



Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Council Chambers

2nd Floor, 72 Main Street South, Seaforth

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

CAO Brad McRoberts; Clerk Jessica Rudy; Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier and Public Works Manager Barry Mills

Others Present:

Ronald and Rebecca Janmaat (Item 8.1)

Norma Jean Ciglar (Item 8.2)

Joy Paquette (Item 8.3)

Solicitor Greg Stewart (Item 10.2)

Huron County Planner Jenn Burns

Huron County Student Shae Stoll

1. Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:02 p.m., electronically, in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the purposes of considering the following matters:

- 1.1** 239(2)(b), Personal matters about identifiable individuals in relation to staffing regarding recruitment.

And that CAO Brad McRoberts and Clerk Jessica Rudy remain in closed session along with the CAO and Council of the Township of North Huron and John McDougall;

And That the Fire Chief candidate shall join Closed Session when requested by the CAO.

Carried

2. Call to Order

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

3. Reconvene into Open Session and Reporting Out

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East resume the regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Mayor MacLellan reported that Council went into a joint closed session with North Huron Council to discuss the selection process and recommendations from both CAOs regarding the Fire Chief position.

Opening Remarks

Mayor MacLellan noted that this is the last Council meeting for the 2018-2022 Term of Council and on behalf of Council expressed gratitude and thankfulness for the years of Service from Councillor Steffler and Councillor Onn.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor MacLellan provided the land acknowledgement.

5. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Onn and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated November 1, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

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

7.1 Regular Meeting – October 18, 2022

7.2 Public Meeting – October 18, 2022

Carried

8. Public Meetings/Hearings and Delegations

8.1 Public Meeting re: Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for 43359 Sawmill Road, McKillop Ward

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:08 p.m. to go into a Public Meeting to discuss the following:

- a) Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment for Concession 10, Part Lots 18 & 19, McKillop Ward

Carried

Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

8.2 Public Hearing re: Minor Variance Application MV03-2022 for 67 Brantford Street, Seaforth

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:14 p.m. p.m. to go into a Public Hearing to discuss the following:

- a) Minor Variance Application MV03-2022 for 67 Brantford Street, Seaforth Ward

Carried

Council reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

8.3 Delegation: Joy Paquette, Vanastra Village Alliance re: Outdoor Ice Rink for Vanastra

Joy Paquette appeared before Council requesting funds and support to build an outdoor ice rink in Vanastra Park. J. Paquette confirmed that there are many volunteers, both high school students and adults that are willing to maintain and support the rink and that discussions are underway with the Brucefield Fire Department to see if they will do the initial fill of the rink and it was noted that an application for \$5000 grant has been submitted.

Council discussed the request and noted liability, viability and maintenance concerns. It was stressed that rinks will need regular maintenance to be used on a regular basis and questioned the liability to the Municipality with it being on Municipal land.

In response to the liability concerns, CAO Brad McRoberts stated that he would contact the insurance company to determine the factors and costs.

Council expressed interest in the rink, however noted that there are many operational factors which would still need to be considered. Councillor Chartrand suggested that the request be brought to the Vanastra Recreation Centre/Day Care Management

Committee for discussion and possible funding resources.

Council stated that a decision may be made at a later date once the finer details of the project are confirmed.

9. Accounts Payable

10. Reports & Recommendations of Municipal Officers

10.1 CAO-22-53, Christmas Schedule

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East recognize Christmas and Boxing Day as statutory holidays on December 26th and December 27th, 2022, respectively;

And That the New Year's Day statutory holiday be recognized on December 30, 2022;

And Further That the Municipal Office be closed on December 28th and December 29th, 2022 with affected staff using vacation or banked time for those two days.

Carried

10.2 CAO-22-55, Appeal – Refusal of Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment – Part Lot 40, Plan 133, Tuckersmith Ward

CAO Brad McRoberts provided a history and background to the appeal and conditions and noted that Solicitor Greg Stewart was present and available to respond to questions.

