

MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING



Date: Monday, December 5, 2016
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: 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Denny Scott, Citizen
Kelsey Dunbar, Advance Times
Phil Beard, Hayley Murray, Sharon Weber, Bob Pike, Karen Stewart, Gil Garratt, Peter Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

M630/16

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron; accept the Agenda for the December 5, 2016 Council Meeting; as amended to revise the resolution of Item 6.2.1, include Item 6.1.4 Municipal Office Christmas Hours and include Item 10.4 By-law 114-2016.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

M631/16

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adopts Consent Item 4.1.1;

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

CARRIED

4.1 Minutes

4.1.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 21, 2016

4.1.2 Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes September 29, 2016

4.1.3 East Wawanosh 150th Anniversary Minutes - October 26, 2016

4.1.4 Wingham BIA Executive Minutes - November 24, 2016

4.2 Reports

4.2.1 Bills and Accounts

4.2.2 Clerk's Department Report 12-05-16 (Department Update)

4.2.3 Recreation and Facilities Report 12-05-16 (Department Update)

4.2.4 Public Works Report 12-05-16 (Department Update)

4.2.5 Economic Development Report 12-05-16 (Department Update)

4.3 Correspondence

4.3.1 Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Annual Report 2015-2016

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

5.1 Wingham Trail Committee - Overview of 2016 Activities

Phil Beard and Hayley Murray presented an overview of the Wingham Trail Committee's 2016 activities.

Mr. Beard and Ms. Murray were thanked and departed.

5.2 Blyth Festival - 2017 Season Presentation

Gil Garratt presented the Blyth Festival 2017 Season details and requested that Council participate in a cooperative marketing arrangement.

Mr. Garratt was thanked and departed.

M632/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby requests the Economic Development Officer to prepare a report outlining the Township's participation in the Blyth Festival Co-operative Marketing Strategy.

CARRIED

5.3 14/19 Inc. - Project Update

Karen Stewart provided Council with an update on the 14/19 Project.

Ms. Stewart was thanked and departed.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Clerks Department

6.1.1 Consent Application Report - File #B40-2016

Owner: Swiss Valley Farms Ltd. c/o Fred J. Meier, 84287 London Road, North Part Lot 42, East Half Part Lot 41, Concession 5, East Wawanosh, Township of North Huron.

M633/16

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby recommends approval of the Consent Application File #B40-2016, Owner: Swiss Valley Farms Inc. c/o Fred J. Meier, North Part Lot 42, East Half Part Lot 41, Concession 5, East Wawanosh, Township of North Huron with the following conditions:

Expiry Period

✓ Conditions imposed must be met within one year of the date of notice of decision, as required by Section 53(41) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended. If conditions are not fulfilled as prescribed within one year, the application shall be deemed to be refused. Provided the conditions are

fulfilled within one year, the application is valid for two years from the date of decision.

Municipal Requirements

✓ All municipal requirements be met to the satisfaction of the Township including servicing connections if required, cash-in-lieu of park dedication, property maintenance, compliance with zoning by-law provisions for structures, and any related requirements, financial or otherwise.

✓ The subject parcel be numbered and addressed for 911 purposes to the satisfaction of the Township.

✓ The sum of \$500 be paid to the Township as cash-in-lieu of parkland.

Survey

✓ Provide to the satisfaction of the County and the Township:

- 1. a survey showing the lot lines of the severed parcel and the location of any buildings thereon, and*
- 2. a reference plan based on the approved survey*

Zoning

✓ Where a violation of any municipal zoning by-law is evident, the appropriate minor variance or rezoning be obtained to the satisfaction of the Township.

Storm Water

✓ Section 65 of the Drainage Act to be addressed to the satisfaction of the Township.

Septic System Inspection

✓ Applicant is to provide a letter from a licensed contractor advising that the tank has been pumped and is functioning properly for the severed parcel of land to the satisfaction of the Township.

✓ Other

The existing grain bin on the proposed severed parcel is removed from the severed property to the satisfaction of the Township.

