

MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING



Date: Monday, January 15, 2018
Time: 7:03 p.m.
Location: HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reeve Neil Vincent
Deputy Reeve James Campbell
Councillor Ray Hallahan
Councillor Yolanda Ritsema-Teeninga
Councillor Brock Vodden
Councillor Bill Knott

STAFF PRESENT: Dwayne Evans, CAO
Richard Al, Clerk/Manager of Information Technology
Donna White, Director of Finance
Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities
Sean McGhee, Director of Public Works
Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official
Chad Kregar, Deputy Chief, FDNH
Matt Townsend, Deputy Chief FDNH
Laura Young, Huron County Planner
Laura Schreiner, Huron County Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Denny Scott, Citizen
Adam Bell, CKNX
Art Versteeg, Reeve, Howick Township
Ron Davidson, Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consulting Ltd.
Gary Rutledge, GJAJ Holdings Ltd.
Joe Hallahan, Murray Souch, Graham Jackson, Peter Uyl,
Linda Uyl, Irene Kellins, Patty Kellins, Brenda Gordon,
Brenda Linton, Dave Linton, Ernest Dow.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

M09/18

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron; accept the Agenda for the January 15, 2018 Council Meeting; as amended to include an additional item under 13. Closed Session regarding Property Standards.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes

4.1.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 18, 2017

4.1.2 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held December 29, 2017

4.1.3 Minutes of the Budget Meeting held January 3, 2018

4.1.4 Minutes of the Budget Meeting held January 4, 2018

4.1.5 Minutes of the North Huron Police Services Board Meeting held November 28, 2017

4.1.6 Minutes of the North Huron Economic Development Committee Meeting held December 7, 2017

4.1.7 Minutes of the Alice Munro Festival of the Short Story Committee Meeting held December 18, 2017

4.1.8 Minutes of the Council of the County of Huron - First Session held December 6, 2017

4.1.9 Minutes of the County of Huron Committee of the Whole Meeting Day 1 held December 13, 2017

4.1.10 Minutes of the County of Huron Committee of the Whole Meeting Day 2 held December 20, 2017

4.2 Reports

4.2.1 Bills and Accounts

4.2.2 Clerks Department Report 01-15-18 (Department Update)

4.2.3 Finance Department Report 01-15-18 (Department Update)

4.2.4 Recreation and Facilities Report 01-15-18 (Department update)

4.2.5 Public Works Report 01-15-18 (Department Update)

4.2.6 Public Works Report 01-15-18 (Automated Speed Enforcement)

4.2.7 Public Works Report 01-15-18 (Howson Dam Safety Assessment Update)

4.3 Correspondence

4.3.1 United Way Bruce Grey - Ban on Disconnection of Homes this Winter for Customers of Electricity Distributors

4.3.2 Ernie Hardeman, MPP - Letter regarding policy

4.3.3 Ministry of Finance - Letter regarding legalization of cannabis

4.3.4 Brian Patterson, Too Far Too Fast - Letter regarding legalization of cannabis

4.3.5 Geoffrey Cade, Source Protection Program Supervisor, Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Agency - Notice of Public Consultation - Proposed Amendments to Source Protection Plans

4.3.6 Sid Vander Veen, Drainage Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs - Drainage Information Letter

4.3.7 Ontario Ombudsman - Letter regarding investigation of December 11, 2017 Closed Session Meeting

4.3.8 Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Notice of Public Meeting concerning a proposed Minor Variance

M10/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adopts Consent Items 4.1.1 to 4.1.4;

AND FURTHER THAT all other Consent Items be received for information.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

5.1 Committee of Adjustment Hearing

File A04-2017

Concession 4 Part North Part of Lot 31; West Part of Lot 32, East Wawanosh Ward, North Huron (38917 Westfield Road)

Applicant/Owners: Tonnie and Anita van Hittersum / Rolling Lands Farms Ltd

M11/18

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adjourns the Regular Council meeting at 7:05 p.m. to enter a Committee of Adjustment Hearing.

CARRIED

M12/18

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 7:23 p.m.

