



**Municipality of Huron East Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Chambers**  
**72 Main Street South, Seaforth, ON**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 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; Director of Community Services Lissa Berard; Human Resources Coordinator Jennifer Fulmer (Virtual); and Director of Public Works Barry Mills (Virtual)

**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 Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated October 1, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

**5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Wilbee 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 – September 17, 2024

**5.2** Public Meeting – September 17, 2024

Carried

## **6. Consent Agenda**

There were no requests to remove any items from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Newell:

That Consent Agenda items 6.1 to 6.5 be received for information and approved.

- 6.1** Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2024
- 6.2** Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2024
- 6.3** Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness re: Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative
- 6.4** Bluewater Recycling Association re: Board of Directors Meeting Highlights
- 6.5** Regional Municipality of Waterloo re: Solve the Crisis

Carried

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

### **7.1 Delegation: Frank Stretton re: Brussels Pickle Ball Multi-Use Court Project**

Frank Stretton appeared before Council to provide details on the three phases of the proposed project for the Brussels multi use courts and requested Council to be a financial partner and holder of funds for the project and clarified that the ask of the municipality, for the first phase is \$8,500.

In response to Council, F. Stretton explained the resurfacing process and confirmed that the total project cost, for all phases is estimated to be approximately \$39,000.

## **8. Planning**

## **9. Municipal Drains**

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

### **10.1 CAO-24-29, Council Committee Review**

Council discussed the current Committee structure and noted that feedback has been received in relation to the former Fire Board, which met twice a year. It was noted that the Board structure should be reviewed to ensure all stations are included and that there is Council representation.

Moved by Councillor Chartrand and Seconded by Councillor Steffler:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to bring forward a report on a structure of a Fire Board, including Councillors, partner municipalities and all Huron East fire stations.

Carried

Council discussed the benefits of having increased communication between the Municipality and the current Huron Community Family Health Team Board. It was requested that staff inquire on the possibility of having a Council representative on the current Huron Community Family Health Team Board.

Moved Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to inquire if the Huron Community Family Health Team Board would be willing to accept a non-voting Council representative on the Board, for information purposes.

Carried

#### **10.2 CLK-24-12, Council Composition**

Council discussed the results of the public engagement and noted the importance of maintaining the current ward structure, and the advantages of having two representatives per ward especially in the areas of workload, history and knowledge.

Council requested that the Council Review Advisory Committee return to Council to present the rationale of the recommendation. In response, Clerk Jessica Rudy confirmed that she would invite the members to attend a future Council meeting, however, the Committee had served their purpose and would not be obligated to attend.

Moved by Councillor Newell and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to invite the members of the Council Review Advisory Committee to a future meeting regarding the final recommendation on Council composition.

Carried

#### **10.3 CLK-24-13, Council Remuneration Options**

Council discussed the various options and noted that the current remuneration process is fair and equitable and noted that continuing to combine meetings in one day is beneficial and cost effective.

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Chartrand:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East remain status quo in regard to Council remuneration.

Carried

**10.4** HR-24-02, Overtime Policy

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That the Council of Huron East approve Policy HR-006, Overtime Policy, as presented in report HR-24-02.

Carried

**10.5** CS-24-21, Brussels Outdoor Pickle Ball Courts

Director of Community Services Lissa Berard provided an overview of the report noting that the Municipality would attempt to provide their requested amount through upcoming grant opportunities.

Council noted that the health and safety concerns with the current condition of the court and requested staff to include the 50% ask in the 2025 budget.

Moved by Councillor Newell and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East direct staff to allocate the requested 50% funding from the Brussels Pickle Ball Club to resurface the multi-use court to the 2025 budget considerations.

Carried

**10.6** FIN-24-11, Family Health Team Request to Reduce Rent

Moved by Councillor Wilbee and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East establish an Ad Hoc Committee of Council consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other members of Council, as determined and appointed by the Mayor, to initiate investigatory discussions with the Huron Community Family Health Team regarding consideration of the Family Health Team's request for financial assistance;

And That the Ad Hoc Committee of Council report back to Council with recommendations;

And Further That the Ad Hoc Committee remain in place as deemed necessary to monitor the financial sustainability of the Huron Community Family Health Team, unless directed otherwise by Council

Carried

Council discussed the formation of the Committee to allow for easier discussions with the Board, and suggestions were made to have a representative from each ward on the Committee, with the Mayor representing Seaforth and the Deputy Mayor representing Grey.

Councillor Steffler suggested that Councillor Fisher sit on the Committee due to his history and knowledge with the Board.

Councillor McGrath noted that having the three members, and keeping the Committee small would likely better suit the intent of the Committee.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Fisher:

That the Council of the Municipality of Huron East appoint the following members to the Family Health Team Ad Hoc Committee:

- Mayor MacLellan
- Deputy Mayor McLellan
- Councillor Fisher

Carried

Council discussed importance of the healthcare in Huron East and having health care available for residents.

## **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 heard from the Swift 2.0 program, noting that they are working on getting fibre optics to 34 difficult sites. CAO Meighan Wark presented the attrition plan from 2023. County has received new natural gas trucks, leaving 3 diesel trucks left in the fleet, it was noted that moving to electric vehicles will be held off due to costs.

Deputy Mayor McLellan announced that the Bluewater Recycling Association (BRA) president Francis Veilleux is retiring and Controller Michelle Courtney will be stepping into the role.

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

Councillor Chartrand announced that the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Water Protection Committee has recently appointed a local farmer from Huron East.

Deputy Mayor McLellan announced that he attended the Clinton Community Working Group regarding public access to the Clinton Emergency Room and noted that the root cause is staff shortages.

### **13.2 Requests by Members**

In response to Deputy Mayor McLellan, B. McRoberts provided an overview of the remediation happening for the manure spill into a municipal drain, noting that the Ministry of Environment has been on site and provided direction to the Drainage Superintendent, it was clarified that the costing for the spill would be recovered from the owner of the spilled material.

### **13.3 Notice of Motion**

### **13.4 Announcements**

Councillor Newell congratulated the Brussels Bangers on their successful fundraising event and thanked staff for working with the group.

Mayor MacLellan highlighted the most recent Brussels Fall Fair, commenting on the amount of children activities and involvement of the Brussels Fire Station.

## **14. Other Business**

### **15. By-laws**

Moved by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Morrison:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 075-2024, A By-law to Appoint the 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

Moved by Councillor Morrison and Seconded by Councillor Wilbee:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 076-2024, A By-law to Appoint a Community Emergency Coordinator (Alternate), 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 By-law 077-2024, A By-law to Appoint a Deputy 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

Moved by Councillor Diehl and Seconded by Deputy Mayor McLellan:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 078-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Gordon 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 Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 079-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the McKenzie 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 Newell:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 080-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Pethick 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 081-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Vivian 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 Deputy Mayor McLellan and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Be it Hereby Resolved By-law 082-2024, A By-law to Levy the Cost of Work Undertaken on the Vanloo 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

## **16. Closed Session**

## **17. Confirmatory By-Law**

Moved by Councillor Steffler and Seconded by Councillor Diehl:

That Be It Hereby Resolved that By-law 083-2024, 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 Diehl and Seconded by Councillor Dalton:

The time now being 7:39 p.m. That the regular meeting adjourn until October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

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Bernie MacLellan, Mayor

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Jessica Rudy, Clerk