



Municipality of Huron East

Council Agenda

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

2nd Floor, 72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON

1. Call to Order & Mayor's Remarks

2. Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that the land we stand upon today is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Neutral Peoples.

3. Confirmation of the Agenda

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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6. Consent Agenda

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are enacted in one motion. However, any Council Member may request one or more items be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and/or action.

Consent Agenda Items

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13.2 Requests by Members**13.3 Notice of Motions****13.4 Announcements****14. Other Business****15. By-laws****16. Closed Session and Reporting Out**

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 immediately following the Council meeting, in the Town Hall Council Chambers, in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the purpose of the following matters:

16.1 Adoption of June 20, 2023 Closed Session of Council meeting minutes **(Distributed Separately)**

16.2 239(2)(b)(e) – personal matters about an identifiable individual and potential litigation in relation to an enforcement matter **(Distributed Separately)**

17. Confirmatory By-law

17.1 [By-law 048-2023](#), A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

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18. Adjournment



**Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
72 Main Street South, Seaford, ON
Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Dianne Diehl

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Mayor MacLellan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor MacLellan provided the land acknowledgement.

3. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated June 20, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLellan:

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

5.1 Regular Meeting – June 6, 2023

5.2 Committee of Adjustment Public Hearing – June 6, 2023

Carried

6. Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor McLellan requested to remove item 6.3, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury re: Motion regarding the Right to Repair from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Dalton and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Consent Agenda items be received for information and approved.

- Council Expenses for May 2023
- Seaforth Country Classics re: Thank You for Support

Carried

Deputy Mayor McLellan moved that Council support the motion from Bradford West Gwillimbury for the right to repair due to the importance in the agriculture community.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That the Municipality of Huron East support the motion from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the Right to Repair.

Carried

7. Public Meetings/Hearings and Delegations

7.1 Delegation: Bob Costello, Park Administrator, Seaforth & District Optimist Club re: Request for Funds for Roof Replacement and Playground Equipment

Bob Costello, Park Administrator for the Seaforth & District Optimist Club appeared before Council to inform them of some of the recently completed work which included tree trimming, sidewalk installation, and playground equipment repair on the swings and slides. It was noted that there this a need for a repair on the east side of the roof, and light replacement for the ball diamond. B. Costello noted he will continue conversations with staff on best approaches to address the needs for the park area and ways to work in conjunction with the municipality.

Mayor MacLellan thanked the delegation for his time and encouraged communication between the various service groups and staff.

It was noted that the municipality has recently implemented a new organization structure and that communication and policies will be implemented in the near future between the municipality and various service groups, such as the Optimist Club.

8. Planning

9. Municipal Drains

9.1 Petition for Drainage Works re: Grant Municipal Drain

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the petition from Elizabeth Cardiff (Concession 6, Lot 3, Grey Ward) for an extension of the Grant Municipal Drain;

And That the petition be forwarded to the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, as part of the Grant Municipal Drain project already underway.

Carried

10. Reports & Recommendations of Municipal Officers

10.1 CLK-23-15, Geiger Municipal Drain

The report was received for information.

10.2 CAO-23-18, Pay Equity Review

CAO Brad McRoberts provided an overview of the report noting that 6 submissions were received, explained the evaluation process and recommended the Request for Proposals (RFP) be awarded Gallagher Benefit Services (Canada) Group Inc.

Council discussed the pay equity review process, noting that they believe employees are satisfied with their wage and raised concerns on the use of a consultant to perform the review.

In response to Council, B. McRoberts explained the benefits of the pay equity review, stressing that the review was not a market check, however, it is ensuring that employees are receiving an equitable standard of pay, regardless of their gender, and noted that pay equity is mandatory under the Employment Standards Act.

B. McRoberts noted that the pay grid would be reviewed as part of the process, but at this point, there is no indication on how it would potentially be revised.

Moved by Councillor Newell and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East award the Pay Equity Review to Gallagher Benefit Services (Canada) Group Inc.

Carried

10.3 EDO-23-04, Brussels Fairy Wing Mural

Economic Development Officer Taralyn Cronin provided an overview of the report noting that the project has been in discussion around the community and the Economic

Development Committee recommended that it be supported through the remaining funds that were allocated to the Brussels street light decorations.

Council discussed the project, noting that it is a good initiative, however, it would be best if it could wait to be incorporated into the 2024 budget or held until there are possible grant opportunities or community partnerships available.

In response to Council, CAO Brad McRoberts noted that the project does not qualify as a capital expenditure and stressed the importance of adhering to the approved 2023 budget.

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor McGrath:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East support the recommendation from the Economic Development Committee to hire a local artist to paint a mural in downtown Brussels to promote the Fairy Door Trail and attract visitors to Brussels;

And That the project be funded through the remaining reserves allocated to the Brussels Streetlight Decorations.

Defeated

Mayor MacLellan noted that the recommendation could come back to Council if there the development of a community partnership to help with funding, and stated that otherwise the project could come forward as a 2024 budget request.

11. Correspondence

12. Unfinished Business

13. Council Reports

13.1 Council Member Reports

13.1.1 County Council Report

Deputy Mayor McLellan reported that the Seaforth Golf Course official plan amendment for the housing project has been approved along with an official plan amendment for a long-term care building in Exeter. It was noted that the County is undergoing a roadside pilot project called Enriching the Rural Roadside, creating pollinator corridors which will be on the Stevenson and Adams Tract.

Deputy Mayor McLellan announced that two Huron East organizations received Huron Heritage funding; Advanced Block Corporation received \$5,000 for Vanastra radar dome improvements and the Van Egmond House Museum received \$4,500 to update the electrical and replace the furnace.

In response to Councillor Chartrand, Mayor MacLellan noted that the CAO and himself have been in confidential meetings regarding the Seaforth long-term care facility and future options.

13.1.2 Other Boards/Committees or Meetings/Seminars

Councillor Wilbee noted that she had the honour to represent Huron East, with a speech, at the opening ceremonies of the pride festival in Goderich on June 10, 2023.

Deputy Mayor McLellan noted that he had the pleasure to represent the Municipality at the Brussel's Optimist 50th anniversary on June 15, 2023.

13.2 Requests by Members

Councillor Fisher requested reports on the Brussels, Morris & Grey Community Centre (BMGCC) renovation, Brussels subdivision and electric vehicle (EV) charging station usage. In response to the request, CAO B. McRoberts stated that the BMGCC renovation update would be coming forward at the next meeting, the subdivision would likely come forward in August and explained that the EV unit in Seaforth has been vandalized and is not currently operational, therefore the usage report will have to be deferred until the unit is repaired.

Councillor Chartrand requested that department heads track their budgets and report to Council on the progress, before the 2024 budget process. In response to Councillor Chartrand, B. McRoberts noted that staff actively track their budgets and that a 6-month variance report will be coming to Council by the late summer, with the department heads available to speak to their respective service area, and that the status of the 2022 budget will be brought forward in August and actuals for 2023 will be available to Council during the 2024 budget discussions.

Mayor MacLellan reminded Council of the long-term forecast that was provided during the 2023 budget process, the importance of sticking to the approved budget and stressed that leaving money in reserves, when items come in under budget, allows Council to ensure that the tax levy does not continue to rise.

Council discussed the importance of communication between service groups and staff and the need to develop positive relationships as well as policies regarding financial management and responsibilities between the municipality and the various service groups.

13.3 Notice of Motion

13.4 Announcements

Mayor MacLellan announced his regrets for the July 4, 2023 Council meeting, due to a planned vacation.

14. Other Business

15. By-laws

16. Closed Session and Reporting Out

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:26 p.m., in Town Hall Council Chambers, in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the purpose of considering the following matters:

- 16.1** Adoption of May 16, 2023 Closed Session of Council Meeting Minutes
- 16.2** 239(2)(h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the Municipality by Canada, a province or territory or Crown Agency regarding an agreement with Saugeen Ojibway Nation

And That CAO Brad McRoberts, Public Works Manager Barry Mills, Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier and Clerk Jessica Rudy remain in closed session.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Steffler:

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East resumes the regular Council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Carried

Mayor MacLellan reported out from the Closed Session that Council to discuss an agreement with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and that the Clerk was directed to bring the following motion into open session.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor McGrath:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the Agreement between the Municipality of Huron East and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation;

And That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign and seal all the necessary documents.

Carried

17. Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Newell:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 047-2023, 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

18. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor McGrath:

The time now being 7:42 p.m. That the regular meeting adjourn until July 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Jessica Rudy, Clerk

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights
Held virtually on Zoom on June 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM



Amendments To The Blue Box Regulation To Expand Deductions For Producers

On June 3, 2021, Ontario finalized a new blue box regulation (O. Reg. 391/21) to make producers responsible for collecting and managing paper, packaging, and single-use items.

The new approach improves the blue box system by providing consistent service that will reduce litter and allow more materials to be recycled in more communities.

Ontario is working to create a stronger and more effective blue box service and has started the process of transitioning to a producer responsibility model.

