



Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Larry McGrath

Staff Present:

CAO Brad McRoberts; Clerk Jessica Rudy; Director of Finance/Treasurer Stacy Grenier; Director of Community Services Lissa Berard; Economic Development Officer Taralyn Cronin and Director of Public Works Barry Mills (Virtually)

Others Present:

Huron County Manager of Planning Denise Van Amersfoort

1. Closed Session and Reporting Out

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, September 3, 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 August 13, 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 disposition of land in Brussels

And That Human Resources Coordinator Jennifer Fulmer and Director of Community Services Lissa Berard 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

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

For Opening Remarks Deputy Mayor McLellan announced that the Ontario Trillium Foundation capital grant application, submitted for the Quebec Park in Vanastra, was approved and highlighted the features of the park and congratulated staff on their successful application.

3. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That Council of the Municipality of Huron East reconvene into Open Session at 6:01 p.m.

Carried

Deputy Mayor McLellan reported out from Closed Session that Council discussed a personal matter about an identifiable individual and potential disposition of land in Brussels.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor McLellan provided the land acknowledgement.

5. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated September 3, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Morrison declared a Conflict of Interest to item 13.2, Brussels Agricultural Society regarding Temporary Road Closure Request for Brussels Fall Fair due to being a member of the Brussels Agricultural Society.

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Steffler:

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

7.1 Regular Meeting – August 13, 2024

Carried

8. Consent Agenda

Councillor Fisher requested that Item 8.4 from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority re: MVCA 2024-2026 Draft Watershed, be pulled for comments.

In regard to Item 8.4, Councillor Fisher commented that larger wastewater solutions should be considered, opposed to septic systems in areas where large subdivisions are being planned, the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh was provided as an example.

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Consent Agenda Item 8.4 from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority re: MVCA 2024-2026 Draft Watershed be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

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

- 8.1** Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Provincial Planning Statement, 2024
- 8.2** Township of Nairn and Hyman re: Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area
- 8.3** Township of Russel re: Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Carried

9. Public Meetings/Hearings and Delegations

9.1 Delegation: Frank Stretton, Brussels Pickleball Club re: Outdoor Multipurpose Courts at Brussels, Morris & Grey Community Centre (BMGCC)

Frank Stretton appeared before Council on behalf of the Brussels Pickleball Club seeking support on the proposed project to improve the multipurpose courts at BMGCC and in submitting an application to the New Horizons Seniors Grant, due September 12, 2024.

F. Stretton provided details on the phased approach to enhancing the multipurpose courts including resurfacing, replacement of the sidewalk, and adding a concrete pad and pavilion with benches.

Council discussed the project, noting that more details would be required before a financial commitment is provided and clarified that the application was not a financial commitment but rather support of the application itself.

Council agreed to a motion of support for the grant application, noting that there is no financial commitment and requested more detailed information on the project financials.

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East support the application of the Brussels Pickle Ball Club to the New Horizons for Seniors Community Based Project for a multipurpose outdoor court.

Carried

9.2 Delegation: United Way Perth-Huron re: Initiatives, Events, and Committee Updates

Ryan Erb, Executive Director and Lisa Harper, Manager Community Development from United Way Perth-Huron provided an update regarding United Way initiatives, statistics, fundraising events and the new access market for Huron East. A copy of the presentation is [appended](#) to the original minutes.

In response to Council, R. Erb clarified that the access market schedule was not yet confirmed, and that the program will be open to everyone, and will not be based on an individual's financial means.

10. Planning

10.1 Planning Report re: Huron East Zoning By-law – Zone Map Modernization

Huron County Manager of Planning Denise Van Amersfoort provided an overview of the proposed map modernization, basis for review, and presented the difference in the current and proposed maps, examples of text changes and an overview of the public consultation and communication plan. A copy of the presentation is [appended](#) to the original minutes.

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East agree to initiate an update to the Zone Maps of the Huron East Zoning By-law.

And That staff be directed to circulate the amendment for public review under the Planning Act.

Carried

11. Municipal Drains

12. Reports & Recommendations of Municipal Officers

12.1 CAO-24-26, Council & New Staff Introductions

Moved by Councillor Newell and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East is in support of Council hosting a mid-Spring and early-Fall barbeque lunch for all staff in order to provide an opportunity for Council to meet new staff.

Carried

12.2 CLK-24-14, Huron County OPP Detachment Board Community Representatives

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East appoint the following community representatives to the Huron County OPP Detachment Board until the end of the current term of Council (2022 – 2026):

- Jennette Walker (representing as a resident of Bluewater)
- Jasmine Clark (representing as a resident of Central Huron)

Carried

12.3 CLK-24-15, September 17, 2024 Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Steffler:

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Huron East passed a motion on August 8, 2023 to approve the 2024 Schedule of Meetings;

And That the approval included that the September 17, 2024 Council meeting be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Brussels, Morris & Grey Community Centre (BMGCC).

And Further That the BMGCC is not available for use;

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East hold the September 17, 2024 Council meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Brussels Library Community Room.