Councillor Chartrand provided a detailed timeline, noting that a hearing with the Tribunal has been set for November 10th and stated that the solicitor will be attending and they could either defend the By-law as it has been approved or, if approved by Council, present the conditions that have been presented. Councillor Chartrand requested a recorded vote.

In response to Council discussion, Solicitor Greg Stewart outlined that the hearing on November 10th is in fact a Case Management Conference and it would hold the ability to approve the agreed upon conditions. G. Stewart confirmed that if the conditions are accepted by Council and the Tribunal it would provide the Municipality to have more safeguards and monitoring.

Council debated approving the conditions, as presented, confirming it provides more testing requirements and control for the facility. It was confirmed these conditions are for the particular property, and that Council has the ability to review the overall By-law requirements, if so desired.

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East consider a By-law to allow the Mayor

and Clerk to enter into an agreement on Minutes of Settlement between 1025343 Ontario Inc. and the Municipality of Huron East, in regards to an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment to change the existing Industrial (IND) zone to Industrial-Special (IND-11) zone to permit a cannabis production facility subject to the agreed upon conditions of within the required 150 metre setback to a Community Facility Zone dwelling unit.

Carried (9 in favour; 2 opposed)

Chartrand, Ray	Nay	Tuckersmith Ward
McGrath, Larry	Yay	Tuckersmith Ward
Morrison, Justin	Yay	Brussels Ward
Steffler, Joe	Yay	Seaforth Ward
Wilbee, Gloria	Yay	McKillop Ward
Diehl, Dianne	Yay	Grey Ward
Dalton, Brenda	Yay	McKillop Ward
MacLellan, Bernie	Yay	Mayor
McLellan, Alvin	Yay	Grey Ward
Onn, Zoey	Yay	Brussels Ward
Fisher, Robert	Nay	Deputy Mayor

10.3 CLK-22-23, 2022 Municipal Elections Summary

In response to Council discussion on ways to improve the Candidate Information Sessions, CAO Brad McRoberts noted that staff will be reviewing various approaches to the sessions prior to the next Election.

The report was received for information.

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Onn:

That Huron East Council receive the following Reports of Municipal Officers as presented:

(1) CAO

(2) Clerk

Carried

11. Correspondence

11.1 Members of the Brussels Medical Dental Board re: Request to Reconsider the

Decision regarding the Medical Dental Board

CAO McRoberts provided overview of the correspondence recommending it be received for information.

Mayor MacLellan explained that the maintenance of the building will be carried out more expeditiously through John Hill, Building and Property Maintenance Coordinator, allowing him to respond to the residents directly or to bring forward issues to staff, if he is unable to resolve them. It was noted that the Brussels Medical Dental Board was one of the committees that Council agreed to disband back in the spring of 2022.

Councillor Onn suggested that a plaque be dedicated to the Board and placed on a tree outside of the building to show appreciation for the dedication shown by the Board.

B. McRoberts confirmed that he would be able to provide correspondence to the Board outlining the savings and efficiencies with the decision to disband the Board.

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East note and file the correspondence received by the Brussels Medical Board.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Onn and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East dedicate a plaque outside of the Brussels Medical Building to the Brussels Medical Dental Board.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. Municipal Drains

14. Planning

14.1 Recommendation of Council re: Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment for 43359 Sawmill Road, McKillop Ward

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Huron East has held a public meeting pursuant to Sections 17 and 34 of the Planning Act, 1990 with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law 93-2022 and Official Plan Amendment By-law 92-2022;

And Whereas no public comments were received on this application;

And Whereas no agency comments were received on this application;

Now Therefore, pursuant to Sections 17(23), 34 and 39(1) of the Planning Act, 1990, Council concurs with the October 27, 2022 Planning Report and recommends By-laws 92-2022 and 93-2022 for approval.

Carried

15. Council Reports

15.1 Council Member Reports

15.1.1 County Council Report

Deputy Mayor Fisher recommended the Rural Talks to Rural conference for Members in the future, as it had very relevant topics and was well attended.