To provide clarity to producers on their blue box obligations and support a smooth transition to a full producer responsibility framework, the MECP is proposing minor changes to the blue box regulation to:

1. expand permitted deductions used to set management requirements
2. harmonize annual reporting deadlines with other jurisdictions

Ontario municipal governments do not support the proposed amendments that would allow producers to deduct materials collected from industrial, commercial and institutional sources that producers are not required to provide blue box collection services to under the blue box regulation, which would include location such as:

- businesses and commercial sources (e.g., office buildings)
- recreational facilities (e.g., arenas)
- some institutions (e.g., hospitals)

Last minute changes of this sort have significant implications on the system. It impacts the budgets for the various producer responsibility organizations, as well as the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) given their fee structures are based on materials supplied. The other issue for RPRA as it forces resources to be expanded on accommodating these changes rather than planned compliance activities.

We have already raised concern with the Ministry Environment, Conservation and Parks and with RPRA that the supply data shows that the management requirements already appear to either be set too low, the impact of de minimis requirements are creating more issues than expected or producers are improperly reporting (table below).

Category	RPRA 2021 Supplied Tonnes (reported in 2022)	Management Requirements for 2026	Current Blue Box Performance
Beverage Container	111,413	80%	n/a
Glass	60,439	75%	85,514
Flexible Plastic	83,462	25%	104,406*
Rigid Plastic	119,780	50%	
Metal	48,660	67%	44,247
Paper	493,987	80%	502,214
TOTAL	806,328		736,381

*Current performance of rigid and flexible plastics cannot be separated

While it is not possible to separate beverage container performance, based on the other categories it appears producers may already be meeting all of their targets based on current performance. Additional deductions applied to the supplied data will only exacerbate this issue.

Another complicating factor is that the current regulations require audits every three years instead of annually so potential issues with improper deductions may not be known until years later. This significantly reduces the oversight ability of RPRA as audit information is available to them on an annual basis. For producers collecting information and records for three years is more cumbersome and difficult to compile than simply collecting information every year on a consistent basis.

Allowing for these deductions increase challenges related to accurately determining what percentage of these materials are consumed and generated as waste within “eligible sources”. If the Ministry chooses to make these amendments, we recommend the Blue Box regulation also be amended to:

- make audit requirements annual rather than every three years;
- ensure producers report to RPRA on both the total supplied as well as the supplied minus the deductions; and that
- material targets be increased to ensure continuous improvement.

Finally, we would request the government provide a timeline for consultations on the industrial, commercial, and institutional waste reform framework. Progress on this consultation would help to reduce concerns about lack of recycling within these sectors.

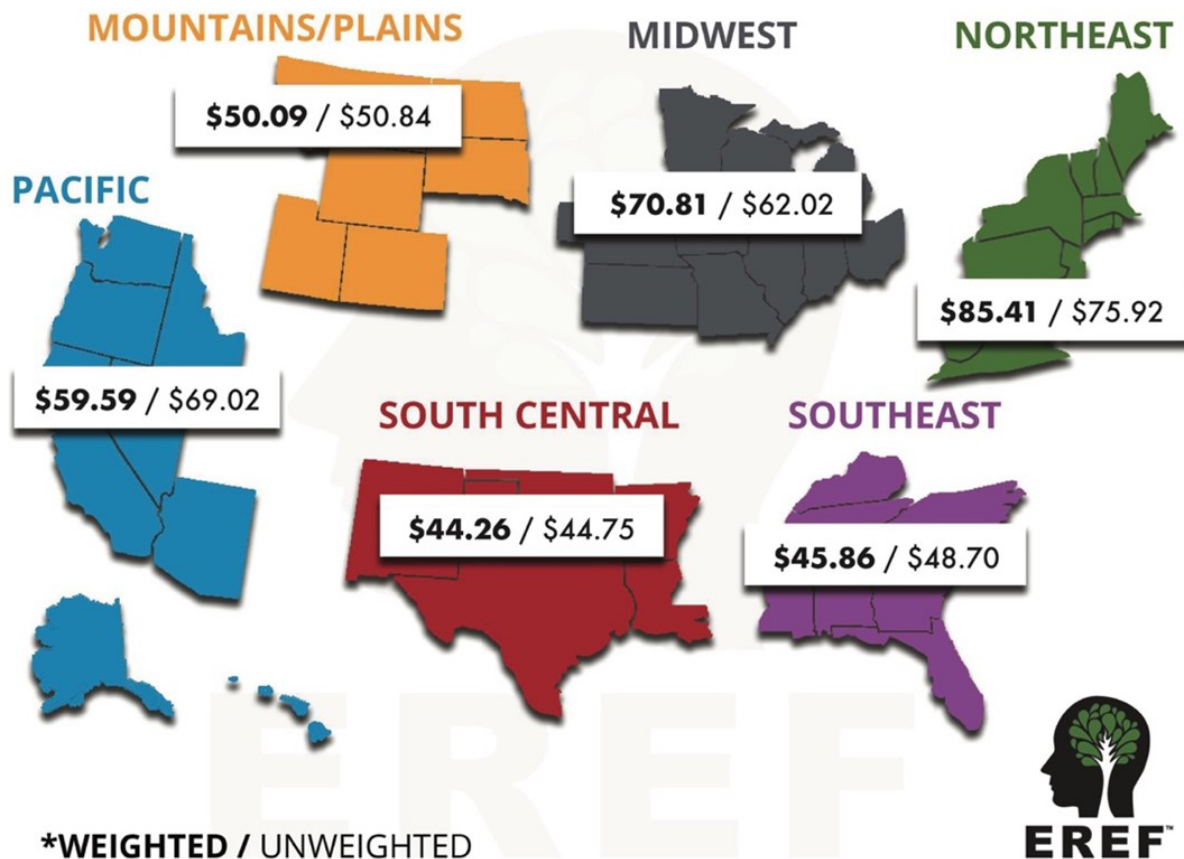
EREF study shows MSW tip fees rose 'sharply' in 2022

The Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF) has released its seventh annual municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill tip fee report, which includes data from 348 MSW landfills across all 50 states.

The 2022 iteration of the report found a steep incline in fees nationwide, apart from the Southeast, which experienced only a 2 percent increase. The national unweighted tip fee rose to \$58.4 per ton, 8 percent higher than the \$54.03 reported in 2021.

2022 REGIONAL LANDFILL TIPPING FEES

NATIONAL AVERAGE: \$60.34 / \$58.47



The unweighted average is the average of all fees, with the fees of each reporting landfill being equally weighted. The weighted average is the average of all fees based on the relative amount of MSW managed at each reporting landfill.

While the Pacific and Northeast regions continue to have the highest fees per ton in the U.S., the Midwest and South-Central regions saw the highest percent increase at 22 and 29 percent, respectively. These two regions also exhibit the highest year-over-year increase since 2018, according to EREF.

The free report, "Analysis of MSW Landfill Tipping Fees—2022," shares additional 2022 tipping fee data. The full report can be found at www.erefdn.org.

Report Evaluates Plastic Bag Recycling Programs At Retail Locations

A study released by ABC News has led to some skepticism around plastic bag recycling programs at retail locations.

According to the report, ABC News collaborated with nine ABC-owned TV stations to place 46 trackers on plastic bag bundles that were deposited at Walmart and Target locations for recycling in 10 states. Trackers were super glued and wrapped inside multiple layers of clean plastic bags. ABC News reports its team monitored each tracker's location multiple times a day for months, and trackers pinged whenever they were near a compatible digital or mobile device.

The report says one of the first trackers to move was a bag bundle deployed at a Target store in Kingston, New York, in December 2022. ABC News says the bags ended up a week later inside the Seneca Meadows Landfill in Waterloo, New York and later a tracker dropped off at a New York Walmart eventually pinged in Indonesia. Other trackers dropped off at Walmart locations in Florida and Kansas pinged in Malaysia. Of the 46 trackers, most of the bags had not ended up at locations associated with plastic bag recycling, with many ending up in landfills.

Despite the findings, several industry trade groups have noted plastic bag recycling programs are essential to achieving a circular economy.

"America's plastic makers are investing billions of dollars in new recycling technologies and creating products that are more recyclable, durable and dependable," says Joshua Baca, vice president of plastics at the Washington-based American Chemistry Council. "Our goal is to make the planet cleaner and healthier for generations to come. Our world will only get to a sustainable circular economy by collaborating and coming together to achieve the economies of scale necessary to convert what today is waste into new products. This cannot be accomplished unless we are willing to engage in open dialogue and listen to both concerns and solutions. ACC remains committed to providing real solutions that will reduce plastic waste."

According to the Washington-based Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR), store drop-off programs across the United States serve as an important part of recycling for film and bags. The APR tells Recycling Today there is strong demand for this material, which can be recycled into new bags and film, as well as durable products such as composite lumber, containers and pallets. In 2021, more than 1 billion pounds of bags and film plastics were collected for recycling.

Additionally, a spokesperson for the Washington-based Plastics Industry Association tells Recycling Today a visit to a plastic recycling facility would reveal that recycling is real and contamination gets sent to landfills.

"Across the board, America needs to invest in recycling infrastructure to better collect, sort and process recyclable materials, including plastic films," the spokesperson says. "The ABC News story was about where contaminants, such as metal tracking devices, when commingled with recyclable material end up, not a story about plastic film recycling. Research shows that plastic film recycling, including material collected through retailer-led programs, continues to grow, helping manufacturers reduce their reliance on virgin resins. The conclusions implied by the ABC story are irresponsible and reinforce the misleading claims of activists that if left unchecked will drive more recyclable material into landfills, not less."

According to the spokesperson, the association also offers information about film recycling in its 2021 Plastic Recycling Report.

