

MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING



Date: Monday, March 5, 2018
Time: 7:01 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
Kirk Livingston, CBO/Property Standards/Zoning
Tim Poole, Chief, Wingham Police Service
Matt Townsend, Deputy Chief, FDNH
Chad Kregar, Deputy Chief, FDNH
Laura Simpson, Huron County Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelsey Dunbar, Advance Times
Adam Bell, CKNX
James Scongack, Bruce Power
Evonne Carter, Joe Hallahan, Archie MacGowan, Phil Beard,
John Brown, Rob Enders, Gary Rutledge, John Kerr.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

M113/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron; accept the Agenda for the March 5th, 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 502250 under Item 4.2.1 due to the cheque being payable to his spouse, who is an employee in the Child Care department.

3.2 Councillor Seip - Wingham Hitmen Team request for Annual Co-ed Slo-Pitch Tournament event to be proclaimed a municipal significant event and request for Noise By-law Extension

Councillor Seip declared a conflict on Item 7.1 as a member of Hitmen Fastball Team.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes

4.1.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 20, 2018

4.1.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held February 26, 2018

4.1.3 Minutes of the North Huron Police Services Board Meeting held January 23, 2018

4.1.4 Minutes of the Council of the County of Huron - Third Session held February 7, 2018

4.2 Reports

4.2.1 Bills and Accounts

4.2.2 Finance Department Report 03-05-18 (2017 Development Charges Summary Statement)

4.2.3 Recreation and Facilities Report 03-05-18 (Department Update)

4.3 Correspondence

4.3.1 Huron Perth Landowners Association Statement re feasibility of the Wingham Airport

4.3.2 Notice of Passing of a Zoning By-law Amendment by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, South Part Lot 1, Concession 1, Morris Ward

4.3.3 Proclamation of the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 changes to the land use planning and appeal system

4.3.4 Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention Winter Newsletter 2018

4.3.5 East Wawanosh Ward Residents Petition to continue with OPP Service in East Wawanosh

4.3.6 Stephen Hill - Public Safety Information Request

M114/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

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 502250 of Item 4.2.1, be received for information.

CARRIED

M115/18

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives Cheque 502250 of Item 4.2.1 for information.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

5.1 James Scongack, Vice President Corporate Affairs, Bruce Power

James Scongack, Vice President Corporate Affairs delivered a presentation on behalf of Bruce Power.

J. Scongack provided an overview of Bruce Power as an organization as well as an overview of the energy market.

J. Scongack provided an update on Bruce Power operations and outlined Bruce Power's regional economic development initiative and various public outreach programs.

J. Scongack provided details of Bruce Power's 10 year licence renewal.

J. Scongack provided details of the community funds available from Bruce Power.

Mr. Scongack was thanked and departed the meeting at 7:24 pm.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Clerks Department

6.1.1 Restricted Acts of Council (Lame Duck Periods)

M116/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: T. Seip

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the Restricted Acts of Council (commonly known as the 'Lame Duck Periods') report of the Clerk/Manager of IT for information purposes;
AND FURTHER, that the Clerk is directed to prepare the necessary by-law for the March 19th, 2018 Council Meeting, delegating authority to the Chief Administrative Officer from July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day) to December 3rd, 2018;
AND FURTHER, that the by-law shall come into force only in the event and if it is determined by the Municipal Clerk with certainty that less than 75% of the current members of Council will be returning to sit on the new Council after Nomination Day of the 2018 Municipal Elections.*

CARRIED

6.1.2 Licensing By-law Review

M117/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the March 5, 2018 report of the Clerk / Manager of IT regarding Licensing By-law Review, for information purposes;
AND FURTHER, that Council directs the Clerk to prepare a final version of the updated Licensing By-law for consideration at the March 19, 2018 Council Meeting.*

CARRIED

6.2 Finance Department

6.2.1 2017 Additional Transfers to Reserves

M118/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from the Director of Finance in regard to the 2017 Additional Transfers to Reserves for information purposes;
AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Director of Finance to proceed with the 2017 Additional Transfers to Reserves in the amount of \$178,569.85 as per attached listing.

CARRIED

6.3 Recreation and Facilities Department

6.3.1 Wingham Lions Club Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Seip noted that he will be contributing to the insurance costs associated with the Wingham Lion's Club Santa Claus Parade.

M119/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated March 5, 2018, regarding the Wingham Lions Club Santa Claus Parade for information purposes;
AND FURTHER THAT North Huron Council accepts the recommendation from BFL Canada (Township's insurance provider) requiring large service organizations to purchase the additional insurance policy through the Facility User Program, at a cost of approximately \$300.00 to cover \$5,000,000 general liability insurance for the event.

CARRIED

6.4 Public Works / Utilities Department

6.5 Fire Department of North Huron

6.5.1 Comments on Proposed Draft Fire Service Regulations

M120/18

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes Deputy Chief Matt Townsend to provide the following comments, on behalf of the Township of North Huron, on the proposed draft regulation changes of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (M.C.S.C.S.) under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (F.P.P.A.).

CARRIED

6.6 Building Department

6.6.1 Whitfield Municipal Drain

Drainage Superintendent, Kirk Livingston delivered an overview of the Whitfield Drain and provided details of the current condition of the drain.

Discussion took place regarding the Whitfield Drain.

M121/18

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby consider appointing an Engineer under Section 78 (1) of the Drainage Act requesting a report for repairs and improvements to the Whitfield Municipal Drain; AND FURTHER, that the Drainage Superintendent is directed to investigate availability of Engineers and report back to Council.