In response to the Fire Boards no longer be meeting, CAO Brad McRoberts explained that the Fire Chief will be making quarterly reports for all of Huron East Fire services.

Deputy Mayor Fisher stated that in response to safety concerns for those biking along Highway 83, the County approved the installation of 4km of bike lanes along the Highway.

15.1.2 Other Boards/Committees or Meetings/Seminars

Councillor McLellan reported on the success of the Ethel Harvest Drive Thru Supper, which grossed \$4,500 plus cash donations.

15.2 Requests by Members

Mayor MacLellan expressed desire for improved communication and noted during his campaign period he realized the value of social media and using a variety of different outlets.

Mayor MacLellan requested that Councillor Morrison provide recommendations on how the Municipality can improve communication.

15.2.1 Huron County Single-Use Reduction Strategy (Requested by Deputy Mayor Fisher)

Deputy Mayor Fisher requested that Council adopt the County's strategy for the next Council meeting and prohibit single serve options at all Municipal facilities by March or April 2023.

Councillor Onn supported the concept and noted that the implementation of removing plastics from facilities will take time and expenses. It was noted that options will need to be provided for people.

CAO Brad McRoberts requested that staff bring forward a report to Council on the feasibility on the timeline for implementation.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to bring back a report to Council on the County's guidelines for single serve products in the Municipality's facilities.

Carried

Councillor Chartrand requested that staff look into providing consistent leaf service for all of Huron East.

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to bring forward a report to Council regarding leaf collection across Huron East for consideration in the 2023 budget.

Carried

15.2.2 Motion to be sent to Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East support the motion sent by the County of Huron in regards to a request for consultation regarding implementation of legislation on cannabis regulations;

And That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East send correspondence to Health Canada requesting consultation when implementing legislation on cannabis regulation as a there is a direct impact on municipal operations and sometimes non compliancy to municipal By-laws;

And Further That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East recommends inclusion of a system of Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas.

Carried

15.3 Notice of Motion

15.3.1 Motion from Councillor McLellan re: Councillor Donations to Green Fund

Council discussed the motion and agreed that the donations should go to a specific area of green funding, to be changed on a yearly basis. Council agreed to start the donations to go towards tree planting.

Moved by Councillor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East allow Members of Council to voluntarily donate 10% of their mileage expenses to a green fund.

Carried

15.4 Announcements

16. Information Items

16.1 Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat re: 2023 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

Received for information.

16.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023

CAO Brad McRoberts reported that a more fulsome report would be coming forward from the Planning Department on the impacts of the Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan.

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Onn:

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

16.3 Vanastra Recreation Centre/Day Care Management Committee – October 17, 2022

Carried

17. Other Business

18. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that leave be given to introduce By-laws 90, 91, 92, 93 and 94 for 2022.

By-law 090-2022 – A By-law to Authorize for Winter Maintenance with Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited

By-law 091-2022 – A By-law to Enter into Minutes of Settlement Agreement with 1025343 Ontario Inc.

By-law 092-2022 – A By-law to Adopt Amendment 14 to the Huron East Official Plan

By-law 093-2022 - A By-law to Amend the Zoning By-law 52-2006

By-law 094-2022 – Confirm Council Proceedings

Carried

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That be it hereby resolved that By-law 090-2022, A By-law to Authorize for Winter Maintenance with Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited 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 Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Onn:

That be it hereby resolved that By-law 091-2022, A By-law to Enter into Minutes of Settlement Agreement with 1025343 Ontario Inc., 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 Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That be it hereby resolved that By-law 092-2022, A By-law to Adopt Amendment 14 to Huron East Official Plan 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 Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That be it hereby resolved that By-law 093-2022, A By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 52-2006, 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

19. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 094-2022, 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

20. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Onn:

That the time now being 9:26 p.m. That the regular meeting do adjourn.

Carried

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Jessica Rudy, Clerk