Newly Released Food Waste Reduction State Model Policy Toolkit

A new toolkit outlining the gold standard for state policy to reduce food loss and waste has just been released by the Zero Food Waste Coalition, of which NRDC is a founding member. “Achieving Zero Food Waste: A State Policy Toolkit” documents the necessary components of more than a dozen



state policies related to food waste reduction, explains their connection to federal law, gives examples of successful laws across the country, and includes a model for each policy which can be picked up by legislators and changemakers with minimal alterations.

In recent years, the number of state policies to improve waste diversion, increase redistribution of surplus food, and advance organics recycling have grown rapidly, but the movement as a whole is hampered by the need to start from scratch with a state-by-state approach to waste management. This toolkit will streamline state policy efforts with its comprehensive information and templates.

The report covers fifteen policies divided into sections that include:

1. Building and broadening organic waste bans and beyond,
2. Opportunities to promote food donation,
3. Supporting organic waste processing infrastructure,
4. Developing end markets for compost,
5. Preventing food waste upstream, and
6. Other governmental action to address food waste.

In addition to describing the need for each policy and suggesting best practices, the report offers case study examples of the policy in practice. For example, the section on organic waste bans and mandatory recycling policies talks through the ways in which Vermont’s 2012 Universal Recycling Law embodies elements of what we consider necessary for a successful state organics landfill ban. The section on food safety looks at Texas’s comprehensive food safety regulations as a model example and includes many of its best practices in the model.

In several cases, the authors wrote new draft policy combining elements of previously-introduced bills to make an ideal prototype. But in other instances, such as the disposal surcharge fees policy, other organizations had already published model legislation which the authors wished to describe and draw attention to. Another example is the model mandatory reporting policy, which is adopted from NRDC’s work with the Environmental Law Institute to generate model policies and ordinances for municipal actors.

Mattress Textiles Could Be Used To Make EV Batteries

In the project, funded by the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC), researchers converted and tested coconut fibres, shoddy pads, and cotton fibres in battery applications.



Electrodes in the lithium

batteries that power electric vehicles could be made from recycled mattress textiles, according to a new project funded by the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC).

In a three-year study at the National Institute for Materials Advancement at Pittsburg State University (PSU) in Kansas, researchers led by Dr. Ram Gupta developed a process that transformed mattress textiles into conductive carbon materials used to make the anodes and cathodes in lithium-sulphur rechargeable batteries. These lithium-sulphur batteries have two to three times more energy storage capacity than conventional lithium-ion batteries.

In the project researchers converted and tested coconut fibres, shoddy pads (which is a felt-like product already made of recycled fabrics), and cotton fibres in battery applications. These materials are difficult to recycle. Dr. Gupta's team found cotton was the best material for building these new batteries. Preliminary results indicate that experimental rechargeable batteries both perform equal to or better than conventional batteries and do not require scarce metals such as nickel, manganese, and cobalt, which are found in many lithium batteries.

There is a shortage of suitable carbon feedstocks for making electrodes, which are needed to satisfy the growing demand for rechargeable batteries. Textiles – and not just from mattresses – are challenging to recycle, but could provide an inexpensive, clean, and abundant feedstock that can fill current and emerging needs. Sourcing feedstocks from recycled materials means they have a much lower environmental footprint relative to conventional sources.

MRC operates statewide mattress recycling programs in California, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Collectively, these programs have recycled over 12 million mattresses. MRC has documented that mattress recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions and lowers energy and water consumption. By weight, about 75 percent of each mattress is recycled. The battery project with PSU is one of a series of MRC-funded research projects designed to find new markets for recycled mattress materials (including textiles) and increase both the percentage of each mattress that can be recycled and the environmental benefits of mattress recycling.

The PSU research team is currently exploring the potential for commercializing these positive results.

GPS tracking bottles will monitor garbage levels in Georgian Bay

If you notice some plastic bottles floating around Georgian Bay, take a second look before throwing them away.

'Georgian Bay Forever,' an organization dedicated to conserving the bay, has dropped dozens of bottles into the water, each outfitted with GPS tracking devices.

According to the group, the plan is to track each bottle to locate the pathway that trash may end up into Georgian Bay and where it feeds.

"One of the most notable items we found was a garbage bag from a grocery store that had closed in the '70s in Collingwood, washed up on shore," said David Sweetnam, Georgian Bay Forever Executive Director. "It pollutes the environment for life inside the bay, as well as for us, and even the impacting just the aesthetic views of the bay for people."

The bottles were launched at 20 different locations offshore on Saturday, stretching from Thornbury to Balm Beach.

In addition to researchers, Georgian Bay Forever said the public could track the bottles online.



A photo of one of many GPS Tracking bottles that have been deployed into Georgian Bay on Sat., May 27 (Steve Mansbridge/CTV News).

EPA Administrator Reverses Course On Chemical Recycling Exemption

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) document dated May 24 says EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan is withdrawing a modification made during an earlier review that involved effectively removing pyrolysis/combustion units from its list of municipal waste combustion units.

Investors in plastic scrap chemical recycling facilities, which often use pyrolysis technology, have been seeking clarity and consistency in how the EPA will monitor and judge emissions at such facilities. Opponents of the technology typically advocate for strict monitoring and low emissions restrictions.

The EPA has thus received feedback from both factions and how emissions will be monitored and restricted has become a multiyear storyline within the agency.

“As a result of recent market trends, especially with respect to the increased processing of [scrap] plastics, the EPA received several inquiries about other solid waste incineration (OSWI) units and the applicability of OSWI regulations to pyrolysis/combustion units for a variety of process and feedstock types,” the EPA writes.

The term “pyrolysis/combustion” is not defined in the current OSWI regulation and it is not included in the definition of “institutional waste incineration unit.”

