



**Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Chambers**  
**72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 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 and Director of Public Works Barry Mills

**Others Present:**

Fire Services Advisor Brad Patton

**1. Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, April 2, 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** 239(2)(b)(d) – personal matters about identifiable individuals and labour relations in relation to employee matters
- 1.2** 239(2)(b)(d) – personal matters about identifiable individuals and labour relations in relation to employee matters
- 1.3** Adoption of March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Closed Session of Council Meeting Minutes

And that CAO Brad McRoberts, Clerk Jessica Rudy and Fire Services Advisor Brad Patton remain in closed session.

Carried

**2. Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

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

**3. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session**

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Newell:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East reconvene into open session at 6:02 p.m.

Carried

Mayor MacLellan reported that Council went into closed session to discuss employee matters containing personal information about identifiable individuals.

#### **4. Land Acknowledgement**

Mayor MacLellan provided the land acknowledgement.

#### **5. Confirmation of the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Steffler:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated April 2, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

#### **6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Deputy Mayor McLellan declared a non-pecuniary interest for closed session item 1.2.

#### **7. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

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

**7.1** Special Meeting – Budget – March 19, 2024

**7.2** Regular Meeting – March 19, 2024

**7.3** Public Meeting – March 19, 2024

**7.4** Special Meeting – March 26, 2024

Carried

#### **8. Consent Agenda**

In response to Councillor Fisher's questions pertaining to Item 8.1, of the Consent Agenda, Clerk Jessica Rudy noted that the municipality does not have properties on the registry that are not designated and clarified that this does not prevent new designations from being made.

Councillor Dalton requested to remove and support Item 8.3, Township of Adelaide Metcalfe re: Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Dalton and Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That the Municipality of Huron East support the motion from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding the request to increase the Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Consent Agenda items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 be received for information and approved.

**8.1** Town of Fort Erie re: Architectural Conservancy Ontario – Request Provincial Government to Amend Deadline of Subsection 27(16), Ontario Heritage Act

**8.2** Bluewater Recycling Association re: Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

**8.4** Township of Clearview re: Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Carried

## **9. Public Meetings/Hearings and Delegations**

### **9.1 Presentation: Brad Patton, Fire Services Advisor re: Huron East Fire Services SCBA Justification Report**

Fire Services Advisor Brad Patton provided a detailed overview of the report, noting that Huron East is part of the 2% of municipalities that have not moved to the new SCBA packs, the health and safety advantages of the new packs and the benefits to training and standardization for each station.

In response to Council, B. Patton, explained that a committee within the department has been formed to test and evaluate the different packs from the three suppliers, and provided a brief overview of the supplier warranty packages.

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East proceed with the selection process and purchase of SCBA for the Huron East Fire Department as provided in report dated April 2, 2024;

And That Fire Services Advisor Brad Patton be directed to provide a report on the award of the SCBA purchase.

Carried

## **10. Planning**

## **11. Municipal Drains**

## **12. Reports & Recommendations of Municipal Officers**

**12.1** CAO-24-09, Response to March 19, 2024 Seaforth Fire Delegation

The report was received for information.

**12.2 PW-24-06, Repairs to Culvert Structures M-13 and M-28**

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East accept the tender for repairs to Culverts M-13 and M-28 on Canada Company Road from AJN Builders Inc. in the amount of \$402,506.00 (HST included).

Carried

**12.3 CLK-24-07, Councillor Device Replacement**

In response Council, J. Rudy confirmed that the new devices would be used for the remainder of this term of Council and the next and advised that staff will be reviewing the policy on the Councillor purchase of used devices prior to the 2026 term of Council.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East replace the Council iPads purchased in 2022 with the Lenovo ThinkBook.

Carried

**12.4 CLK-24-08, Recommended Motion for Support - Provincial Infrastructure Funding**

Councillor Fisher requested that the resolution be sent to the Minister of Finance and that a response by the province expected by June 28, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto;

And Whereas all Ontario municipalities are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures, including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs;

Therefore be it Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent infrastructure funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities;

And That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford; the Ontario Minister of Transportation the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; the Ontario Minister of Finance the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson.

And That the Municipality of Huron East request a response from the province by June

28, 2024.

Carried, as Amended

### **13. Correspondence**

### **14. Unfinished Business**

### **15. Council Reports**

#### **15.1 Council Member Reports**

##### **15.1.1 County Council Report**

Deputy Mayor McLellan reported that County Council requested a staff report after a presentation from the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) seeking the County as a regional collaborative partner; two new ambulances were ordered; the tender for road line paint was accepted for a 2-year supply at approximately \$709,000; and announced that a fellow Councillor from Bluewater was recognized for 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter.

In response to Councillor Fisher's inquiry about the status of the lights in Blyth and the planned roundabout, Mayor MacLellan reported that the lights are fully installed, and functioning in Blythe and the roundabout project has not yet commenced.

##### **15.1.2 Other Boards/Committees or Meetings/Seminars**

#### **15.2 Requests by Members**

Councillor Fisher requested that staff investigate possible grants for fire departments, long term care and infrastructure for residential builds, as was noted in a recent email from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Councillor Fisher requested that Huron County Planning staff present the Huron East specifics and impacts from the Huron County Population and Housing Projections Study report which was distributed at the March 19, 2024 Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand.

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East request that staff from the Huron County planning department provide a presentation to Huron East Council regarding the Huron County Population and Housing Projections Study final report.

Carried

Councillor Newell requested a staff report regarding the implementation, successes and challenges, with the recent changes to the new standardization fee structure for hall/auditorium rentals, in particular how this change effects the service clubs who host multiple annual events providing a benefit to the community.

Moved by Councillor Newell and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to provide a report to Council, by the first meeting in May, regarding the implementation, successes, challenges and impacts to service clubs that host multiple annual events which provide a benefit to the community.

Carried

### **15.3 Notice of Motion**

### **15.4 Announcements**

Councillor Chartrand announced that the Seaforth Hospital Trust and Seaforth Community Development Trust collaborated to make five (5) acres of land available for a long-term care facility and noted that staff have been working to promote the opportunity to long term care providers which has generated some positive response.

## **16. Other Business**

### **16.1 Appointment to the Huron County Detachment Board**

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East appoint Councillor Steffler to the Huron County Detachment Board.

Carried

## **17. By-laws**

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 025-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Hensall-Tuckersmith Municipal Drain (Bluewater) 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 Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 026-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Brewer Municipal Drain 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 Dalton:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 027-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Elligsen Municipal Drain 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 Newell and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 028-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Hullett-McKillop Municipal Drain 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 Steffler:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 029-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Jackson Municipal Drain 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 Dalton and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 030-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Kistner Municipal Drain 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 Dalton:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 031-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Silver Corners Branch A Municipal Drain 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 Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 032-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Silver Corners Extension Municipal Drain 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 Steffler:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 033-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Silver Corners Main Municipal Drain 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 Newell and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 034-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost for Maintenance Undertaken on Winthrop South Municipal Drain 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 Diehl:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 035-2024, 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 Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

The time now being 6:59 p.m. That the regular meeting adjourn until April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

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Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

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Jessica Rudy, Clerk