CARRIED

6.7 CAO

6.7.1 Libro Credit Union Growing Prosperity Fund Draft Applications

M122/18

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the March 5 2018, report of the Chief Administrative Officer regarding a Libro funding application, for information purposes; AND FURTHER, that Council supports two funding applications to the Libro Credit Union Growing Prosperity Fund; AND FURTHER, that Council grants pre-budget approval of \$10,000 from the economic development budget to support two Libro Credit Union Growing Prosperity Funding applications (\$5,000 towards each application).

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Wingham Hitmen Team request for Annual Co-ed Slo-Pitch Tournament event to be proclaimed a municipal significant event and request for Noise By-law Extension

M123/18

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the Wingham Hitmen Fastball Team in making application to the LCBO for a Special Occasion Permit to hold a beer garden at Riverside Park and Libro Field in conjunction with the Slo-Pitch tournament to be held on July 20, 21 & 22, 2018;

AND FURTHER THAT Council proclaims the event of Municipal Significance; AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes an exemption to Noise Control By-law 20-2009, extending the Noise By-law from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the dates of July 20 and 21, 2018.

CARRIED

- 7.2 Morris-Turnberry - Notice of Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Minor Variance - Stephen Kennedy

M124/18

MOVED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron have reviewed and have no concerns regarding the proposed Minor Variance received February 26, 2018 as it relates to 125 Maitland Street, Wingham, and as submitted by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

CARRIED

- 7.3 Morris-Turnberry - Notice of Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Minor Variance - Canadian Crane Rentals

M125/18

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron have reviewed and have no concerns regarding the proposed Minor Variance received February 28, 2018 as it relates to 160 Potter Street, Wingham, and as submitted by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

8.1 REEVE ACTIVITY REPORT

Reeve Vincent reported attending the Blyth BIA Annual General Meeting on February 22, 2018. He noted that a discussion concerning snow removal from the streets in Blyth took place during the meeting.

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 was held on February 22, 2018 and noted that awards were given to Lorne and Margaret Humphrey for Lifetime Achievement, Chris Parks for Volunteer of the Year, Christine McGrath of Christine's Clothes Closet for Business of the Year and McDonagh Insurance and Jewels Designs / Earth Angel were both recipients of Civic Improvement Awards.

Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga reported that March 8 is International Women's Day. The lineup of authors for the 2018 Alice Munro Festival will be announced on that day. Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga noted that all the authors for 2018 are women and that the tagline is 'Word Has Gotten Out'. Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga noted that for 2018 the Saturday events will be held in Bayfield and Sunday events will be held in Wingham.

8.3 REQUESTS BY MEMBERS

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 By-law No. 14-2018

Being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to enter into an Agreement for the Sharing of Building Services with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

M126/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: T. Seip

THAT By-law No. 14-2018; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to enter into an Agreement for the Sharing of Building Services with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry; 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

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. OTHER BUSINESS**12.1 Wingham Ward Policing**

Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga moved a motion to maintain the Wingham Police Service.

Deputy-Reeve Campbell called for a recorded vote on this item.

Councillor Seip noted respecting the Wingham Police Service and the Police Chief for the work they do. Councillor Seip commented on levels of service provided to Wingham and North Huron ratepayers as a whole and noted that the cost of services continues to increase and looking at alternatives may provide financial flexibility. Councillor Seip commented on the process that Council went through in terms of requesting the OPP costing proposal and Wingham Police Service analysis and noted that once a decision is made things will move forward through any potential challenges.

Councillor Knott thanked the residents of Wingham for their input into this decision and noted that this decision is not related to Blyth or East Wawanosh wards. Councillor Knott noted receiving a large number of comments from Wingham ratepayers and that approximately 85% indicated they want to maintain the Wingham Police Service. Councillor Knott noted that if the majority want to maintain the Wingham Police Service that it is up to them and they get what they want. Councillor Knott noted that it does not mean that this will not be reviewed again at some point in the future and any challenges will be dealt with moving forward. Councillor Knott commented that ways to reduce costs will be looked at and questioned if any potential savings achieved would have been reallocated in the budget. Councillor Knott reiterated that Wingham residents were overwhelming in their response.

M127/18

MOVED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron thanks the Ontario Provincial Police for the Contract Policing Proposal, Prepared by: Sergeant Kulvir Deol, Originally Dated: September 25, 2017 and Revised on: March 1, 2018;

AND FURTHER, that the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby maintains the service provided by Wingham Police Service and directs staff to communicate Council's decision to the Ontario Provincial Police.

CARRIED

12.1.1 Updated OPP Contract Policing Proposal with updated Salary and Cost Schedule- 2018

13. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT

M128/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceeds at 9:07 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) (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Code of Conduct Complaint).*

CARRIED

M129/18

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: T. Seip

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceed to the Regular Council meeting at 9:20 pm.

CARRIED

M130/18

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

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 two items and the general nature of the items are as follows

- Council were provided with an update regarding ongoing legal proceedings against a landowner regarding property standards.
- Council were provided with an update regarding a code of conduct complaint that has been received.

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

- 14.1 By-law No. 15-2017, being a By-law of the Township of North Huron to confirm generally previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron.

M131/18

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT By-law 15-2017; 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

M132/18

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron agree that there being no further business before Council; the meeting be hereby adjourned at 9:21 pm.

CARRIED

Neil Vincent, Reeve

Richard Al, Clerk