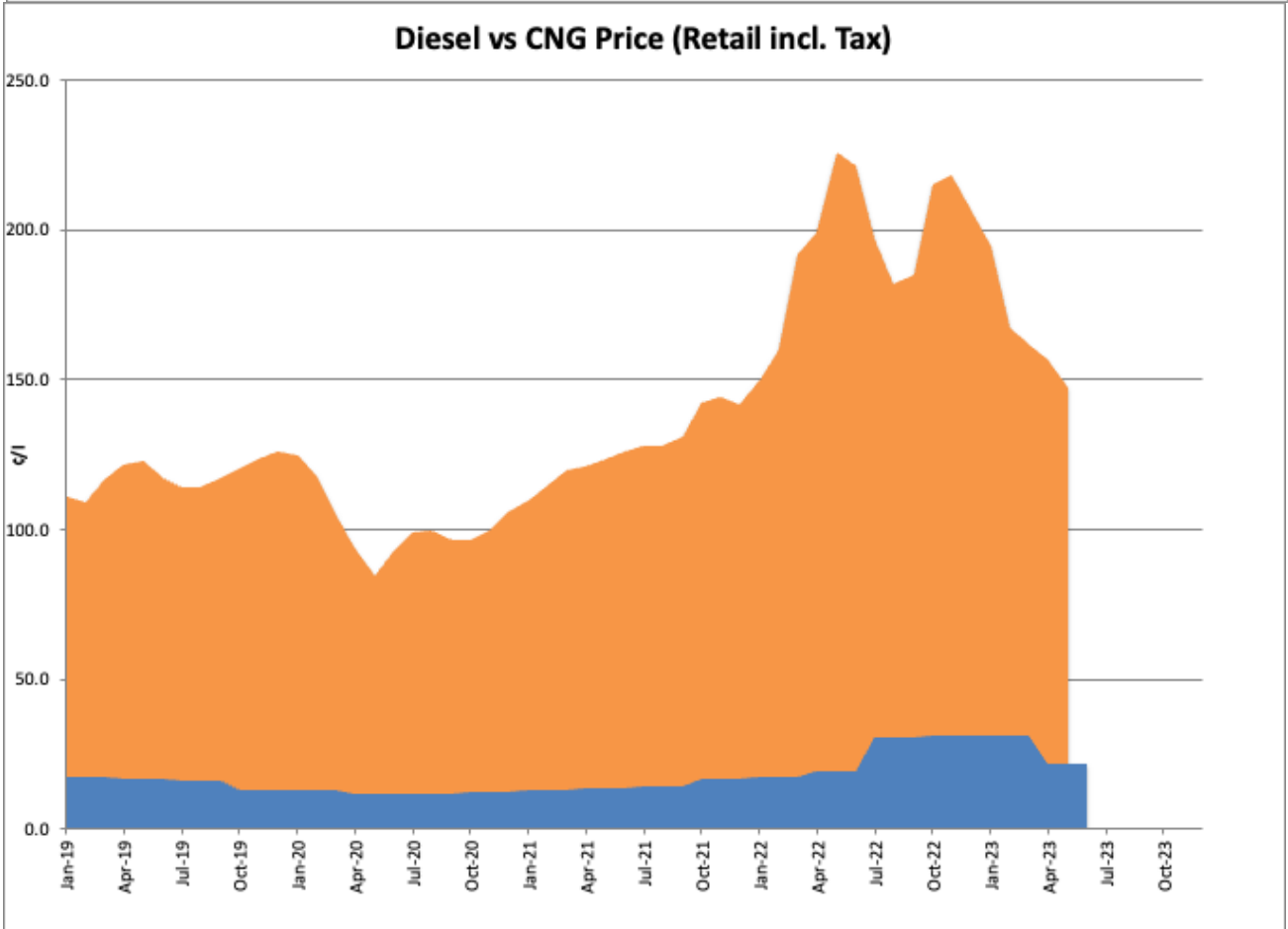
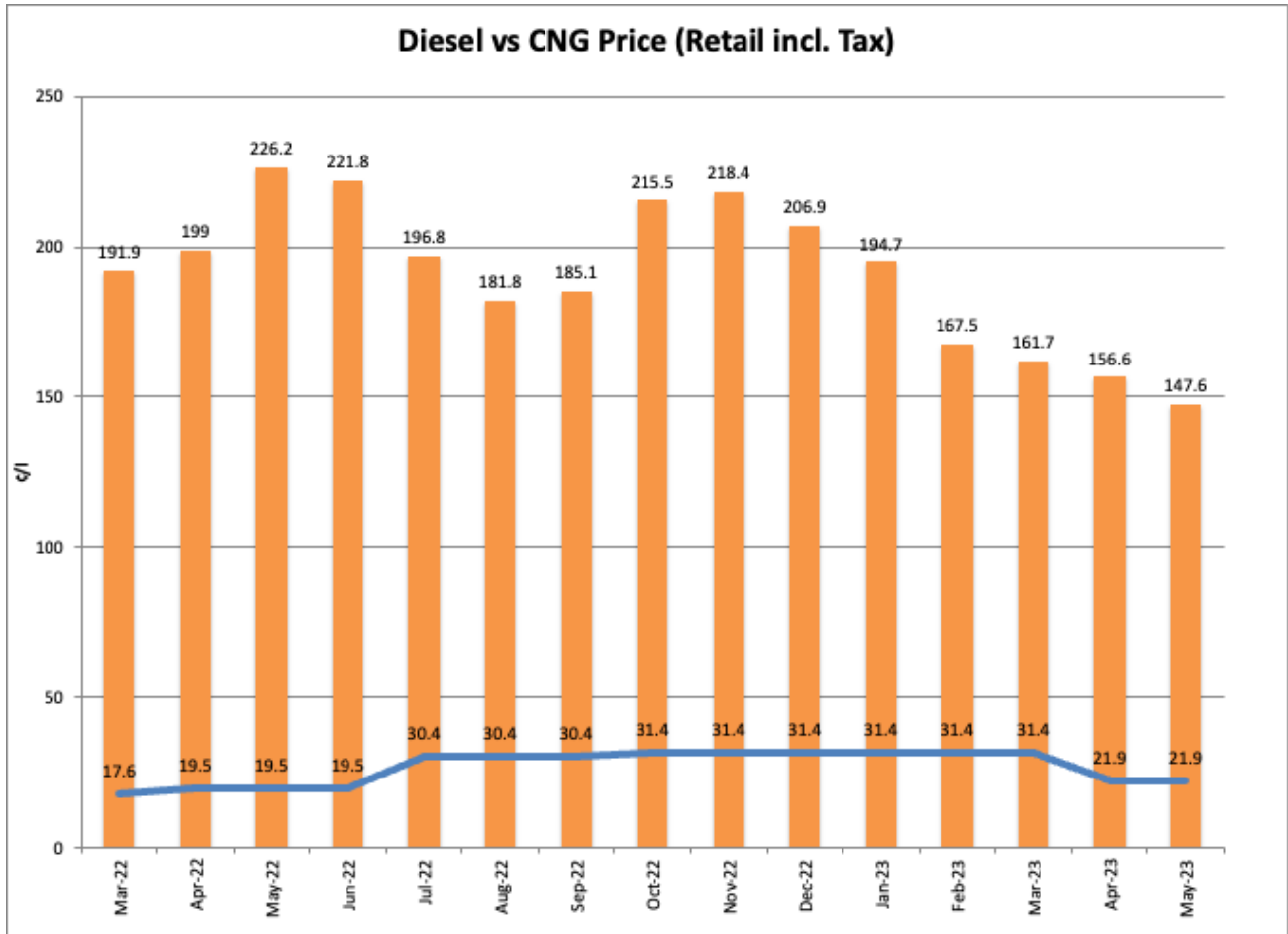
In August 2020, as part of an EPA periodic review, the agency says it proposed, among other things, to revise the OSWI definition of “municipal waste combustion unit” to remove the reference to “pyrolysis/combustion units.”

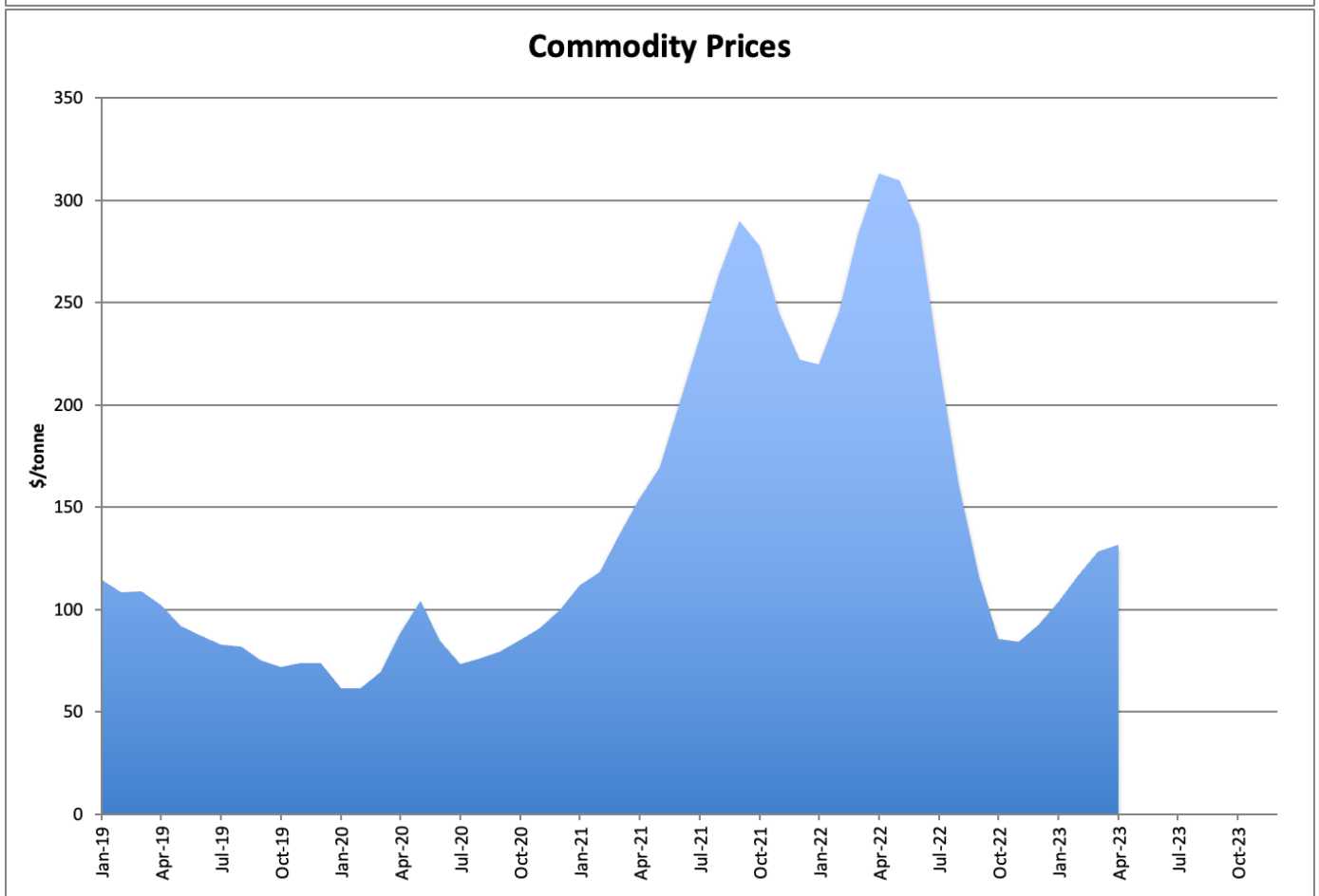
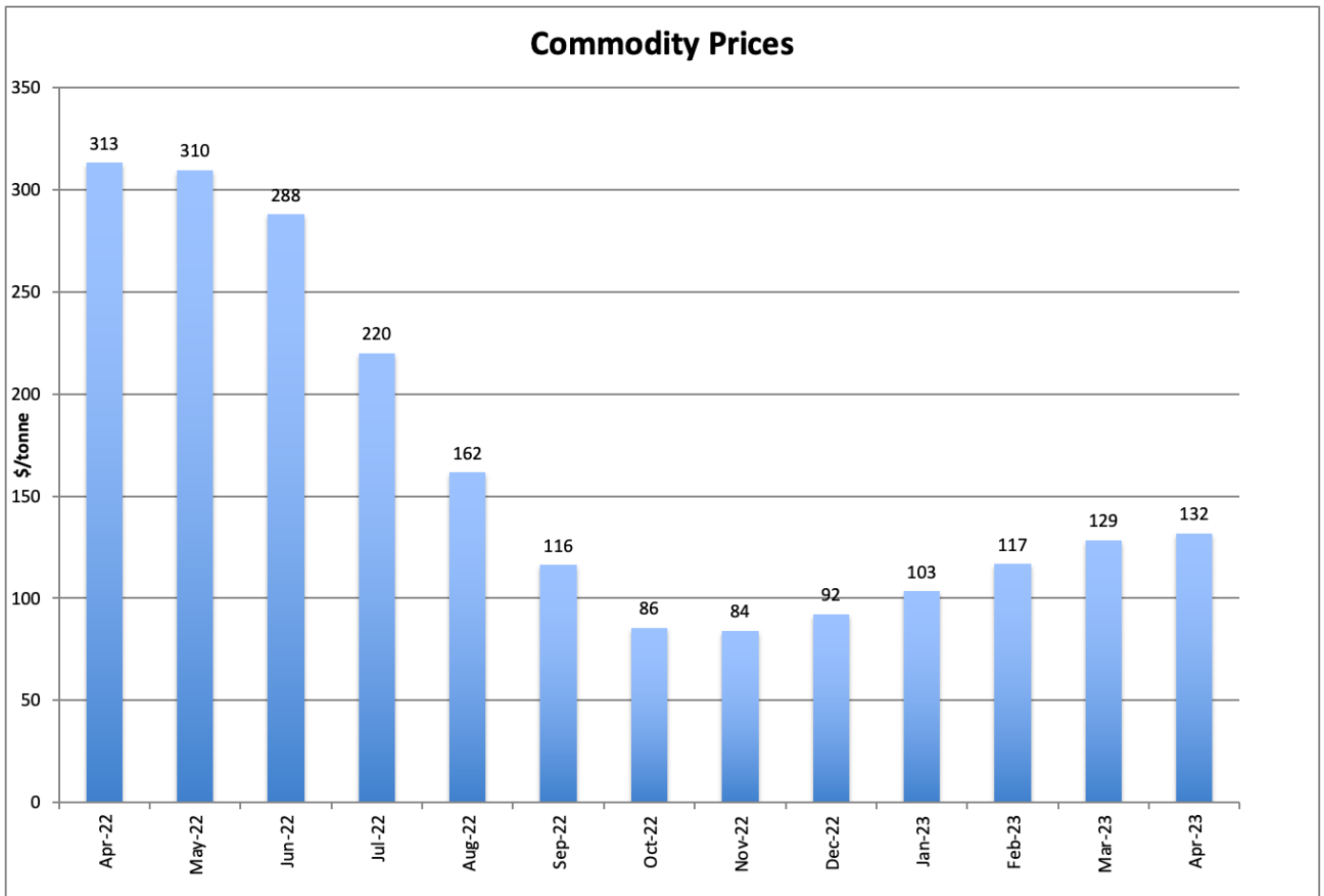
Subsequently, the EPA says it received significant adverse comments on that proposed revision, adding it received another 170 comments during an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) process.

