

MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON
TOWN HALL PUBLIC MEETING



Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Time: 6:01 p.m.
Location: HELD IN THE BELGRAVE COMMUNITY 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: 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
Ryan Ladner, Director of Fire and Emergency Services
Kirk Livingston, CBO/Property Standards/Zoning
Connie Goodall, Economic Development Officer
Tim Poole, Police Chief, Wingham Police Service
Valerie Watson, Manager of Childcare Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Denny Scott, Citizen
Kelsey Dunbar, Advance Times
Steve Hill, John Brown, Gary Van Leeuwen, Jason Schiestel,
Brian Rintoul, Karen Stewart, John Stadelmann, Joe Heffron

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: T. Seip

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron accept the agenda for the November 14, 2017 Town Hall Public Meeting; as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

4. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

4.1 OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES AND INTRODUCTION OF FACILITATOR

Reeve Vincent outlined the procedures for the Town Hall Public Meeting and introduced Sandra Weber, Director of Planning, County of Huron.

S. Weber introduced herself, outlined topics for discussion and opened the floor to questions from the public.

Members of the Public spoke on the following topics:

1. Steve Hill

- Inquired as to whether all sidewalks in all community safety zones would be cleared this year.
- Inquired as to the cost associated with sidewalk clearing.
- Requested that Council consider relocating Police Services Board Meetings to the Township Council Chambers to facilitate broadcasting of the meetings.
- Council volunteering time / Council's stipend.
- Commented on Public Gallery section no longer being included during Council Meetings.

2. John Brown

- Inquired as to the next steps in the OPP Costing process.
- Inquired as to whether extending the Wingham Police Service to Blyth and East Wawanosh is being considered by Council.
- Commented on the cost of policing in the Wingham ward versus that in the Blyth and East Wawanosh wards.
- Commented on the content of the Challenges slide of the Setting the Stage presentation delivered at the November 13, 2017 Budget Meeting.

3. Gary Van Leeuwen

- Commented on the need for additional accommodation in Blyth and inquired regarding development to address the need.
- Inquired regarding land available for development.

4. Jason Schiestel

- Inquired as to the scope of work included in the Museum Facility Assessment Report presented on October 16, 2017.
- Inquired as to whether the Museum would need to be closed if this work was not completed.

5. Brian Rintoul

- Inquired as to the frequency of foot patrols performed by the Wingham Police Service.
- Commented on a theft at the Wingham and District Hospital gift shop.
- Commented on the required ratio of police officers to residents.

Discussion took place regarding whether the day and time of the meeting was convenient and regarding the Public Gallery section of Council Meetings.

Discussion took place regarding whether councillors maintain a log of their interactions with the public to identify trends in the comments or issues received and subsequently report these to Council.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron agree that there being no further business before Council; the meeting be hereby adjourned at 6:48 pm.

CARRIED

Neil Vincent, Reeve

Richard Al, Clerk