



Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor John Steffler

Staff Present:

CAO Brad McRoberts; Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier; Public Works Manager Barry Mills (Virtual); Fire Chief Kent Readman and Clerk Jessica Rudy

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor MacLellan provided the land acknowledgement.

3. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated March 7, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor McGrath declared a Pecuniary Interest for item 7, Accounts Payable due to his son owning a company on the listing.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Councillor Dalton and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the following Council Meeting

Minutes as circulated:

5.1 Regular Meeting – February 21, 2023

Carried

6. Public Meetings/Hearings and Delegations

6.1 Delegation: Patrick Armstrong, Co-Founder, Huron & Area Search and Rescue re: 2022 Activities and Requests for Funds for Volunteer Group

Patrick Armstrong did not appear when called upon.

Clerk Jessica Rudy clarified that there was not a specific dollar amount noted in the request for delegation and Council stated that a formal request will be required in order to proceed with any funding requests.

6.2 Public Meeting re: Zoning By-law Amendment Z03-2023 for 32 Centennial Drive

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 7:06 p.m. to go into a Public Meeting to discuss the following:

- a) Zoning By-law Amendment Z03-2023 for 32 Centennial Drive

Carried

Council reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

7. Accounts Payable (November 18, 2022 to March 1, 2023) - \$9,522,274.75

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$9,522,274.75 be approved for payment.

Carried [Conflict: Councillor McGrath]

8. Reports & Recommendations of Municipal Officers

8.1 CLK-23-08, Draft Procedural By-law

Clerk Jessica Rudy provided an overview of the proposed changes which includes removing accounts payable from the agenda, an earlier Council start time of 6:00 p.m., the addition of a consent agenda section, moving a meeting to a virtual meeting for inclement weather, and limiting delegations to ten (10) minutes.

Council discussed the proposed changes and noted that the revised start time of Council would be acceptable as long as delegations, who would not be able to make a 6:00 p.m. time, be accommodated and requested that the Accounts Payable be listed as an information item under the Consent Agenda.

In response to Council, J. Rudy clarified that social media posts would be going out, pointing the public to the engagement platform for feedback and stated that all changes would be in effect once the By-law is passed by Council. It was noted that the change in start time would likely follow a few months after By-law approval, in order ensure there is proper notice provided to the public.

The report was received for information.

8.2 FIN-23-02, Distribution of Brussels Homecoming Surplus

Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier provided an overview of the report and recommendation.

Councillor Newell noted that the Maitland Mills Association is a pending project which relies on other sources and inquired as to if there are any stipulations for the funds to be returned to the Brussels Homecoming Committee, if the project did not proceed.

S. Grenier noted that, being it is a donation, there is no stipulation that the money would be returned and confirmed that she would have further conversations with the Brussels Homecoming Committee regarding the Maitland Mills Association donation and possibility of holding the funds until the project is confirmed.

Council remarked on the success of the Brussels Homecoming Committee and commended them for donating the additional funds back into the community.

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the proposed list of recipients and amount from the surplus from the 2022 Brussels Homecoming event as recommended by the Brussels Homecoming Committee, with the exception of pending communication regarding the Maitland Mills Association donation.

Carried, as Amended

8.3 FD-23-01, Budget Pre-Approval for Grey Station Pumper Additional Funding

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the additional funding of \$21,550.00 plus HST to complete the build of the new pumper;

And Further That Council direct the Fire Chief to approve the additional requirements proposal from Fort Garry Fire Trucks.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

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

(1) Clerk

(2) Director of Finance/Treasurer

(3) Fire Chief

Carried

9. Correspondence

10. Unfinished Business

11. Municipal Drains

11.1 Charters 'H' Drain – Court of Revision

Council requested that the time of the Court of Revision be moved to 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East move the Charters 'H' Drain Court of Revision date to March 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.;

And That the Deputy Mayor McLellan and Councillors Chartrand and McGrath remain appointed with Deputy Mayor McLellan acting as Chair.

Carried, as Amended

12. Planning

12.1 Recommendation of Council re: Zoning By-law Amendment Z03-2023 for 32 Centennial Drive

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Huron East has held a public meeting pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, 1990 with respect to the proposed Zoning By-law 017-2023;

And Whereas no public comments were received on this application;

And Whereas no agency comments were received on this application;

Now Therefore, pursuant to Section 34(18) of the Planning Act, 1990, Council concurs with the March 3, 2023 Planning Report and recommends By-law 017-2023 for approval.

Carried

13. Council Reports

13.1 Council Member Reports

13.1.1 County Council Report

Deputy Mayor McLellan noted that the next County meeting will be held on March 8, 2023, regarding the 2023 budget.

13.1.2 Other Boards/Committees or Meetings/Seminars

13.2 Requests by Members

Councillor Chartrand requested an update in regards to the Seaforth Manor and meeting with MPP Lisa Thompson, in response Mayor MacLellan noted that the meeting has been rescheduled to March 17, 2023.

Councillor McGrath requested that staff and Council consider designating a fire route through the rear of the properties on Main Street, Seaforth, as previously considered and noted the continuing disputes amongst land owners. Council stated that the matter was previously discussed at Council and that there is not much more that can be done until there is a formal complaint or staff report. Fire Chief Kent Readman explained that the location does not currently meet Ontario Building Code standards to permit a fire route.

Deputy Mayor McLellan inquired as to when the engagement platform will be utilized to reinstate the Council Composition discussion and timeline for Council consideration. Clerk Jessica Rudy stated that the recommendation from the Council Review Advisory Committee will be posted on the engagement platform in the Fall of 2023 and that the results will be brought forward for Council consideration and decision in 2024.

13.3 Notice of Motion

13.4 Announcements

14. Information Items

14.1 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Amendments to Ontario Regulation 161/17 under the Public Lands Act

Received for information.

14.2 Avon Maitland District School Board re: Board Meeting Highlights

Received for information.

14.3 Municipality of Bluewater re: Notice of Passage File Z01-2023 and By-law 13-2023

Received for information.

14.4 2022 Council Remuneration and Expenses

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

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

14.5 Water and Sewer Committee Minutes – February 27, 2023

Carried

15. Other Business

16. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 017-2023, 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

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 018-2023, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Silver Corners Municipal Drain Extension 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

17. Closed Session and Reporting Out

18. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 019-2023, 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

19. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

The time now being 8:08 p.m. That the regular meeting adjourn until March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Jessica Rudy, Clerk