

## MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING



**Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 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 Trevor Seip  
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  
Laura Young, Huron County Planner  
Chad Kregar, Deputy Chief FDNH  
Ken Devries, Captain FDNH  
Scott Price, Public Works Department  
Denise Lockie, Recreation Department

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Adam Bell, CKNX  
Gary Rutledge, GJAJ Holdings Inc.  
John Kerr, GM Blue Plan  
Kyla Price, Renata Sieber-Schlegel, Brenda Gordon, Brenda Linton, Dave Linton, Graeme Jackson

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

**M84/18**

**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron; accept the Agenda for the February 20, 2018 Council Meeting; as presented.*

**CARRIED**

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

#### **3.1 Councillor Seip - Bills and Accounts**

Councillor Seip declared a conflict on cheque number 502210 under Item 4.2.1 due to the cheque being payable to his spouse, who is an employee in the Child Care department.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4.1 Minutes**

4.1.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 5, 2018

4.1.2 Minutes of the Budget Meeting held February 8, 2018

4.1.3 Minutes of the Blyth BIA Meeting held January 3, 2018

4.1.4 Minutes of the Council of the County of Huron - Second Session held January 3, 2018

4.1.5 Minutes of the Council of the County of Huron - Special Meeting held January 31, 2018

4.1.6 Minutes of the County of Huron Committee of the Whole Meeting Day 1 held January 10, 2018

4.1.7 Minutes of the County of Huron Committee of the Whole Meeting Day 2 held January 17, 2018

#### **4.2 Reports**

4.2.1 Bills and Accounts

4.2.2 Finance Report 02-20-18 (2017 Council Statement of Remuneration and Expenses)

4.2.3 Public Works Report 02-20-18 (Department Update)

#### **4.3 Correspondence**

4.3.1 RTO4 DestinationBLYTH - Final Report

4.3.2 Westario Power Inc. - Notice of Acting CEO

4.3.3 AMO Makes Submission on Policing - Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act

4.3.4 Town of Essex - Offering School Properties to Municipalities

4.3.5 Notice of Passing Zoning By-law Amendment - Central Huron (39973 & 40035 Blyth Road)

4.3.6 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top-Up Application Component

Councillor Vodden commented on Item 4.3.4 and requested that Council pass a motion to support the letter received from the Town of Essex.

**M85/18****MOVED BY:** B. Vodden**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Essex regarding Offering School Properties to Municipalities;*

*AND FURTHER, that the Clerk is directed to send a letter of support to the Town of Essex, AMO and ROMA.*

**CARRIED**

Councillor Seip commented on Item 4.1.3 noting that the BIA Minutes indicate that RED Grant funding is no longer being used for the hotel feasibility study. Councillor Seip inquired as to whether North Huron is still considered one of the stakeholders and whether North Huron would still have access to the study results.

**M86/18****MOVED BY:** B. Vodden**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adopts Consent Items 4.1.1 to 4.1.2;*

*AND FURTHER THAT all other Consent Items save and except for Cheque 502210 of Item 4.2.1, be received for information.*

**CARRIED****M87/18****MOVED BY:** B. Knott**SECONDED BY:** J. Campbell

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives Cheque 502210 of Item 4.2.1 for information.*

**CARRIED****5. PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS****5.1 Staff Service Awards**

Reeve Vincent presented on behalf of the municipality a staff service award and thanked Scott Price for 20 years of service.

Reeve Vincent presented on behalf of the municipality a staff service award and thanked Denise Lockie for 10 years of service.

Scott Price and Denise Lockie departed the meeting at 7:08pm.

5.2 Deputy Chief Chad Kregar and Deputy Chief Matt Townsend - Emergency Services Training Centre

FDNH Deputy Chief Chad Kregar and Captain Ken Devries discussed the viability of the Emergency Services Training Centre and Council's direction for the future of the facility and operations.

