



Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Dalton

Staff Present:

CAO Brad McRoberts; Clerk Jessica Rudy; Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier; Director of Community Services Lissa Berard; and Director of Public Works Barry Mills

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

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

Mayor MacLellan thanked Council and staff for attending and participating in the Strategic Planning session.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor MacLellan provided the land acknowledgement.

3. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated February 6, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Newell:

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

5.1 Regular Meeting – January 23, 2024

Carried

6. Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor McLellan requested that item 6.1, County of Prince Edward regarding Support for the Province to Expand the Life Span of Fire Apparatus be removed from the Consent Agenda and that Council endorse the presented resolution.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East endorse the resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks to due to insurance requirements.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That Consent Agenda items 6.2 to 6.3 be received for information and approved.

6.2 Bluewater Recycling Association re: Board of Director Meeting Highlights

6.3 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Oil, Gas and Salt
Resources Act Regulation Changes for Special Projects and Well Security

Carried

7. Public Meetings/Hearings and Delegations

8. Planning

9. Municipal Drains

9.1 DRAINS-24-02, Coates Municipal Drain Tender Results

Moved by Councillor McGrath and Seconded by Councillor Steffler:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East award the contract associated with the Coates Municipal Drain to Horst Excavating Inc. for the amount of \$274,632.00 plus HST.

Carried

10. Reports & Recommendations of Municipal Officers

10.1 PW-24-04, Chalk Street Parking – 13 Chalk Street

Director of Public Works Barry Mills provided an overview of the report and the proposed amendment to the Parking By-law to prohibit parking during school hours on Chalk Street.

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve an amendment to Schedule A- Prohibited Parking/Standing/Stopping in Seaforth of Parking By-law 5-2012 to include prohibited parking on the east side of Chalk Street from Goderich Street East to Gouinlock Street from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through to Friday.

Carried

10.2 CLK-24-03, Refreshment Vehicle By-law

Clerk Jessica Rudy provided an overview of the By-law and noted that suggestions have already been received in regards to fees and the seven-day length of license.

Council discussed the by-law parameters requested exemptions to fees for charities, local events and school be investigated.

J. Rudy confirmed that a follow up report and revised draft of the By-law would be coming forward prior to final approval.

Moved by Councillor Newell and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East consider the Refreshment Vehicle By-law for approval at the March 5, 2024 Council meeting.

Carried

11. Correspondence

12. Unfinished Business

13. Council Reports

13.1 Council Member Reports

13.1.1 County Council Report

Deputy Mayor McLellan reported that County Council received an update on the homeless hotel noting its success with 27 users and 10 on the waitlist; the Huron Newcomer Support organization, which assists newcomers in the areas of transportation, housing, and employment opportunities, presented to the County and requested support for the pathway to permanent status. Perth Huron United Way requested a County grant of \$30,000. It was highlighted that budget discussions have included the Brussels EMS expansion; public works seeking a new grader for \$800,000 and the long-term care home budget rising by \$1,000,000 due to the direct care

increase of \$531,000, a new fridge and walk in freezer at Huronlea Home and new dehumidifiers at both locations.

13.1.2 Other Boards/Committees or Meetings/Seminars

Deputy Mayor McLellan noted that the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) annual general meeting is being held on February 14, 2024, at the Wroxeter Community Hall at 2:00 p.m.

13.2 Requests by Members

Councillor Fisher noted that the Coldest Night of the Year walk is taking place outside of Huron East Town Hall on February 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and ending at Presbyterian Church with a light lunch. It was noted that money raised will be staying in the Huron East community for homelessness. In response to the logistics of addressing homelessness specifically in Huron East, Councillor Fisher noted that he would inquire with Perth Huron United Way.

In response to Councillor Fisher's request to investigate solar panels with Festival Hydro or an independent contractor for the arenas, CAO Brad McRoberts stated that the load capacity for either roof would not accommodate solar panels, however the opportunity could be investigated at other, smaller, properties.

Councillor Morrison requested a report on the progress of the Brussels, Morris, and Grey Community Centre (BMGCC).

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to bring forward a report on the Brussels, Morris, and Grey Community Centre (BMGCC) progress.

Carried.

In response to Councillor Steffler, B. McRoberts confirmed that he should have results of the audit for the Seaforth fire station siren this week.

13.3 Notice of Motion

13.4 Announcements

Councillor Diehl announced that the Cranbrook Community Hall is hosting a fish fry, with dine in and take out options for \$25 on April 13, 2024.

14. Other Business

15. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 057-2023, A By-law for the Coates Municipal Drain be given 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 Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 008-2024, A By-law to Provide for Interim Tax Levies for the Year 2024 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 Morrison and Seconded by Wilbee:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 009-2024, A By-law to Amend By-law 5-2012, Being a By-law to Prohibit Parking 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 Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 010-2024, A By-law to Stop Up, Close and Sell the Lane between Beech Street and Lorne Street - Brussels 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 By-law 011-2024, A By-law to Stop Up and Close the Lane between Elm Street and Queen Street - Brussels 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

16. Closed Session and Reporting Out

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:35, 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 January 23, 2024 Closed Session of Council Meeting Minutes

16.2 239(2)(c) - proposed or pending disposition of land

16.3 239(2)(b) – personal matters about identifiable individuals

And that Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier and Director of Public Works Barry Mills remain in closed session for item 16.2.

And that CAO Brad McRoberts and Clerk Jessica Rudy remain in closed session.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East reconvene into open session at 7:59 p.m.

Carried

Mayor MacLellan reported out from the Closed Session that Council discussed proposed disposition of land in Brussels and an item relating to personnel.

17. Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Steffler:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 012-2024, 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 Newell and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

The time now being 8:00 p.m. That the regular meeting adjourn until February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Jessica Rudy, Clerk