

MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING



Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: HELD IN THE EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTRE

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: Sharon Chambers, CAO
Kathy Adams, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
Donna White, Director of Finance
Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities
David Sparling, Director of Fire and Emergency Services
Jeff Molenhuis, Director of Public Works
Kirk Livingston, CBO/Property Standards Officer
Richard Al, Manager of Employee and Business Services
Barb Black, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

CAO Chambers explained the format and rules of the meeting noting that the purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity to receive input from members of the public on new initiatives and service enhancements. Requests for service and complaints will not be topics for discussion and should be submitted on the forms provided for Request for Service/Complaint. Each Speaker will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to speak. Speakers will be timed by a display on the projector screen and will be given a 30 second warning prior to the end of their 5 minutes.

Reeve Vincent asked members of the public gallery to sign the attendance sheet and those wishing to speak to Council, to also sign the presentation sheet.

Reeve Vincent introduced the staff in attendance.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

M490/16

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron; accept the Agenda for the September 13, 2016 Special Public Meeting; as printed.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None Declared.

4. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the Public spoke on the following issues:

1. Steve Hill

Clearing of Sidewalks, Hanna Bridge and community trail in Winter Months.
Requested to be provided with costs of sidewalk clearing.

Requested clarification on the \$2.5 million dollar debt for infrastructure
and how Council plans to address the deficit.

Inquired as to the status of lead pipes in the Wingham water system.

As a follow up to the All Candidates Meeting for the 2014 Election, asked
Reeve Vincent what he had accomplished in the last two years as Reeve
and where he saw North Huron in the next two years.

2. Doreen Taylor

Asked Council not to approve any new donations for 2017 and 2018 but
after requested for clarification noted that current commitments should be
met with no further donations approved.

3. John Stadelmann

Inquired as to how long the sidewalk will be closed in front of Memorial
Hall.

In reference to the newsletter included in the tax billing mailing requested
clarification on revenue in the Road's Department budget.

Expressed concern with Public Works employee in Blyth being shifted to
another location.

4. Dave Hedley

Noted that he had attended one of the budget meetings in the spring and
commended Council on their due diligence but felt that there was too
much discussion spent on small donation amounts.

Expressed concern with the roads in East Wawanosh Ward and an update on the budget and scheduling for the tar and chip program for rural roads.

Expressed concern with the closing of the East Wawanosh landfill site.

Noted that the Township should not be borrowing money.

Advised that the East Wawanosh residents were quite happy with the services being provided by the Ontario Provincial Police. That if Wingham wanted to have their own Police Force that was fine but they should not cut their costs by expanding services into the other wards.

5. Julie Luffman

Noted that there was a problem with the issuing of the tent permit and placement of the fryer for the Anglican Church food tent at Threshers. She suggested that a package with standard operation procedures be handed out each year.

6. Cat O'Donnell

Inquired on the regulations for the use of golf carts during Threshers.

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MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron at 8:10 pm. as per the Procedure for Town Hall Public Meetings, extend the meeting length by 15 minutes.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

M492/16

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

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 8:24 pm.

CARRIED

Neil Vincent, Reeve

Kathy Adams, Clerk