C. Kregar proposed five potential options for the future of the ESTC

1. Close the facility
2. Maintain status quo by hiring a staff member and continuing operations as they have been historically.
3. Request assistance from the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
4. Create a board to oversee ESTC operations
5. Sell the ESTC to a private company

Discussion took place regarding various items related to the ESTC including the viability and future of the facility, the operational oversight and decision-making process, and the potential of offering a marine training program.

Deputy Chief Kregar and Captain Devries were thanked and resume their seats.

Director of Finance, Donna White presented details of the ESTC financials and requested direction regarding the \$70,411.27 deficit for 2017.

**M88/18**

**MOVED BY:** B. Knott

**SECONDED BY:** J. Campbell

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby direct the Director of Finance to apply the Emergency Services Training Centre deficit of \$70,411.27 for 2017 to the Emergency Services Training Centre.*

**CARRIED**

**6. REPORTS**

6.1 Clerks Department

6.1.1 Zoning By-law Amendment and 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

Laura Simpson, Planner, presented details of the Proposed Plan of Subdivision File# 40T17002 and Zoning By-law Amendment.

L. Simpson noted that these items were previously discussed during a Public Meeting held on January 15, 2018 however were deferred at that time to allow additional time for all comments to be received and considered.

L. Simpson explained the zoning by-law amendment and noted that Lot 14 would have a holding zone R1-h attached.

L. Simpson summarized the comments received from agencies and neighbouring property owners.

L. Simpson provided details of the draft conditions and recommended approval the draft conditions.

Discussion took place regarding comments received from the neighbouring property owners and the condition of the Whitfield drain.

L. Simpson was thanked and resume her seat.

#### **M89/18**

**MOVED BY:** B. Knott

**SECONDED BY:** R. Hallahan

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby directs the Drainage Superintendent to investigate the Whitfield Drain to assess the condition of the drain in terms of supporting the additional output from the proposed development.*

**CARRIED**

#### **M90/18**

**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** B. Vodden

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the Draft Conditions as presented and included in 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, Plan 173, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron;*

*AND FURTHER, that the Clerk is directed to forward the Draft Conditions to the Huron County Planning and Development Department for consideration by the approval authority.*

**CARRIED**

**M91/18**

**MOVED BY:** B. Knott

**SECONDED BY:** R. Hallahan

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the proposed 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, Plan 173, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron;*

*AND FURTHER, that the Clerk is directed to forward the resolution and documentation required under Section 6. (3), Regulation 544/06 of the Planning Act, to the Huron County Planning and Development Department for consideration by the approval authority.*

**CARRIED**

**M92/18**

**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** T. Seip

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the recommendation of Laura Simpson, Huron County Planner; 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 approved.*

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Finance Department**

**6.2.1 2017 Transfers to Reserves**

**M93/18**

**MOVED BY:** T. Seip

**SECONDED BY:** J. Campbell

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from the Director of Finance in regard to the 2017 Transfers to Reserves for information purposes;*

*AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Director of Finance to proceed with the 2017 transfers to reserves in the amount of \$760,340.19 as per attached listing.*

**CARRIED**

6.3 Recreation and Facilities Department

6.4 Public Works / Utilities Department

6.4.1 Summit Drive Streetlight Retrofit

**M94/18**

**MOVED BY:** T. Seip

**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report of the Director of Public Works, dated February 8, 2018 regarding the Summit Drive Streetlight Retrofit;*

*AND FURTHER that, the costs associated with the project be included for discussion and consideration in the 2018 North Huron budget.*

**CARRIED**

6.5 Fire Department of North Huron

6.6 Building Department

6.7 CAO

6.7.1 AMCTO Training

**M95/18**

**MOVED BY:** T. Seip

**SECONDED BY:** B. Vodden

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from CAO Dwayne Evans, dated February 20, 2018 regarding staff Training accomplishments, for information purposes;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby congratulates Pat Newson and Amanda Piskorski on successful completion of Unit 1 and Unit 3 of AMTCO's MAP Program, respectively.*