The May 24 notice does not point to a final conclusion of the matter. The EPA writes, it “has been reviewing the information gathered in the ANPRM and is developing the final OSWI rulemaking package. Based on discussions with stakeholders and our review of the comments on the ANPRM and OSWI proposal as well as current scientific literature on the topic, it is evident that pyrolysis is a complex process that is starting to be used in many and varied industries.

“The EPA will need significant time and personnel resources to fully analyze the comments and evaluate all current information sources to gain a technical and regulatory understanding of the pyrolysis process.”

In the meantime, Regan tells operators of chemical recycling plants, “The EPA does not believe it would be appropriate for those sources to become unregulated emissions sources during the time required for our analysis of pyrolysis/combustion units to be completed, particularly if the agency ultimately concludes that regulation is needed.”







June 26, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
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RE: Vacant Building Official Positions

Plensed be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 5, 2023 regarding vacant building official positions:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Duncan

WHEREAS building officials in Ontario examine building plans and inspect building construction to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code to ensure public safety;

AND WHEREAS in October 2022, Premier Doug Ford and the Ontario government announced their intent to build 1.5 million homes in the next ten years in an effort to generate enough supply to meet a high demand for now and in the future;

AND WHEREAS according to the Ontario Building Officials Association over 50 per cent of existing building officials are eligible to retire;

AND WHEREAS according to the Ontario Building Officials Association building officials are in high demand;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities across Ontario have job postings for building officials that remain unfilled;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to provide support to municipalities to fill vacant building official positions;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Provincial opposition parties, Matthew Rea MPP, all municipalities in Ontario and AMO.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Opposition Parties
Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

**Municipality of Huron East
Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON
Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Members Present:

Councillors Diehl, Councillor Morrison, Councillor Steffler, Maureen Agar, Zoellyn Onn, and Kerri Ann O'Rourke

Staff Present:

Economic Development Officer Taralyn Cronin

Regrets:

Laurie Guichelaar

1. Call to Order and Adopt Agenda

Councillor Diehl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by Zoellyn Onn and Seconded by Councillor Morrison

That the agenda for the meeting be adopted.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee members reviewed the Minutes via e-mail and Council approved the Minutes on May 16, 2023.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Terms of Reference

Moved by Maureen Agar and Seconded by Councillor Steffler

That the Economic Development Committee adopt the Terms of Reference as presented.

Carried

6. Economic Development Officer's Report

6.1 Huron East Economic Development Strategic Plan Implementation Progress

T.Cronin provided an overview of tasks in-progress or completed. A suggestion was made to start a Shop and Discover Huron East Instagram page. T. Cronin can link the Facebook page to Instagram. T.Cronin showed Committee members the changes that have or will take place on the Huron East website with respect to business and tourism information to improve navigation. There was a discussion around the possibility of Councillor Morrison lending his expertise in a review of the website. Councillor Morrison has given suggestions in the past and some of those were implemented. Staff will continue to be responsible for making changes to the website, including those in the newly created positions of Director of Community Services and Executive Assistant/Communications Coordinator.

Kerri Ann O'Rourke stated that she would share a document that she came across from the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade that lists the information that should be obtained from commercial and industrial property owners with available employments lands for investment attraction purposes. She also stated that she would share a grant opportunity for businesses that are looking for AZ drivers. The grant is through Trucking HR Canada and provides funding for training and wage incentives for new driving and in-demand non-driving roles.

6.2 Brussels Winter Streetlight Decorations

As decided via e-mail in May, seventeen of the five-foot tall Multi-Snowflake pole decorations were ordered for downtown Brussels. There was a discussion about how it is determined what community gets funding each year. Knowing when this funding is available would be beneficial to community organizations such as the Seaforth BIA who have purchased streetlight décor in the past. Councillor Steffler and T.Cronin stated that there is a rough schedule in the multi-year plan; however, it is subject to change depending on the community need and funds available.

6.3 Supporting Local Economic Development (SLED) Program

T.Cronin provided an update on the status of the Tours and Trails project that we received funding for through the SLED Program. The Brussels and Vanastra Historical Walking Tours have been submitted to the graphic designer and T. Cronin is currently updating the Seaforth Historical Walking Tour.

7. New Business

7.1 Brussels Logo

T.Cronin mentioned that the logo currently used for Brussels is an image that was designed for the former Brussels Historical Walking Trail. T.Cronin recommended that we work with hcreates, a graphic designing business in Brussels, to design a new logo to promote the community and provide some branding elements for the new Tours and Trails Guide. There is money in Marketing and Promotions to cover the cost of this logo.

Moved by Zoellyn Onn and Seconded by Maureen Agar

That the Economic Development Committee supports hiring hcreates to develop three logo concepts consistent with feedback gathered through community consultation and design a final logo for Brussels.

Carried

7.2 Brussels Fairy Wings Mural

Zoellyn Onn presented a concept drawing for a mural to promote the Brussels Fairy Door Trail and attract visitors to Brussels. Visitors would be encouraged to take their picture in front of the wings and share them on social media. Three sets of wings would be painted: one feminine looking, one masculine looking and one closer to the ground for children. The concept drawing is shown below.



The idea of having fairy wings painted in downtown Brussels has been circulating around the community for years but there has not been a community organization step forward to oversee and fund the project. A local artist provided a quote of \$4,500 for this mural and would have it completed this summer. The property owner at 449 Turnberry St. is willing to host the mural on the outside of their building facing Homecoming Park.

Committee members supported the idea and thought that the mural would help beautify downtown Brussels and bring people to town. Committee members recommended using reserve funds leftover from the Brussels Winter Streetlight Decorations project. T.Cronin mentioned that using surplus funds from budgeted projects that are funded through reserves will have impacts on subsequent year(s) reserve contribution requirements.

Moved by Maureen Agar and Seconded by Councillor Steffler

That the Economic Development Committee recommend that T.Cronin bring a report forward to Council to support using surplus funds from the Brussels Winter Streetlight Decorations project to hire a local artist to paint a fairy wings mural in downtown Brussels.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Maureen Agar and Seconded by Councillor Steffler :

The time now being 10:30 a.m. That the regular meeting do adjourn.

Carried

Dianne Diehl, Chair

Taralyn Cronin, Secretary

Minutes
Huron East Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – 5:15 pm
In the Huron East Committee Room

Members Present: Councillor Gloria Wilbee, Patti Hendriks, Hilary Machan, Cathy Elliott
 (by Zoom), Neil Tam
 Members Absent: Chance Coombs
 Staff Present: Cathy Garrick
 Others Present: none

1. Nomination of Chair for 2023

Secretary Garrick welcomed the new members to the Committee and introductions were made.