Note: The applicant is hereby advised that the severed parcel will be automatically rezoned to recognize the residential parcel (e.g. AG4-9) and the retained farmlands will be automatically rezoned to prohibit a new residence (e.g. AG2) in the North Huron Zoning By-law.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Consent Application Report - File #B48-2016

Owner: Groenberg Farms Inc, 86111B Beecroft Line, North part Lot 30, Concession 12, East Wawanosh, Township of North Huron.

M634/16

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby recommends approval of the Consent Application File #B48-2016, Owner: Groenberg Farms Inc, 86111B Beecroft Line, North Part Lot 30, Concession 12, East Wawanosh, Township of North Huron with the following conditions:

Expiry Period

✓ Conditions imposed must be met within one year of the date of notice of decision, as required by Section 53(41) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended. If conditions are not fulfilled as prescribed within one year, the application shall be deemed to be refused. Provided the conditions are fulfilled within one year, the application is valid for two years from the date of decision.

Municipal Requirements

✓ All municipal requirements be met to the satisfaction of the municipality including servicing connections if required, cash-in-lieu of park dedication, property maintenance, compliance with zoning by-law provisions for structures, compliance with Section 65 of the Drainage Act and any related requirements, financial or otherwise.

✓ The subject parcel be numbered and addressed for 911 purposes to the satisfaction of the municipality.

Survey / Reference Plan

✓ Provide to the satisfaction of the County and the Municipality:

- 1. a survey showing the lot lines of the severed parcel and the location of any buildings thereon, and*
- 2. a reference plan based on the approved survey and should also identify the 1' foot square as a part on the previously severed land. This is to ensure that the lands being severed will merge with a previously severed lot.*

Zoning

✓ Where a violation of any municipal zoning by-law is evident, the appropriate minor variance or rezoning shall be obtained to the satisfaction of the Township.

Merging

*✓ The severed land merge on title with the abutting property to the east upon issuance of the certificate under Section 53(42) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended. **(Note: Your solicitor will be required to clear this with the County of Huron).***

*✓ A firm undertaking is to be provided from the solicitor acting for the parties indicating that the severed land and the abutting property to the east will be consolidated into one PIN under the Land Titles System. Note: In the case where a title search has been completed and it has been determined that the severed/retained lands are registered in two different systems (e.g. the Registry or Land Titles system) and a consolidation is not possible then notice will be required to be registered in both systems indicating that the parcels have merged with one another and is considered to be one parcel with respect to Section 50 (3) or (5) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, CP 13 as amended. **(Note: Your solicitor will be required to clear this with the County of Huron).***

*✓ Section 50(3) or (5) (whichever applies) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended, applies to any subsequent conveyance or transaction of the severed land. **(Note: This statement will be included in the consent endorsement and your solicitor will be required to clear this with the County of Huron by including it on the draft deed in preparation).***

✓ A one square foot portion of the abutting property to which the severed land is to be merged be conveyed to the municipality. A survey be provided showing the one square foot parcel as a part on the reference plan. This condition ensures that the severed portion will remain merged with a previously severed lot.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Notice of Request for Drain Improvement of Schultz Drain

M635/16

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accept the Petition for Improvement to the Schultz Drain at Concession 3 Lot 35 and 36, East Wawanosh, under Section 78 of the Drainage Act; and that Dietrich Engineering be appointed to prepare a report.

CARRIED

6.1.4 Municipal Office Christmas Hours

M636/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes the closure of the Municipal Office from December 26, 2016 to January 2, 2017, inclusive;

AND FURTHER THAT a policy be established that the Municipal Office be closed during the week between Christmas and the New Year in future years;

AND FURTHER THAT due to the January 1st Statutory Holiday being on January 2, 2017, that the first Council Meeting in January be rescheduled to January 9, 2017 and the second Council meeting in January be rescheduled to January 23, 2017.

CARRIED

6.2 Finance Department

6.2.1 2017 BFL Insurance Renewal

M637/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the Municipal Insurance Program Renewal Proposal from BFL Canada for the period of January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018 at a total cost of \$173,716.12 (\$162,337.00 plus PST of \$11,379.12);

AND FURTHER THAT the Total Liability Limit be increased to \$50,000,000.00 for an additional premium of \$3,000.00.