**CARRIED**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 AMO - Draft Fire Regulations for Municipal Comments

**M96/18**

**MOVED BY:** B. Knott

**SECONDED BY:** T. Seip

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby directs staff to prepare comments regarding the Draft MCSCS Regulations on Mandatory Certification and Training for Firefighters and Community Risk Assessments by Municipalities;*

*AND FURTHER, that the comments be included on the March 5, 2018 Council Agenda for Council's endorsement.*

**CARRIED**

7.2 AMO - Draft Fire Medic Resolution for Council's Consideration

Discussion took place regarding the draft fire medic resolution.

**M97/18**

**MOVED BY:** B. Knott

**SECONDED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

**WHEREAS** *Bill 160, the Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act amended the Ambulance Act to permit the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to enable two pilot projects hosted by willing municipal governments to allow fire fighters, certified as paramedics, to treat patients while on duty with a fire department; and*

**WHEREAS** *the Government of Ontario is committed to proceeding with the pilots and enabling the fire-medic model despite the absence of objective evidence to show that it would improve patient outcomes or response times; and*

**WHEREAS** *the current interest arbitration model, particularly in the fire services sector, allows arbitrators to impose awards on unwilling employers that directly impact the employer's ability to determine how it will deploy its workforce, as evidenced by the experience of many municipalities in regards to the 24-hour shift; and*

**WHEREAS** *in the absence of legislative protection, unwilling municipalities may be forced to enter into a pilot or adopt a fire-medic model as a result of interest arbitration; and*

**WHEREAS** *the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and its municipal members have called on the Government of Ontario to introduce legislative amendments to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 and the Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act to preclude arbitrators from expanding the scope of work for fire fighters and paramedics respectively through interest arbitration awards; and*

**WHEREAS** *there is precedent for a restriction on the scope of jurisdiction of arbitrators in section 126 of the Police Services Act which precludes arbitrators from amending the core duties of police officers; and*

**WHEREAS** *the Government of Ontario has committed that no unwilling municipal government will have a fire-medic pilot or program imposed upon them.*

**NOW THEREFORE** *be it resolved that:*

1. *The Township of North Huron calls on the Government of Ontario to act immediately so that legislative amendments, that will protect unwilling*



*municipalities from being forced by arbitrators to have a fire medic pilot or program, are placed within the upcoming Budget Bill before the Ontario Legislature rises for the provincial election.*

2. *A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Office of the Premier; Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Hon. Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour, Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Lisa Thompson, MPP; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.*

**CARRIED**

## **8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **8.1 REEVE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Reeve Vincent reported attending a dinner event earlier in the evening at the Wingham Legion organized through One Care and noted the event was well attended.

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

Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga reported that the Wingham BIA Annual General Meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2018 at 7:30pm at the Wingham Knights of Columbus Lounge and invited Council to attend.

Councillor Vodden reported that the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) are working on developing mapping for ATVs.

Councillor Vodden commented that Huron County as a whole may not be doing enough to assist homeless individuals and indicated recently speaking with a library employee regarding the increased prevalence of homeless individuals around libraries.

Deputy-Reeve Campbell thanked the Fire Department of North Huron firefighters on behalf of a resident for their assistance in dealing with a recent fire on the resident's property.

Councillor Knott commented on an upcoming customer appreciation event.

Discussion took place regarding accepting invitations to appreciation events.