She called for nominations for the position of Chair.

- i) Gloria Wilbee was nominated by Neil Tam
- ii) Cathy Elliott was nominated by Gloria Wilbee.

There being no more nominations, the Secretary asked if Gloria and Cathy would let their names stand. Both agreed.

Motion Moved by: Neil Tam Seconded By: Patti Hendriks

That Gloria Wilbee be appointed to the position of Chair of the Huron East Heritage
 Committee for the 2023 calendar year. Carried

Gloria assumed the position of Chair.

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion Moved by: Patti Hendriks Seconded By: Neil Tam

That the Agenda be adopted as circulated. Carried

3. Adopt Minutes of November 1st, 2021

Motion Moved by: Hilary Machan Seconded By: Neil Tam

That the Minutes of the November 1st, 2021 Huron East Heritage Committee be adopted as presented. Carried

4. Applications / New Business

(i) Ron & Becky Janmaat – 13 Main Street South (Junction8) – awning/sign permit

Cathy Elliott stated that signs in windows do not require a permit, however, if the storefront is being painted, another application for approval will be required.

Motion Moved by: Cathy Elliott Seconded By: Neil Tam

That the application for an awning including a sign message as presented by the owners of 13 Main Street South, Junction 8, be approved as submitted. Carried

(ii) Seaforth Trust – 52 Main Street South (Post Office) – application for tax reduction for repointing and restoration of brick on the clock tower in the amount of \$108,470.97. The work was approved by the Committee in 2021 and was completed in 2022, by Tacit Brick and Stone, London.

Cathy Elliott declared a conflict of interest as she is a member of the Trust. Neil Tam is no longer on the Trust.

Cathy Elliott stated that the Trust hired a heritage mason. The post office was built in 1913 and the architectural drawings showed the tiered clock tower with copper flashing to deflect the water away from the brick. Apparently the copper flashing was not installed in 1913 and water problems were ongoing. The heritage mason installed the copper flashing during the restoration last year.

Motion Moved by: Gloria Wilbee Seconded By: Hilary Machan

That the application for a Heritage Tax Rebate in the amount of 50% of the eligible cost for the repointing and restoration of brick on the Post Office Clock Tower at 52 Main Street South, Seaforth, be approved as per policy; the amount of the rebate being \$54,235.49 and applied at a rate of 20% of annual taxes per year. Carried

- (iii) Nancy Bolender – 60-64 Main Street South – application for replacement double slider windows and white brick moulding, by Fisher Glass & Mirror Limited, Goderich, at an estimated amount of \$15,000.

In order to make an informed decision, the Committee requires more information regarding:

- a) Exactly which windows are being replaced;
- b) If the double hung windows are being replaced, what will they look like;
- c) Are the louvered windows being replaced/repared;
- d) Will the area above each of the windows be treated in a uniform manner and how will they be treated.

Cathy Elliott reported that Chance Coombs is a member of the Heritage Guild and is taking courses with Dr. Christopher Cooper, who is always willing to help us. Chance is able to refurbish double hung windows.

- (iv) Travis Mellor & Chloe Middegaal – 1 Main Street South – application for tax reduction for the replacement of the 3rd floor windows and trim at a total cost of \$25,758.35. The work was approved in 2021 and completed in 2022.

The owners have indicated that the sills and platinum windows remain to be installed and they will be submitting another invoice when this work is completed.

It was noted that in November of 2021, when the windows to be replaced were approved, that the owners were requested to retain the original windows. The Committee asked if the original windows had been retained, as there is no mention of this in the current application for a tax rebate.

Motion Moved by: Cathy Elliott Seconded By: Neil Tam

That the application for a Heritage Tax Rebate in the amount of 50% of the eligible cost for the replacement of 11 windows on the third floor of the building at 1 Main Street South, Seaforth, be approved as per policy; the amount of the rebate being \$12,879.18 and applied at a rate of 20% of annual taxes per year; provided that the original windows were retained as per the motion passed at the November 1st, 2021 Heritage Committee meeting.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the previous meeting(s) / Unfinished Business

Cathy Elliott referred to the previous minutes where it was noted that the owner of a designated property (41 John Street) had replaced the front porch and covered the original white wood siding that was unique to this residence as it was done in such a way as to appear to be brick. The work was done without approval from Council or consultation with the heritage committee. She noted that Council should be requesting the Designated Property Plaque be returned since the reasons for designation no longer exist.

Chair Gloria Wilbee stated that she will ask Council for direction.

6. Correspondence

7. Other Business

- (i) Regular Meeting day and time – Tuesdays at 5:15 pm.

8. Next Meeting

9. Adjourn

Motion Moved by: Neil Tam Seconded By: Patti Hendriks

That the meeting adjourn at 6:30 pm.

Carried

Minutes
Huron East Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 5:15 pm
In the Huron East Committee Room

Members Present: Councillor Gloria Wilbee, Patti Hendriks, Hilary Machan, Cathy Elliott, Chance Coombs, Neil Tam

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Cathy Garrick

Others Present: Travis Mellor & Chloe Middegaal; Ron & Becky Janmaat

Chair Gloria Wilbee provided the land acknowledgement.

1. Adopt Agenda

Motion Moved by: Cathy Elliott Seconded By: Patti Hendriks

That the Agenda be adopted as circulated. Carried

2. Adopt Minutes of March 14th, 2023

Motion Moved by: Neil Tam Seconded By: Cathy Elliott

That the Minutes of the March 14th, 2023 Huron East Heritage Committee be adopted as presented. Carried

3. Applications / New Business

- (i) Travis Mellor & Chloe Middegaal – 19-27 Main Street South – application for approval for the replacement of 20 windows and refurbishing of upper portion of closed in windows at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

The applicants explained that the ceilings in the apartments were dropped so the curved tops of the windows cannot be replaced. They are basically replacing, replacement windows as the original windows are gone. Cathy Elliott stated that cedar shakes are not Victorian. She has spoken with Dr. Christopher Cooper, heritage architect, and he suggested painting the tops of the windows to look like a 3D window or replacing the plywood and painting it.

Patti suggested they paint the window at the top curve in black and include the center mullion. Artech could do the same and may be more cost effective.

The existing windows are really bad. They are considering single hung with no bars or crosshatched.

Motion Moved by: Neil Tam Seconded By: Hilary Machan

That the application to alter a designated property including the replacement of 20 windows and refurbishing of upper portion of closed in windows on the building at 19-27 Main Street South, Seaforth, be approved as submitted; and further that the work be considered for a Heritage Tax Reduction upon submission of final receipts. CARRIED

(ii) Ron & Becky Janmaat – 13 Main Street South – application to paint storefront and repair/replicate cornices.

Motion Moved by: Chance Coombs Seconded By: Patti Hendriks

That the Huron East Heritage Committee recommend the approval of the application from Ron and Becky Janmaat to paint the front of 13 Main Street South in Coal Black trim and Algonquin for the primary colour and to repair or replicate the cornices; and further, that the work be considered for a Heritage Tax Rebate upon review of final receipts after the work is completed. Carried

(iii) Nancy Bolender – 60-64 Main Street South – application for replacement double slider windows and white brick moulding, by Fisher Glass & Mirror Limited, Goderich, in an estimated amount of \$15,000.

At the last meeting, the Committee requested additional information; which is clarified below:

- a) Exactly which windows are being replaced? 8 to the north this year (6 to the south next year)
- b) If the double hung windows are being replaced, what will they look like? Double hung, even in height without mullions.
- c) Are the louvered windows being replaced/repaired? Yes, windows are being installed.
- d) Will the area above each of the windows be treated in a uniform manner and how will they be treated? Yes, painted above

The committee would like to see the 2 larger windows at the north end, which appear to be original windows, to be retained and restored, and the circles above to be maintained.

That the Huron East Heritage Committee recommend the approval of the application from Nancy Bolender to replace 8 windows and brick moulding on the northwest end of the building, with double slider windows and white brick moulding at 60-64 Main Street South; and further, that the work be considered for a Heritage Tax Rebate upon review of final receipts after the work is completed. Carried

4. Business Arising from the previous meeting(s) / Unfinished Business

- (i) Travis Mellor & Chloe Middegaal – 1 Main Street South – application for tax reduction for the replacement of the 3rd floor windows and trim at a total cost of \$25,758.35. The work was approved in 2021 and completed in 2022.

At the last meeting, the committee passed a motion to approve the work, with the condition that the original windows be retained for use in the future. The applicants advised that most of the windows were destroyed when removed, and the 2 that were salvageable were disposed of by the contractor. The second floor windows will be repaired or replaced in the future and the large door on the second floor will also be repaired or replaced.

As a result of this information, the committee passed a new motion to approve the tax rebate request, without the condition to retain the original windows.

Motion

Moved by: Neil Tam

Seconded By:

Cathy Elliott

That the application for a Heritage Tax Rebate in the amount of 50% of the eligible cost for the replacement of 11 windows on the third floor of the building at 1 Main Street South, Seaforth, be approved as per policy; the amount of the rebate being \$12,879.18 and applied at a rate of 20% of annual taxes per year. Carried

- (ii) Unauthorized work on Designated Properties

Chair Wilbee advised that she spoke with the CAO to request direction and he is waiting for feedback from the municipal solicitor

5. Correspondence – none.

- 6. Other Business – none.
- 7. Next Meeting – at the call of the Chair.
- 8. Adjourn

Motion Moved by: Gloria Wilbee that the meeting adjourn at 7:06 pm. Carried



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To: Mayor McLellan and Members of Huron East Council

From: Shae Stoll, Planner

Date: June 28, 2023

Re: Consent 37-2023

Concession 11, Lot 19, Grey Ward, Municipality of Huron East.