Carried

12.4 CLK-24-16, Regional Electric Vehicle Charger Network Funding Application

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Ontario Charging Network LP (Ivy) to allow Ivy to submit an application for funding through the Natural Resources Canada Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program.

Carried

12.5 EDO-24-10, Wayfinding Signage Phase 1 Tender

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East award the Phase 1 Wayfinding Signage Tender to O'Brien Signs.

Carried

12.6 PW-24-14, Seaforth Connecting Link (Winter Maintenance for 2024-2025)

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the winter maintenance services agreement from Integrated Maintenance and Operation Services Inc. (IMOS) operating under the name of Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited, at a cost of \$7,911.72 plus HST for the 2024/25 winter season.

Carried

13. Correspondence

13.1 Brussels Bangers Fastball Club re: Noise Exemption Request

Moved by Councillor Newell and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the Brussels Bangers Fastball Club's request for a noise exemption from 5:00 p.m. on September 28, 2024 until 1:00 a.m. on September 29, 2024 for the Fall Ball Dance.

Carried

13.2 Brussels Agricultural Society re: Temporary Road Closure Request for Brussels Fall Fair

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East approve the request from the Brussels Agricultural Society to close intersections in Brussels on September 19, 2024 for the Brussels Fall Fair Parade.

Carried [Conflict: J. Morrison]

14. Unfinished Business

15. Council Reports

15.1 Council Member Reports

15.1.1 County Council Report

Deputy Mayor McLellan reported that at the last Huron County Council meeting there was a presentation of the strategic plan for the Western Ontario's Warden Caucus; approval of 2025 housing rental rate increase; approval of the 2025 land ambulance response time; speed limit decreases coming into small villages; the purchase of two dehumidifiers for the senior homes and noted that the County ended 2023 in a surplus of 4.6 million dollars.

15.1.2 Other Boards/Committees or Meetings/Seminars

Council discussed the various seminars attended at the recent Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) conference including topics such as drainage grant funding for municipalities, attracting doctors to municipalities through various means opposed to high dollar offers; and Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities and usage in municipalities.

15.2 Requests by Members

15.3 Notice of Motion

15.3.1 Motion from Deputy Mayor McLellan

*A. McLellan passed the role of Chair to Councillor Diehl at 7:13 p.m.

Deputy Mayor McLellan introduced the motion for discussion in opposition of the operation of battery storage farms, and their infrastructure, on prime agricultural land and noted that the Minister of Energy announced the over the next 25-30 years there will be a need to have 40% more energy sources.

Mayor MacLellan seconded the motion and noted that opposed to making the statement of being unwilling hosts, that applications be considered as they come forward, as they could be beneficial for energy storage and revenue for the municipality.

Councillor Fisher requested that the motion be amended to read that the Municipality is an unwilling host on all agriculture land, to avoid any confusion and debates on the type of farmland being used.

Council discussed the motion and noted that even if operations were on a lower class of land it could still have impacts on surrounding land, livestock and homes.

Mayor MacLellan requested a recorded vote.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Mayor MacLellan

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East declare the Municipality of Huron East as an unwilling host to Battery Energy Storage Systems, and their infrastructure, on agricultural land.

Carried, as Amended (9 in favour; 1 opposed)

Yay: R. Chartrand, B. Dalton, D. Diehl, R. Fisher, A. McLellan, J. Morrison, J. Newell, J. Steffler and G. Wilbee

Nay: B. MacLellan

*A. McLellan resumed the role of Chair at 7:27 p.m.

15.4 Announcements

16. Other Business

17. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 062-2024, A By-law to Authorize a Connecting Link Winter Maintenance Agreement with Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Ltd., be given first, second, third and final readings and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 063-2024, A By-law to Amend By-law 100-2022 to Appoint a Deputy Treasurer, be given first, second, third and final readings and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 064-2024, A By-law to Authorize the Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ontario Charging Network be given first, second, third and final readings and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 065-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Close Municipal Drain be given first, second, third and final readings and signed by the Deputy 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 066-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Cox Municipal Drain, be given first, second, third and final readings and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Newell and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 067-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Denman Municipal Drain, be given first, second, third and final

readings and signed by the Deputy 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 068-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Hanna Municipal Drain be given first, second, third and final readings and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 069-2024, A By-law to Temporarily Stop Up Portions of Roads in Brussels for the Brussels Fall Fair, be given first, second, third and final readings and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

18. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 070-2024, a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council, be given first, second, third and final reading and signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto.