### 8.3 REQUESTS BY MEMBERS

#### 8.3.1 Reeve Vincent - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)

**M99/18**

**MOVED BY:** B. Vodden

**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the nomination of the CAO of the Township of North Huron, Dwayne Evans, as an administrative member to the OSUM Executive Committee for a two year period effective May 2, 2018 and if elected or acclaimed, commits to sending a minimum of two Council representatives to attend the OSUM conference annually;*

*AND FURTHER, that if elected or acclaimed, associated expenses to attend OSUM Executive Committee meetings approximately three times per year and the OSUM annual conference be reimbursed to the CAO.*

**CARRIED**

### 9. NOTICE OF MOTION

### 10. BY-LAWS

#### 10.1 By-law No. 10-2018

Being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, an amendment to the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) (Ontario) between Her Majesty the Queen in the right of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of North Huron

**M100/18**

**MOVED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

**SECONDED BY:** B. Vodden

*THAT By-law No. 10-2018; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, an amendment to the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) (Ontario) between Her Majesty the Queen in the right of Ontario and the Corporation 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**

#### 10.2 By-law No. 11-2018

Being a by-law to amend the zoning on Part Lots D, E, and F, Registered Plan 173, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron, changing the zoning from Future Development (FD) to a series of Residential Zones (R1, R1-h, R2-17,

R2-18, and R3).

**M101/18**

**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** R. Hallahan

*WHEREAS the Council of the Township of North Huron has held a public meeting pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act 1990, with respect to proposed zoning By-law 11-2018;*

*AND WHEREAS certain changes have been made to the proposed by-law after the holding of the public meeting;*

*NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby resolves that, pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, 1990, no further notice is to be given in respect of the proposed by-law.*

**CARRIED**

**M102/18**

**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

*THAT By-law No. 11-2018; being a by-law to amend the zoning on Part Lots D, E, and F, Plan 173, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron, changing the zoning from Future Development (FD) to a series of Residential Zones (R1, R1-h, R2-17, R2-18, and R3); 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 - Special Meeting of Council - Regarding Police Service and Police Service Costing**

Date: February 26, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Wingham Town Hall Theatre

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12.1 CAO Review Committee**

Councillor Knott nominated Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga.

Councillor Seip nominated Deputy-Reeve Campbell.

Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga nominated Councillor Knott.

Clerk, Richard Al conducted balloting for the appointments which resulted in a tie vote.

The ballots were destroyed.

Clerk, Richard Al conducted balloting for the appointments which resulted in a majority of votes for Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga and Councillor Knott.

The ballots were destroyed.

**M103/18**

**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** R. Hallahan

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby appoints Reeve Vincent, Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga and Councillor Knott to sit as members of the CAO Review Committee.*

**CARRIED**

**13. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT**

**M104/18**

**MOVED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

**SECONDED BY:** R. Hallahan

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceeds at 9:00 pm. to an In-Camera Session (Closed to the Public) to discuss the following:*

- *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 or local board employees (Property Standards);*
- *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) (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and Section 239 (2) (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Code of Conduct Complaint).*

**CARRIED**

**M105/18**

**MOVED BY:** B. Vodden

**SECONDED BY:** T. Seip

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceed to the Regular Council meeting at 9:48 pm.*

**CARRIED**

**M106/18**

**MOVED BY:** T. Seip

**SECONDED BY:** B. Vodden

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby confirm the direction given to staff, in Closed Session.*

**CARRIED**

Clerk, Richard Al reported that during the Closed Session Council discussed three items and the general nature of the items are as follows

- Council was provided with an update regarding ongoing legal proceedings against a landowner regarding property standards.
- Joint Building Services were discussed and Council requested that staff prepare a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement at the March 5, 2018 meeting.
- A code of conduct complaint that has been received was discussed.

**14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

- 14.1 By-law No. 12-2018, being a By-law of the Township of North Huron to confirm generally previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron.

**M107/18**

**MOVED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

**SECONDED BY:** R. Hallahan

*THAT By-law 12-2018; 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**

**M108/18**

**MOVED BY:** T. Seip

**SECONDED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron agree that there being no further business before Council; the meeting be hereby adjourned at 9:50 pm.*

**CARRIED**

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Neil Vincent, Reeve

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Richard Al, Clerk