CARRIED

6.3 Recreation and Facilities Department

6.4 Public Works / Utilities Department

6.4.1 Public Works Community Safety Zone Consideration

M638/16

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby reduces the speed designated as part of a highway under its jurisdiction as a Community Safety Zone if, in the Council's opinion, public safety is of special concern on that part of the highway;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be directed to prepare the necessary amendments for Community Safety Zone in the areas in North Huron as per Schedule "L" of By-Law 39-2012 to reduce the current speed of 40km/hr to 30km/hr.

CARRIED

6.4.2 Howson Dam SAR Update and Dam Safety Analysis

M639/16

MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report Howson Dam EA SAR Update and Dam Safety Analysis for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby direct staff to proceed with the Phase 1 of the MNRF Species at Risk application, and proceed with the RFP document to conduct a Dam Safety Assessment to determine the feasibility of an application under LRIA following formal response from the Ministry.

CARRIED

6.5 Fire Department of North Huron

6.6 CAO

7. CORRESPONDENCE**7.1 Township of McKellar Resolution - Funding for Fire Department Infrastructure****M640/16****MOVED BY:** R. Hallahan**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby endorses the resolution passed by the Township of McKellar petitioning the Provincial Government to recognize municipal fire services as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward; AND FURTHER THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Premier, our MPP, AMO, and associated agencies.

CARRIED**7.2 AMO Board, Federal Infrastructure Phase 2 Incrementality Resolution.****M641/16****MOVED BY:** B. Knott**SECONDED BY:** B. Vodden

WHEREAS *municipal governments' infrastructure is critical to our collective economic health;*

WHEREAS *stable, predictable and formula- based infrastructure funding allows municipal governments to plan and schedule investments in infrastructure;*

WHEREAS *Ontario municipal governments have asset management plans which set out a municipality's longer term capital plan which reflects the infrastructure priorities of these asset management plans; and*

WHEREAS *a federal incrementality rule interferes with municipal long-term infrastructure priorities and diminishes the value of municipal asset planning and management;*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that the Township of North Huron calls on the federal government to provide long-term, predictable, and formula-based funding in its Phase 2 programs for municipal governments; and*

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED *that the Township of North Huron calls on the federal government to change incremental requirements in Phase 2 to recognize in Ontario that a municipal government' asset management plan meets a municipal incremental infrastructure requirement.*

CARRIED

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

Reeve Vincent reported attending the Ontario West Conference on December 2, 2016 and thanked Sharon Chambers and Nancy Michie for the Shared Services presentation they delivered at the conference.

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

Councillor Vodden attended the Ontario West Conference on December 2, 2016 and noted that the AMO President commented that school closures may be an issue and that Bob Rae delivered an interesting talk with important points.

Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga reported that Buzz Reynolds from CKNX is camped out in the Valu-Mart parking lot collecting donations for the Huron County Food Shares. Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga noted that Buzz is attempting to fill two tractor trailers this year and challenged North Huron Council and other Huron County Councils to purchase a pallet of food for \$250.00.

Councillor Knott reported that the petition for traffic lights at the corner of Highway 4 and Blyth Road 25 has been distributed to surrounding communities and has been well received.

Councillor Knott requested support from Council for the petition for traffic lights at Highway 4 and Blyth Road 25 when it is presented to Council at the next regular Council meeting.

M642/16

MOVED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby challenge Council and Senior Management staff to donate \$250.00 for the purchase of a pallet of food for the CKNX Fill the Truck campaign;
AND FURTHER THAT Council challenge the other Huron County Municipalities to donate funds for the purchase of a pallet.*

CARRIED

8.3 REQUESTS BY MEMBERS

8.3.1 Councillor Knott - Investigate mobile photo radar equipment

Potential locations were discussed including the lower end of Josephine Street in Wingham and downtown Blyth.