Carried

19. Adjournment

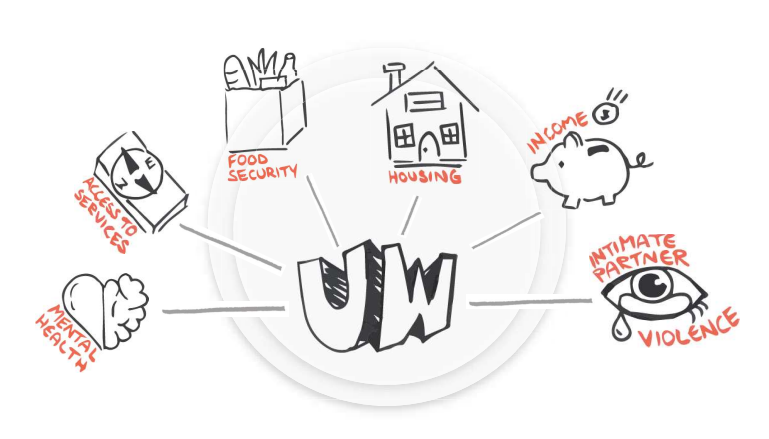
Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

The time now being 7:32 p.m. That the regular meeting adjourn until September 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at the Brussels Library.

Carried

Alvin McLellan, Deputy Mayor

Jessica Rudy, Clerk





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Navigating the local social services network is challenging especially for our most vulnerable



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FOOD SECURITY



One in four
Canadian children live in
a food insecure
household.

Source: University of Toronto
PROOF Research 2019

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Huron East
agencies
supported by
food distribution
supply

Huron East Community Committee:

- Meets monthly at the *Seaforth First Presbyterian Church*
- Has been driving force behind the creation of the *Access Market*
- Looking for community minded folks to join the committee
- Is active in fundraising events for the region

100% Local. Always.



Nourish Access Market:

- An *equal access food market*, offering fresh produce/foods at cost to customers
- Will be hosted by the *Seaforth First Presbyterian Church*
- Will take place twice a month, 2-3 hours each time
- Will be partnering with *The Local Community Food Centre* to run
- Planning first market for April 2025, pending fundraising



United Way
Perth-Huron



the local
community food centre



Huron East



NOURISH
EQUAL ACCESS FOOD MARKET



FOOD SECURITY



How can you help?



Get involved

- Join the Huron East Community Committee (HECC)
- Volunteer at events/programs – i.e. fundraisers, Access Market
- Be a United Perth Huron Champion
- Donate to our campaign!

How can you help?



Huron East Zoning By-Law Zone Map Modernization

September 3, 2024



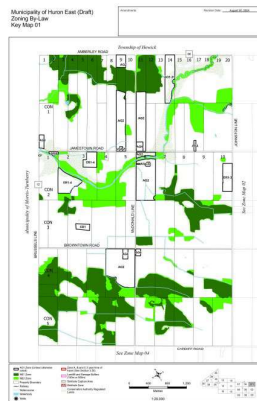
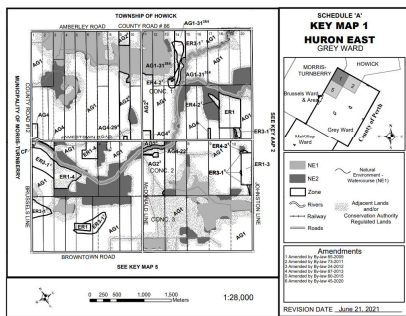
Purpose and Basis for Review

Huron East Zone Maps were created in 2006 and have not had a major update since. The software used to create the maps is no longer supported.

Proposing new zone maps be reformatted to:

- Improve accessibility, readability and user-friendliness;
- Reduce the number of zone maps (from 95 to 44 maps); and
- Improve accuracy and reflect current aerial photography.

Current & Proposed Maps



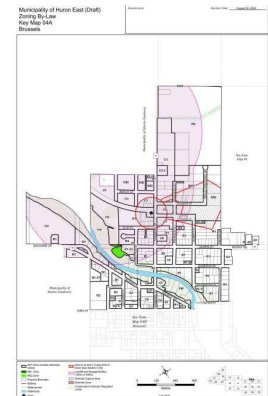
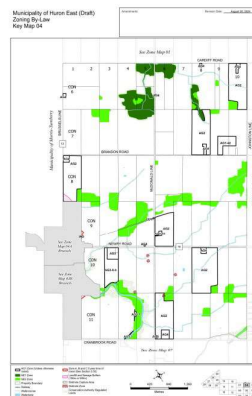
Text Changes

Some minor text changes which relate directly to the maps are proposed:

- IND to M1/M2
- Remove AG1-Special Zones that are no longer needed
- Remove ER1 zones where license surrendered
- Remove ER3-1 and ER4-2 zones used as aggregate 'flag' zone

Public Consultation and Communication

- Publish proposed zone maps on Huron East website and promote on HEAR (Huron East Asks Residents);
- Advertise Open Houses in Expositor and Citizen and include advertisement in fall newsletter mailout; and
- Open Houses to follow harvest season tentatively as follows:
 - Seaforth and McKillop (Town Hall) - November 12
 - Tuckersmith and Vanastra (Brucefield United Church)- November 14
 - Brussels and Grey (Brussels Library) - November 21



Recommendation

It is recommended that Council initiate the update to the Huron East Zoning By-Law maps and direct staff to proceed with public consultation.