CARRIED

M13/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accept the recommendation of the Committee of Adjustment; that the Minor Variance File #A04-2017 as it applies to Concession 4 Part North Part of Lot 31; West Part of Lot 32, East Wawanosh Ward, North Huron (38917 Westfield Road) Applicant/Owners: Tonnie and Anita van Hittersum / Rolling Lands Farms Ltd.; be approved with the following conditions:

- 1. The barn be located within the footprint contained on the sketch submitted by the applicant to the Municipality;*
- 2. The barn be as shown in the elevation drawings submitted by the applicant to the Municipality; and*
- 3. The variance approval is valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.*

CARRIED

5.2 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

Zoning By-law Amendment, Pt Lots D, E and F, Registered Plan 173, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron

Applicant: Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consultant Inc.

Owner: GJAJ Holdings Ltd. c/o Gary Rutledge

M14/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adjourns the Regular Council meeting at 7:24 p.m. to enter a Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

M15/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED

M16/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee; that the amendment to zoning as it applies to Pt Lots D, E and F, Registered Plan 173, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron, be deferred to the next available Council meeting to allow additional time for all comments to be received and considered.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 Clerks Department

6.1.1 Plan of Subdivision - File# 40T17002

Applicant: Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consultant Inc.

Owner: GJAJ Holdings Ltd. c/o Gary Rutledge

Property Description: Pt Lots D, E and F, Registered Plan 173, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron

M17/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby defers recommendation of the Draft Plan of Subdivision File #40T17002, Applicant: Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consulting Inc.; Owner: GJAJ Holdings Ltd. c/o Gary Rutledge; Pt Lots D, E and F, Registered Plan 173, Blyth Ward,

Township of North Huron, to the next available Council meeting to allow additional time for all comments to be received and considered.

CARRIED

6.2 Finance Department

6.2.1 Tax Arrears Certificate Registration

M18/18

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Director of Finance dated January 15, 2018 regarding tax arrears certification registrations;

AND FURTHER, that the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approves the Director of Finance's recommendation to reduce the time for registration of tax arrears certificates from three years to two years;

AND FURTHER, that the applicable property owners be sent notification of the change in legislation.

CARRIED

6.3 Recreation and Facilities Department

6.4 Public Works / Utilities Department

6.5 Fire Department of North Huron

6.6 Building Department

6.7 CAO

6.7.1 Fire Personnel Recruitment

M19/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes Deputy Fire Chief Townsend and Deputy Fire Chief Kregar to proceed with filling fire personnel vacancies.

CARRIED

6.7.2 Fire Chief Recruitment

M20/18

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the CAO dated January 15, 2018 regarding Fire Chief recruitment;
AND FURTHER, that the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes the CAO to investigate the possible sharing of an existing fire chief with another municipality;*

AND FURTHER, that the Township of North Huron hereby affirms their motion passed on December 11, 2017 (M598/17) directing the CAO to proceed with the recruitment of a Director of Fire and Emergency Services and to consult with Senior Fire Department staff in the development of the process for recruiting for the position.

CARRIED

6.7.3 Economic Development Committee

Discussion took place regarding the North Huron Economic Development Strategic Plan 2016-2019.

M21/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approves the North Huron Economic Development Committee's request and directs staff to prepare a status report on goals 5.1 and 5.2 contained in the North Huron Economic Development Strategic Plan, 2016-2019;

AND FURTHER, that the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby requests staff to include the status report on the February 5, 2018 regular Council meeting agenda;

AND FURTHER, that the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes staff to share the status report with the North Huron Economic Development Committee at their February 1, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

6.7.4 Ontario Business Improvement Area Association Achievement Awards 2018

M22/18**MOVED BY:** B. Vodden**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby direct staff to submit an application to the 2018 Ontario Business Improvement Area Association Achievement Awards for the Blyth 140th Committee – 140 events for 140 years project.

CARRIED**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) request to formally proclaim February 1 to February 7, 2018 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week (EDAW)

M23/18**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the Reeve in proclaiming February 1, 2018 to February 7, 2018 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week (EDAW).

CARRIED

- 7.2 Notice of Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Temporary Zoning By-law Amendment Affecting the Municipality of Central Huron

Laura Simpson, Huron County Planner provided an update regarding the proposed Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment of the Municipality of Central Huron, noting that Central Huron has deferred decision on this item to consider comments from the Township of North Huron and adjacent landowners.

Discussion took place regarding concerns with the proposed Temporary Use Zoning By-law amendment.