M643/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby request staff to investigate the cost of mobile photo radar equipment and the feasibility of cost sharing acquisition of this equipment with the neighbouring municipalities of Morris-Turnberry, Howick, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Central Huron, Huron East, the County of Huron and the Ontario Provincial Police.

CARRIED

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 By-law No. 110-2016

Being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, A Lease Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, for the lease of a portion of the Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area to provide recreation activities.

M644/16

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

THAT By-law No. 110-2016; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, a Lease Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, for the lease of a portion of the Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area to provide recreation activities; be introduced, read a first and second time.

CARRIED

M645/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT By-law No. 110-2016; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, a Lease Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, for the lease of a portion of the Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area to provide recreation activities; be read a third and final time, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

10.2 By-law No. 111-2016

A by-law to authorize the use of Telephone and Internet voting as an Alternative Voting Method for the Year 2018 Municipal Elections for the Township of North Huron.

M646/16

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: T. Seip

THAT By-law No. 111-2016; being a by-law to authorize the use of Telephone and Internet voting as an Alternative Voting Method for the Year 2018 Municipal Elections for the Township of North Huron; be introduced, read a first and second time.

CARRIED

M647/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT By-law No. 111-2016; being a by-law to authorize the use of Telephone and Internet voting as an Alternative Voting Method for the Year 2018 Municipal Elections for the Township of North Huron; be read a third and final time, signed by the Reeve and the Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

10.3 By-law No. 112-2016

Being a by-law to grant tax relief to the Blyth Legion Branch 420 and Wingham Legion Branch 180.

M648/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT By-law No. 112-2016; being a by-law to grant tax relief to the Blyth Legion Branch 420 and Wingham Legion Branch 180; be introduced, read a first and second time.

CARRIED

M649/16

MOVED BY: R. Hallahan

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT By-law No. 112-2016; being a by-law to grant tax relief to the Blyth Legion Branch 420 and Wingham Legion Branch 180; be read a third and final time, signed by the Reeve and the Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

10.4 By-law No. 114-2016

Being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, an Easement Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and 437 Queen Street Corp. to allow permanent easement upon, over, in, under and across the lands of 441 Queen Street Blyth, Ontario to facilitate renovations at the Blyth Memorial Hall, 431 Queen Street, Blyth, Ontario

M650/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: R. Hallahan

THAT By-law No. 114-2016; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, an Easement Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and 437 Queen Street Corp. to allow permanent easement upon, over, in, under and across the lands of 441 Queen Street Blyth, Ontario to facilitate renovations at the Blyth Memorial Hall, 431 Queen Street, Blyth, Ontario; be introduced, read a first and second time.

CARRIED

M651/16**MOVED BY:** B. Vodden**SECONDED BY:** T. Seip

THAT By-law No. 114-2016; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, an Easement Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and 437 Queen Street Corp. to allow permanent easement upon, over, in, under and across the lands of 441 Queen Street Blyth, Ontario to facilitate renovations at the Blyth Memorial Hall, 431 Queen Street, Blyth, Ontario; be read a third and final time, signed by the Reeve and the Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS****12. OTHER BUSINESS****13. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT****M652/16****MOVED BY:** B. Vodden**SECONDED BY:** T. Seip

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceeds at 8:50 pm to an In Camera Session (Closed to the Public) to discuss the following:

- *A proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the Corporation (Disposition/Acquisition of Land - Blyth)*
- *Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Shared Services Personnel Matters)*

CARRIED**M653/16****MOVED BY:** T. Seip**SECONDED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceed to the Regular Council meeting at 9:40 pm.

CARRIED

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

- 14.1 By-law No. 113-2016, being a By-law of the Township of North Huron to confirm general previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron.

M654/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT By-law 113-2016; being a by-law to confirm general previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron; be introduced, read a first and second time.

CARRIED

M655/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT By-law 113-2016; being a by-law to confirm general previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron; be read a third and final time, signed by the Reeve and the Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

M656/16

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 9:42 pm.

CARRIED

Neil Vincent, Reeve

Kathy Adams, Clerk