44096 Cranbrook Road

Applicant/Owner: Terpstra Drying Inc. (Debora Terpstra)

Recommendation

That application C37-2023 be recommended for approval with the attached conditions.

Purpose

The purpose of the consent application is to create a new lot under the surplus farm residence severance policies. The proposed retained land is approximately 97.5 acres (39.46 ha) consisting of vacant agricultural land and a manure pit to be decommissioned. The proposed severed land is approximately 2.5 acres (1.01 ha) consisting of a house, shed and barn to be decommissioned for storage.

The subject lands are designated Agriculture and Natural Environment in the Huron East Official Plan, and zoned AG1 (General Agriculture) and NE2 (Natural Environment – Limited Protection) in the Huron East Zoning By-Law.

Review

This application:

Is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (Section 3(5) Planning Act): **Yes**

Does not require a plan of subdivision for the proper and orderly development of the municipality (Section 53(1) Planning Act): **Yes**

Conforms with section 51(24) of the Planning Act: **Yes**

Conforms to the Huron County Official Plan: **Yes**

Conforms to the Huron East Official Plan: **Yes**

Complies with the Huron East Zoning By-law (or will comply subject to a standard condition of rezoning or minor variance): **Yes**

Has no unresolved objections/concerns raised (to date) from agencies or the public: **Yes**

Recommended for approval by Huron East Council:

Applications that are unable to meet all of the foregoing criteria are referred to County Council for a decision.

Figure 1. Aerial photo of subject property in orange. Residential portion to be severed shown in blue & farmland to be retained shown in orange.



Figure 2. Aerial photo of the proposed 2.5 acre severed parcel outlined in blue.



Figure 3. Site photos of subject property. Existing house to be severed on the left; shed and barn to be used for storage on the right.



C37-2023
Terpstra

Policy Review

Section 10.3.1 of the Huron East Official Plan permits the severing of a residence that is surplus to an existing farm operation subject to certain provisions. The policy requires that the residence must be a minimum of 15 years old and deemed habitable; the construction of any new residence is prohibited in the retained parcel; and, the new lot is limited in size so as to not remove farmland from production.

The area of the severed residential lot is kept a minimal size of 1 hectare (2.5 acres) needed for residential purposes and to accommodate the associated servicing of the lot. The house is surplus to another farm dwelling owned by the current owner (Terpstra Drying Inc.) and the retained farmland has an existing field access onto Cranbrook Road to the east of the severed parcel. There is an existing manure storage structure straddling the retained and severed parcel that is proposed to be decommissioned and removed. This application meets the remainder of the surplus farmhouse severance criteria in the Huron East Official Plan.

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) permits the severance of a surplus farm dwelling. The PPS requires that the construction of a new residence on the farmland created by the severance be prohibited. This is addressed through the automatic rezoning provision in the Zoning By-law which will change the zoning on the farmland to prohibit a residence once the consent is finalized (the AG2 zone).

Agency and Public Comments

Comments were received from MVCA who have no concerns with the proposal but did note that their commenting fee had not been paid.

There are no outstanding concerns from neighbours and no concerns were received from Huron East staff.

Conclusion

As a result of the review above, the consent is consistent with the PPS, and conforms to the provisions of the Huron County Official Plan, Huron East Official Plan and Huron East Zoning By-law. It is therefore recommended that this application be approved with the conditions as follows:

Conditions:

Expiry Period

1. Conditions imposed must be met within two years of the date of notice of decision, as required by Section 53(41) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended. If conditions are not fulfilled as prescribed within two years, the application shall be deemed to be refused. Provided the conditions are fulfilled within two years, the application is valid for three years from the date of notice of decision.

Municipal Requirements

2. All municipal requirements, financial or otherwise, be met to the satisfaction of the Municipality (for example: servicing connections, cash-in-lieu of park dedication, property maintenance, compliance with zoning by-law provisions for structures).
3. The sum of \$750 be paid to the Municipality as cash-in-lieu of parkland.
4. The subject parcel be numbered and addressed for 911 purposes to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

5. The existing agricultural infrastructure (i.e. manure storage pit) be removed to the satisfaction of the municipality.

Survey/Reference Plan

6. Provide to the satisfaction of the County and the Municipality:
 - a) a survey showing the lot lines of the severed parcel, and the location of any buildings thereon, and
 - b) a reference plan based on an approved survey.

Zoning

7. Where a violation of any municipal zoning by-law is evident, the appropriate minor variance or rezoning be obtained to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

Drainage

8. Section 65 of the Drainage Act be addressed to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

Septic System

9. The Applicant to provide a letter from a licensed contractor advising that the septic tank on the severed parcel has been pumped and is functioning properly to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

Notes:

The applicant is hereby advised that the severed parcel will automatically be rezoned to recognize the residential parcel (eg AG4-34) and the retained farmland will be automatically rezoned to prohibit a new residence (eg. AG2) in the Huron East Zoning By-law.

Sincerely,

'Original signed by'

Shae Stoll
Planner



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To: Mayor MacLellan and Members of Huron East Council
 From: Shae Stoll, Planner
 Date: June 28, 2023
 Re: **Minor Variance for Brussels Subdivision**

Recommendation

It is recommended that Huron East Council initiate a minor variance to address a technical zoning issue associated with application Z06-2022.

Purpose and Description

The lands legally known as Blocks 34, 35 & 44, Plan 596, Brussels Ward in the Municipality of Huron East were previously subject to a rezoning (file Z06-2022) approved on September 6, 2022 that amended the zoning from R1 (Residential Low Density) to R3-3 (Residential High Density- Special Zone) to permit the development of townhouse blocks with six dwelling units in each block.

In reviewing draft plans for a proposed five dwelling unit rowhouse on one of the purchased blocks, a technical error associated with the zoning of these blocks was detected in that each block serves as a corner lot, abutting two streets. The definition of a front lot line in the Huron East zoning by-law deems the shorter of the two frontages to be the front lot line, creating some design constraints for the proposed rowhouse dwellings.

It is requested that Council initiate a minor variance to deem the longer of the two lot lines (Bryans Drive and Anderson Drive) to be the front yard for Blocks 34, 35 & 44 to allow for adequate rowhouse design.

It is also suggested that the long-term solution to this zoning issue is to update the definition of a front lot line for a corner lot in an upcoming housekeeping item to allow the Municipality to deem which frontage is considered the front lot line in cases such as this.

Huron East Administration

To: Mayor MacLellan and Members of Council

From: Brad McRoberts, MPA, P. Eng.

Date: July 4, 2023

Subject: BMGCC Renovation Update #2

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East receive for information purposes.

Background:

The Brussels, Morris & Grey Community Centre Renovation project has been underway since fall of 2022. The following provides a summary of the status of the project from both a construction standpoint and from a financial standpoint as of June 27, 2023 and provides an update from the previous report provided April 4, 2023.

The project continues to be posed with unforeseen challenges due to either unknown and undocumented existing conditions or unknown and undocumented construction methods used in the existing structure. While these circumstances continue the magnitude cost of the required change orders has decreased.

Issues

The following provides a highlight of the key issues that have arisen between March 27, 2023 and June 27, 2023 during the process of construction:

1. Additional upper wall stabilization on the east gable end similar to the previous south wall – Cost \$19,628.10;
2. Upon the process of work it was discovered that the Auditorium upper ceiling area lack necessary fire proofing – Cost \$8,032.50;
3. Upon opening existing under slab sanitary drain plumbing an excessive amount of grease build up in the lines was encountered and had to be removed and flushed – Cost \$5,154.60;

Staff are still working with the project engineer on assessment of the long-term stability of the upper wall on the west gable end. The north side upper wall is not a concern as its construction was of a different form.

Schedule

While the project continues to be delayed due to the unforeseen existing conditions noted above the contractor is now targeting the end of October 2023 for the completion of work. As the building is substantially enclosed work is progressing better. Work on

the kitchen and existing lobby area is underway as per the original schedule as it fits into the reduced need for access to the dressing rooms and ice surface at this time of year.

Others Consulted: Elgin Contracting, architect and engineering consultants, building sub-committees members, BMGCC Recreation Manager, CBO, and Building Inspector.

Financial Impacts: Based upon approved and pending change orders to date the \$280,000 contingency for the project has been fully depleted. Approved change orders to date total \$347,360.

We still have fixtures, furnishings and equipment (FFE) to account for that are not included in the original tender. Items that would be included in this consist of seating for the warm viewing area (included in the above total cost), furniture, tables and seats for the lobby, equipment for the concession, etc. While generally minor these will need to be acquired on or before the project is operational.

Fortunately, the fundraising campaign was successful and portions of those funds will need to be used to offset change orders and FFE purchases above the original contingency fund. The total pledged through the fundraising campaign has exceeded \$2.5 M which is more than \$500,000 above than the original commitment of \$2,000,000 (less fundraising costs).