Council requested that formal comments be sent on behalf of Council noting that in addition to the comments provided by staff, Council identified three additional items for comment. The first being that the proposed by-law be amended to include verbiage identifying the overnight camping as overflow use only. The second item being that a Memorandum of Understanding regarding use of Blyth campground be investigated. And

the third item being that the applicant provides details regarding plans for traffic control at the intersection of County Road 25 and Highway 4.

M24/18**MOVED BY:** B. Knott**SECONDED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby concur with the comments provided to the Municipality of Central Huron by Township of North Huron staff regarding the proposed Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs staff to prepare an amended letter to be sent to the Municipality of Central Huron, incorporating the comments discussed by the Council at their January 15, 2018 Council Meeting, including the following:

- 1. Traffic control provisions being considered including vehicular and pedestrian traffic*
- 2. Amendments to the by-law to recognize the camping as overflow use only*
- 3. The possible creation of a Memorandum of Understanding*

CARRIED

- 7.3 Huron Perth Agriculture and Water Festival Steering Committee - Request for donation/sponsorship

M25/18**MOVED BY:** B. Knott**SECONDED BY:** J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby support the Huron Perth Agriculture and Water Festival's request for donation/sponsorship in the amount of \$100;

AND FURTHER, that the funds shall be allocated from the Council Contingency budget line in the 2018 Budget.

CARRIED**8. COUNCIL REPORTS****8.1 REEVE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Reeve Vincent noted that registration for the annual AMO conference opens January 17 and requested that Councillors wishing to attend let staff know.

Reeve Vincent congratulated the Wingham Peewee hockey team on becoming North American International Silverstick Champions 2017-2018 in the C Division at the International Silverstick Finals in Forest, Ontario.

Reeve Vincent congratulated Justin Peters on being named to the Men's Canadian Olympic Hockey team.

8.2 COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (Verbal or written updates from members who sit on boards/committees)

8.3 REQUESTS BY MEMBERS

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

9.1 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference

Reeve Vincent noted that a Notice of Motion regarding OSUM would be included on the February 5, 2018 Council Agenda.

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 By-law 03-2018

Being a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Huron.

M26/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT By-law No. 03-2018; Being a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Huron; be introduced, read a first, second, third and final time, signed by the Reeve and the Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.1 Reminder - Public Information Sessions Wingham Ward Policing - January 17, 2018

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Scheduling of Next Budget Meeting

M27/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approve the scheduling of a Budget Meeting on February 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm, to be held in the Township of North Huron Council Chambers.

CARRIED

13. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT

M28/18

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceeds at 9:17 pm. to an In-Camera Session (Closed to the Public) to discuss the following:

- *Section 239 (2) (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and Section 239 (2) (d) Labour relations or employee negotiations (Joint Building Services);*
- *Section 239 (2) (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and Section 239 (2) (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal (Property Standards);*
- *Section 239 (2) (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Fire Department Personnel);*
- *Section 239 (2) (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Administration Personnel).*

CARRIED

M29/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceed to the Regular Council meeting at 10:42 pm.

CARRIED

Richard Al, Clerk, reported that during the Closed Session Council discussed four items, two of which have motions for Council's consideration in Open Session. The remaining two items are as follows:

- An update regarding ongoing legal proceedings against a landowner regarding property standards.
- An update on an item involving an identifiable individual of the Fire Department.

M30/18**MOVED BY:** B. Knott**SECONDED BY:** R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby support Option 2, retain current complement of Building Department staff, Drainage services to be provided by the Building Department for a period of 1 year after which investigate the possibility of moving to the model outlined in Option 3, reduced building Department staff, subject to evaluation at that time.

CARRIED**M31/18****MOVED BY:** B. Knott**SECONDED BY:** B. Vodden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby direct the CAO to proceed with the restructuring of the Economic Development Department as discussed in Closed Session.

CARRIED**14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

- 14.1 By-law No. 04-2018, being a By-law of the Township of North Huron to confirm generally previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron.

M32/18**MOVED BY:** B. Knott**SECONDED BY:** J. Campbell

THAT By-law 04-2018; being a by-law to confirm generally previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron; be introduced, read a first, second, third and final time, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

M33/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron agree that there being no further business before Council; the meeting be hereby adjourned at 10:46 pm.

CARRIED

Neil Vincent, Reeve

Richard Al, Clerk