



Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Huron County Planner Shae Stoll

County of Huron Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone

1. Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 5:00 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:

- 1.1** Adoption of February 20, 2024 Closed Session of Council Meeting Minutes
- 1.2** 239(2)(b) – personal matters about identifiable individuals
- 1.3** 239(2)(c) – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land in Brussels

And That County of Huron Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone remain in closed session for item 1.2.

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

Carried

2. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Mayor MacLellan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor MacLellan noted that the agenda order will be changed to reconvene into closed session to continue discussions, following the Committee of Adjustment Public Hearing.

3. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East reconvene into open session at 6:06 p.m.

Carried

Mayor MacLellan reported out from the Closed Session that Council discussed personnel matters and potential disposition of land in Brussels.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor MacLellan provided the land acknowledgement.

5. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated March 5, 2024, as amended, to reconvene into closed session following Item 9.1, be adopted.

Carried

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

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

7.1 Regular Meeting – February 20, 2024

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor McLellan spoke to Items 8.3 and 8.4 from the Guardian Network in regard to the Farmer Wellness Program and encouraged Councillors to participate in the online course.

Councillor Fisher and Councillor Chartrand requested that Item 8.2, Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region re: Recommended Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing be removed from the Consent Agenda and that a letter of support be sent to the Source Protection Committee and the Honourable Lisa Thompson.

Moved by Fisher and Seconded by Chartrand

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East support the motion from the Source

Protection Committee requesting the province to not proceed with the recommended phase out of free private well testing in Ontario:

And That a copy of the letter be sent to the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Carried

Councillor Fisher requested that Item 8.9, County of Lambton re: Lambton County Council Motion regarding provincial uploading of the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto be removed from the Consent Agenda and that Council send a letter of support.

Council discussed the County of Lambton motion and directed staff to draft a recommendation to Premier Ford regarding the uploading of municipal highways including financial details.

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East support the motion from the County of Lambton regarding the provincial uploading of the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parking from the City of Toronto.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to bring forward a suggested motion addressed to Premier Ford regarding the potential uploading of municipal highway infrastructure.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That Consent Agenda items 8.1, and 8.3 to 8.8 be received for information and approved.

- 8.1** Bluewater Recycling Association re: Board of Directors Meeting Highlights
- 8.3** The Guardian Network re: Agriculture Wellness Ontario New Digital Toolkit
- 8.4** The Guardian Network re: Expanding our Guardian Community
- 8.5** Economic Development Committee re: February 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 8.6** Municipality of Tweed re: Natural Gas in the Province of Ontario
- 8.7** Town of Lincoln re: Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Museums and

Libraries**8.8** FIN-24-04, 2023 Council Remuneration

Carried

9. Public Meetings/Hearings and Delegations**9.1 Committee of Adjustment Public Hearing re: Minor Variance MV01-2024**

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Newell:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 6:16 p.m. to go into a Public Hearing of the Committee of Adjustment to discuss the following:

- a) Minor Variance Application MV01-2024 for 620 Turnberry Street, Brussels

Carried

Council reconvened at 6:22 p.m.

Motion to go Into Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:22 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:

- 239(2)(b) – personal matters about identifiable individuals
- 239(2)(c) – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land in Brussels

And That County of Huron Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone remain in closed session for the first item.

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

Carried

*A. McLellan left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Motion to Reconvene into Open Session

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East reconvene into open session at 7:37 p.m.

Carried

Mayor MacLellan reported out from the Closed Session that Council discussed personnel matters and potential disposition of land in Brussels.

10. Planning

11. Municipal Drains

11.1 DRAINS-24-03, Clark and McTaggart Municipal Drain Tender Results

Moved by Councillor McGrath and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East award the contract associated with the Clark and McTaggart Municipal Drains to Robinson Farm Drainage for the amount of \$332,903.00 plus HST.

Carried

12. Reports & Recommendations of Municipal Officers

12.1 CLK-24-04, Revised Refreshment Vehicle By-law

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East consider the Refreshment Vehicle By-law for approval.

Carried

12.2 CLK-24-05, Overview for Broadcasting Council Meetings

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the Broadcasting of Council Meetings Policy.

Carried

12.3 CLK-24-06, Nichol Municipal Drain Section 76 Application to Drainage Tribunal

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East has no objection to the Section 76 application for the Nichol Municipal Drain, initiated by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

Carried

12.4 CS-24-04, Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Grant Application under the Community Capital Investment Grant

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the submission of an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation to request financial support to create inspiring useful spaces within the Municipality.

Carried

12.5 CS-24-05, Recreation Management Software

In response to Council, Director of Community Services Lissa Berard confirmed that there are future capabilities to incorporate information with external sports teams and service groups, however, the software is currently for municipally owned services.

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept a 5-year service contract from RecDesk to provide a recreation management software program for the Municipality of Huron East.

Carried

13. Correspondence

13.1 Shawn Daw, Chair of the 52nd Annual Men's Fastball Tournament re: Acknowledgement for Special Occasion Permit

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Newell:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East has no objection to the Brussels Tigers Fastball Club hosting their annual fastball tournament on July 26-28, 2024.

Carried

14. Unfinished Business

15. Council Reports

15.1 Council Member Reports

15.1.1 County Council Report

Mayor MacLellan reported that the final draft of the County Budget would be coming forward on March 6, 2024.

15.1.2 Other Boards/Committees or Meetings/Seminars

15.2 Requests by Members

Councillor McGrath noted confusion in the community with monthly tax statements and Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier stated that individuals may call the office to receive an explanation from the Property Tax Clerk/Deputy Treasurer.

In response to Councillor Newell, L. Berard explained that the recreation fees were unified across the Municipality to create consistency and provide cost recovery.

15.3 Notice of Motion

Councillor Steffler requested a closed meeting in relation to personal matters about identifiable individuals at an upcoming meeting.

15.4 Announcements

Councillor Diehl announced that tickets are still available for the fish fry at the Cranbrook Community Hall on April 13, 2024.

16. Other Business

17. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Wilbe and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That be it hereby resolved that By-law 087-2023, A By-law for the Clark and McTaggart Municipal Drains, 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 Councillor Dalton:

That be it hereby resolved that By-law 016-2024, A By-law to Regulate Refreshment Vehicles, 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 Councillor Diehl:

That be it hereby resolved that By-law 017-2024, A By-law to Appoint an Interim Fire Chief, 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

18. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 018-2024, 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

19. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor McGrath:

The time now being 8:05 p.m. That the regular meeting adjourn until March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

Jessica Rudy, Clerk