

COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HURON-KINLOSS MINUTES

Township of Huron-Kinloss Council met in special session on the 15th day of February, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council Chambers.

Mayor	Mitch Twolan	(P)
Deputy Mayor	Wilfred Gamble	(P)
Councillors	Lillian Abbott	(P)
	Jeff Elliott	(P)
	Jim Hanna	(P)
	Don Murray	(P)
	Carl Sloetjes	(P)
Administrator	Mary Rose Walden	(P)
Clerk	Sonya Watson	(P)
Treasurer	Jodi MacArthur	(P)
Director of Public Works	Hugh Nichol	(P)
Ripley-Huron Fire Chief	Doug Martyn	(P)
Director of Facilities & Recreation	Mike Fair	(P)

OTHERS PRESENT: Liz Dadson, Garit Reid, Barb McKay

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Twolan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
Mayor Twolan	4.7	Partner works at Community Living

3.0 DELEGATIONS

4.0 REPORTS OF STAFF & COMMITTEES

4.1 2012 Year End Report

Attached is a report on the year ending December 31, 2012.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report. We seek your direction.

ACTION: The following motion was passed.

Moved by Abbott
Seconded by Hanna

2012 YEAR END TRANSFER	35	THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council hereby authorizes the following transfer to reserve; Municipal Capital Projects \$224,575.00
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Carried.

4.2 Budget Excluded Expenses

Attached is a report regarding certain expenses excluded from the budget under Ontario Regulation 284/09.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

ACTION: The following motion was passed.

Moved by Murray
Seconded by Abbott

2013 BUDGET
EXCLUDED
EXPENSES

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council hereby approves the report of the Treasurer dated February 6, 2013 regarding the exclusion of certain expenses from the 2013 budget as per Ontario Reg. 284/09.

Carried.

4.3 Bruce County Federation of Agriculture

We have received correspondence regarding the affect of the recent reassessment on area farmland.

STAFF COMMENTS: Responsibility for setting the tax ratios rests with the upper tier. If Council has any comments regarding support for this issue, we can make sure the County is aware of them. At this point in the budget process, it may be too late to even consider for this year. Regardless, lowering the farm tax ratio would shift the burden to the residential tax class.

ACTION: The Treasurer will prepare a response that the Township concurs with the County decision not to alter the tax ratios as requested.

4.4 Lucknow Lawn Bowling Club Roof

We have received correspondence from the Lucknow Lawn Bowling Club requesting funding for a new roof for the clubhouse.

STAFF COMMENTS: In further correspondence with Mrs. Murray, she indicated their preferred quote would be the one for \$4,994.00 plus tax and that they have no funds to put towards the project. They are asking if Council would consider funding the entire project. The draft budget does not contain funds for this request. We seek your direction.

ACTION: Council approved the Director of Facilities and Recreation reviewing the quotes and will fund the replacement of a new clubhouse roof.

4.5 Lucknow Splashpad Committee Requests

Staff have prepared a report regarding the Lucknow Splashpad proposal.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

ACTION: Staff will assist the committee with grant applications but will not provide funds at this time. The Treasurer will prepare a response.

4.6 Photocopier Lease

The lease on our current photocopier is due to expire. Staff has prepared a report regarding its replacement.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

ACTION: Approve staff recommendations. A By-Law will be brought forward.

Mayor Twolan declared a conflict, vacated his seat, and left the room.

4.7 Kincardine & District Community Living- Capital Campaign

The Treasurer has prepared a report for your review.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

ACTION: After some discussion the following motion was passed. A letter will be sent to notify Kincardine & District Community Living.

Moved by Murray
Seconded by Abbott

KINCARDINE &
DISTRICT
COMMUNITY
LIVING

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council hereby waives the building permit fees and tipping fees for the Kincardine & District Community Living Project.

Carried.

Moved by Murray
Seconded by Abbott

LUNCH
RECESS

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council do now recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Carried.

5.0 PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BUDGET

5.1 2013 Draft Budget

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

ACTION: Council reviewed the various departmental budgets and overall Capital and Operating.

Municipal Drains- Councillor Murray commented on the increased cost of municipal drain construction and the associated assessments to Township roads. The Clerk responded that most of this cost is legislated.

Ripley-Huron Community Centre – the budget was discussed and Council approved the \$15,000.00

in the reserve, but the replacement of the front doors (\$20,000) will be eliminated for 2013.

Point Clark Lighthouse- budget approved. Council requested The Director of Facilities and Recreation send a letter to Ben Lobb M.P. regarding the current condition of the Point Clark Lighthouse and the speed of the project.

Grants to organizations – The Administrator reported that the \$250.00 contribution to the Bruce Grey Trails Network could be reallocated. There was much discussion about which groups could benefit from the funds and in the end it was determined to leave the amount in the budget for any future requests.

Roads – Budget approved. The Director of Public Works was given permission to negotiate directly with a contractor for the supply and placement of asphalt and gravel crushing. The Director of Public Works will send a letter to The County of Bruce regarding the poor condition of the recently paved County Road 6 east of Holyrood and the increased number of residents using Statters Lake rather than the County Road for travel. Further to this Mayor Twolan reported that the County of Bruce is building a new works shed in Lucknow in 2014. Council and staff discussed the opportunities this may present for the Township in regards to a new shed. The Director of Public Works will contact Brian Knox at the County.

SMART- There was further discussion on (SMART) Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit and Council has chosen to proceed with leaving the \$13,740.28 in the budget to become a full member of SMART for an additional one year period.

Ripley-Huron Fire Department - The Tanker proposed in the budget is a pumper tanker. After much discussion on the need for an additional pumper option due to the current mutual aid agreements in place the Fire Chief was authorized to get exact budget amounts for further consideration by Council at the March 4th, 2013 meeting.

NWMO Site Selection Project – Council authorized moving forward with the recruitment of an administrative assistant as described in the budget report.

Council directed the Treasurer to bring back a second draft budget, with an increase of not more than 3% over last year's tax rate.

6.0 ADJOURN

Moved by Murray
Seconded by Abbott

ADJOURN 39 THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council do now adjourn to meet again on February 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Mayor. Carried.

Original Signed By Mitch Twolan
Mayor

Original Signed by Mary Rose Walden
Deputy Clerk