seaforth.

18. Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 079-2022, a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, be given first, second, third and final reading and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

19. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

The time now being 8:41 p.m. That the regular meeting do adjourn until October 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Robert Fisher, Deputy Mayor

Jessica Rudy, Clerk