The project at this point has been cash flowed using working capital. Staff are in the process of securing a construction loan from Infrastructure Ontario to replenish the working capital fund. This construction loan will be transferred to a debenture once the project is completed. Staff have submitted progress claims with the Province as part of the grant funding and those transfer payments are still pending.

Signatures:

Brad McRoberts (Original signed)

Brad McRoberts, MPA, P. Eng.
CAO

Huron East Public Works

To: Mayor MacLellan and Members of Council
From: Barry Mills, C.Tech., Public Works Manager
Date: July 4, 2023
Subject: Purchase of New Sidewalk Trackless

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council of the Municipality of Huron East waive the procurement policy and authorize the purchase of a 2023 Sidewalk Trackless MT7 unit from Work Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$149,900.00 (taxes excluded).

Background:

The 2023 budget approved by Council authorized the purchase of a new sidewalk maintenance unit to provide sanding and snow removal as per the sidewalk policy. The sidewalk plow operates on a regular basis 8 hours or more per day during snow events in the winter months. The current attachments the Municipality has for the existing Trackless include a snow blower, snow blade, sanding unit, rotary broom, and water tank providing winter and summer maintenance to sidewalks, bridge decks and paved intersections.

Comments:

We approached Work Equipment Ltd., the manufacturer of Trackless, for costing on a new unit. At the same time, we enquired if there was a demo unit available for purchase. Joe Lampert of Work Equipment indicated they have a trade show unit they would hold for Huron East at a cost of \$149,900. The demo unit would have the standard New Warranty of 1 year or 600 hours, as well as an engine warranty of 5 years or 5000 hours. The municipality has the opportunity to acquire the Trackless demo unit.

A new Trackless would cost \$159,820, based upon a recent tender by a local Municipality. By purchasing a demo unit, the municipality would be saving \$10,000 plus taxes. The attachments from our existing Trackless are compatible with the new unit, which provides further savings in not having to purchase additional equipment. The Public Works Department would be able to put the new unit into operation at the start of the winter.

As the equipment is specific in nature, tendering this item would only be applicable to dealers of Trackless equipment and pricing variability would be limited.

Others Consulted:

1. CAO, Brad McRoberts
2. Director of Finance, Stacy Grenier

Financial Implications:

The 2023 approved budget includes the sidewalk trackless at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Signatures:

Barry Mills

Barry Mills, Public Works Manager

Brad McRoberts

Brad McRoberts, CAO

Stacy Grenier

Stacey Grenier, Director of Finance

Huron East

Public Works

To: Mayor MacLellan and Members of Council
From: Barry Mills, C.Tech., Public Works Manager
Date: July 4, 2023
Subject: Tender HE-06-2023, New Diesel Powered Articulated 4 Wheel Drive Loader

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the tender of Advance Construction Equipment in the amount of \$280,500.00 (Plus HST) for the purchase of a new 2023 JCB4272X Diesel Powered Articulated 4 Wheel Drive Loader with a quick attached 10' plow blade;

And Further That the additional funding of \$45,437.36 be drawn from the allocation to the 2004 Tandem truck replacement;

And Further That the Manager of Public Works' authorized limit to bid at a public auction be reduced from \$150,000 to \$104,000 inclusive of all applicable taxes and fees.

Background:

The 2023 budget, approved by Council, authorized the purchase of a new loader. Tender prices were received as per specifications of HE-06-2023 by the Municipality of Huron East prior to 12:00 Noon on June 27, 2023. Five (5) tenders were received and opened by Councilor John Steffler, Director of Finance Stacy Grenier, South Patrol Foreman Tanner Glanville and Public Works Manager Barry Mills, as follows:

	Price	10' Quick Attached plow	HST	Total
Nortrax John Deere 524P	\$296,900	28,448.74	42,295.34	\$367,644.08
Nortrax John Deere 544P	\$322,900	28,448.74	45,675.34	\$397,024.08
Toromont Cat 926M	\$264,531	19,820.00	36,965.63	\$321,316.63
C.G. Equipment DL220-7	\$272,000	21,440.00	38,147.20	\$331,587.20
Advance Construction Equipment JCB4272X	\$259,500	21,000.00	36,465.00	\$316,965.00

The two lowest tenders for Caterpillar and JCB specifications were reviewed and found to be in general compliance. Delivery time for Cat was noted as 24 to 40 weeks with a 12-

month full warranty and 5 year or 5000 hours power train warranty. The JCB delivery time is 24 weeks with 24 months full warranty (including power train).

Others Consulted:

1. CAO Brad McRoberts
2. Director of Finance Stacy Grenier
3. South Patrol Foremen Tanner Glanville
4. North Patrol Foreman Joe Ryan

Budget Impacts:

The 2023 approved budget allowed \$240,000 for the purchase of a Loader. It is noted the lowest tender came in with net HST \$285,437.36, which is over budget by \$45,437.36.

The 2023 budget approved \$150,000 to upgrade the 2004 plow truck. If we apply the overage of \$45,437.36 for the loader to the plow truck allowance, it would still provide \$104,562.62 for the upgrade to the plow truck. An alternate approach would be to have the overage covered by increasing the amount of short-term financing for Public Works Equipment and increasing the Public Works Reserve contribution in 2024 by approximately \$45,000.

Signatures:

Barry Mills

Barry Mills, C.Tech., Public Works Manager

Stacy Grenier

Stacy Grenier, Director of Finance

Brad McRoberts

Brad McRoberts, CAO

Huron East Public Works

To: Mayor MacLellan and Members of Council

From: Barry Mills, C.Tech., Public Works Manager

Date: July 4, 2023

Subject: Tender HE-08-2023 - One 3/4 Ton Pick Up Truck with Four-Wheel Drive and Extended Cab, Current Model Year

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the tender of Huron Motor Products, in the amount of \$62,363.99 plus applicable taxes for one, 3/4-ton Pickup Truck as tendered.

Background:

The 2023 budget, approved by Council, authorized the purchase of a new 3/4-Ton Pickup Truck for the Water and Sewer Department. The tender was advertised in the local papers on the Huron East website, and circulated to dealerships. Two (2) tenders were received and opened on Tuesday June 27, 2023 in the presence of Councillor John Steffler, Public Works Manager Barry Mills and Director of Finance Stacy Grenier.

Comments:

Both tenders met the municipality's specifications. Tender prices are as follows:

	Price	Total with all Taxes
Finch Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC.	\$63,031.00	\$71,549.28
Huron Motor Products	\$62,363.99	\$70,503.31

Others Consulted:

Brad McRoberts, CAO

Stacy Grenier, Director of Finance

Financial Implications:

The 2023 approved budget included \$60,000 for a 3/4-ton four-wheel drive extended cab pick-up truck. The total price net HST \$63,461.72 which is over the budgeted amount by

\$3,461.72 and can be covered by the Water and Sewer reserves. The sale of the existing asset L6-13 truck will be put back into the Water and Sewer reserves.

Signatures:

Barry Mills

Barry Mills, Public Works Manager

Stacy Grenier

Stacy Grenier, Director of Finance

Brad McRoberts

Brad McRoberts, CAO

Ethel Minor Ball Committee
Brenda Boyer, Treasurer
444777 Brandon Road
Ethel Ontario
N0G 1T0

Municipality of Huron East
PO Box 610
Seaforth, ON
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Dear Council

The Ethel Minor Ball Committee along with the Ethel Mens Slo pitch team will be hosting a mens slo pitch ball tournament on Aug 25th 26th and 27th at the Ethel Ball Diamond address 44477 Brandon Road Ethel Ontario The funds from the liquor sales would be raised for the Ethel Minor Ball Program and park Maintenance An application is being submitted to LCBO for a liquor licence for those days. We are asking that you designate it as a significant event.

Yours Truly

Brenda Boyer
Treasurer
Ethel minor Ball Committee

CC: P Dawson Huron County Health Unit
D Tsitmeneas Huron Opp
C Garrick Huron East Building department
G.Boyer Grey Fire Department

June 29, 2023

To: Huron East Council and Administration

From: Tanner Steffler Foundation and Seaforth Legion Branch 156

Re: Letter of Support for Six String Music and Summerfest

Please be notified that Tanner Steffler Foundation has partnered this year for the annual Six String Music Fest. This music fest is tying in with the Seaforth Summer Fest of July 22, 2023.

There will be food, music and entertainment provided in the legion parking lot. The event is looking for municipal support as the required liquor license is being supported by branch 156.

Full fencing, sanitary bathrooms, security and insurances are in place.

Trusting this is in order,

A letter of support will be requested.

Thanks as always,

Tanner Steffler Foundation
Seaforth Legion Branch 156

**The Corporation
of the
Municipality of Huron East
By-law No. 048 for 2023**

Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular
Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Municipality of
Huron East

Whereas, the Municipal Act, S. O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, s. 5 (3) provides municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 8, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

And Whereas, the Municipal Act, S. O. 2001, c.25, as amended, s. 8 provides a municipality the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East **Enacts as Follows:**

1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East, at its Regular meeting held on the 4th day of July, 2023 in respect to each recommendation contained in the Reports of the Committees and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East at these meetings, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. The Mayor and the proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East referred to in the proceeding section hereof.
3. The Mayor and the Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East.

Read a first and second time this 4th day of July 2023.

Read a third time and finally passed this 4th day of July 2023.

Alvin McLellan, Deputy Mayor

Jessica Rudy, Clerk