

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HURON-KINLOSS

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

9:00 a.m. - Council Chambers

January 11th, 2011

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| Mayor | Mitch Twolan | () |
| Deputy Mayor | Wilfred Gamble | () |
| Councillors | Lillian Abbott | () |
| | Jeff Elliott | () |
| | Jim Hanna | () |
| | Don Murray | () |
| | Carl Sloetjes | () |
| Administrator | Mary Rose Walden | () |
| Clerk | Sonya Watson | () |
| Treasurer | Jodi MacArthur | () |
| Director of Public Works | Hugh Nichol | () |
| Chief Building Official | Matt Farrell | () |
| Director of Facilities & Recreation | Mike Fair | () |
| By-law Enforcement Officer | Brianne Elliott | () |
| Drainage Superintendent | Grant Collins | () |

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Nature of Interest</u> |
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1.2 DELEGATIONS

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| 1.3 | Long-Term Housing Strategy | Leah Andrew Susan Earle | 9:00 a.m. |
| 1.4 | Industrial Wind Turbines-Health Effects | Cheryl Murray Wayne Couture | 9:15 a.m. |
| 1.5 | Pine River & Point Clark Water Quality Monitoring Program/ Septic Re-inspection Program | | |
| | | Matt Pearson | 11:00 a.m. |

2.0 PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

2.1 Monthly Report

Please find attached the monthly report of the Chief Building Official.

STAFF COMMENTS: The Chief Building Official will be in attendance to answer any questions.

ACTION:

2.2 Year End Report

Please find attached the year-end report for the Chief Building Official.

STAFF COMMENTS: The Chief Building Official will be in attendance to answer any questions.

ACTION:

2.3 County of Bruce Wind Farm Protocols

We have received information from County of Bruce Planning requesting Council or municipal comments on the draft County of Bruce Wind Farm Protocols.

The aim of the Protocol is to give direction to staff of the County of Bruce Planning and Economic Development Department on how they are to engage with wind farm developers and what development policies they are to use.

STAFF COMMENTS: Township staff has read Mr. Smith's memo and support his wish for continual engagement with wind farm proponents. The Township of Huron Kinloss was circulated and supported the Renewable Energy revisions introduced in Bruce County Official Plan Amendment No. 116 as well as the County of Bruce Wind Energy Requirements [April 2009]. The Township also introduced its own Wind Turbine Development Policies in August of 2010 as a guiding document for wind energy proponents.

Staff also agrees with Mr. Smith when he states "that although it is the express desire of many Bruce County municipalities not to see any further wind farm project unless certain specific conditions are met, that the possibility exists that projects could proceed regardless of the wishes of the municipality". We believe that if projects were to proceed, that they may be somewhat improved by a review of technical documentation and continued engagement with the proponents by Mr. Smith and Township staff.

Comments must be submitted by February 4th, 2010. Does Council have any further comments on the protocol they wish to include?

ACTION:

2.4 Amendments to Ontario Regulation 359/09

The Chief Building Official has prepared a report to update Council on the recent amendment to the regulations.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

ACTION:

2.5 Consent Applications

We have received Notice of Application for Consent for two files No. B-102-10.11 and B-103-10.1.

STAFF COMMENTS: We have copied the notices for your review. Staff has no concerns with the applications.

ACTION:

3.0 **FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

3.1 Lucknow & District Fire Department

Please find attached the year end report of the Lucknow Fire Department

STAFF COMMENTS: The report has been copied for your review.

ACTION:

3.2 Ripley-Huron Fire Department

Please find attached the year end report of the Ripley-Huron Fire Department.

STAFF COMMENTS: Fire Chief Martyn will be in attendance to present the report.

ACTION:

3.3 Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection-seminar

The "Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection" seminar is being offered in the area and is directed towards elected officials and senior municipal staff. The dates and locations have yet to be determined but they are requesting interest in numbers from our municipality.

STAFF COMMENTS: We have copied the information for your review. It has also been forwarded to both Ripley and Lucknow Fire Chiefs.

ACTION:

4.0 **FINANCE**

No items scheduled.

5.0 **DRAINAGE**

No items scheduled.

6.0 WATER & SEWERS

6.1 Lakeshore Well Supply Inspection

Attached is the findings and summary rating for the October 13, 2010 Lakeshore Well Supply inspection report.

STAFF COMMENTS: In response to the *Actions Required* we will provide a sampling proposal to the Ministry of Environment rather than pursue well abandonment although we disagree with the Inspector's interpretation, the well in question is an overflowing artesian well, locked under cover in a wooden housing unit. The well is not equipped with a pump, nor is it physically connected to the Lakeshore Well Supply System. As for #2, B. M. Ross is in the process of applying to the MOE for a reduction in static water level monitoring. As per the *Recommendations*, Veolia will address items #1, and #5, while the Township's decision not to pursue funding under the Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Program answers #2, #3, and #4.

ACTION:

6.2 Lucknow Sewage Performance Report

B.M. Ross has quoted \$3,500.00 for the preparation of the annual sewage performance report.

STAFF COMMENTS: The price is the same as last year's. We seek Council approval to proceed.

ACTION:

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - (Landfill & Collection)

7.1 Gravel Tenders

Public Works is requesting an exemption from the Township tendering policy with regards to our 2011 gravel-crushing program.

STAFF COMMENTS: Public Works wishes to deal directly with a specific local contractor for the crushing and stockpiling of granular "A" gravel at the Township pit. As in previous years, it is our intent to haul and spread the gravel ourselves. Public Works would also like to deal directly with a contractor for the screening of winter sand at the Township pit. We are presently using our own material and find it to be of excellent quality. We seek Council approval.

ACTION:

7.2 Design & Operation Manual

Pryde Schropp McComb Inc. has prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Environment for approval, a design and operation manual for the waste segregation, recycling, and WEEE facilities located at the Huron Landfill site.

STAFF COMMENTS: The purpose of the manual is to fulfill the requirements of condition 4.1 of our amended Certificate of Approval, and act as a guideline for the monitoring, handling, storage and disposal of all recyclable materials accepted on-site by the Township. We bring this forward for information purposes.

ACTION:

7.3 Free Dump Day

Does Council wish to provide a "free day" in 2011?

STAFF COMMENTS: Our vehicle count has steadily declined from 400 in 2007 to 250 in 2008, to 150 in 2009, to 140 last year and, as previously stated, the majority of material arriving on-site is free of charge throughout the year. We seek your direction.

ACTION:

8.0 TRANSPORTATION

8.1 After Hours Call Service

The After Hours Public Works number received a total of 30 calls in 2010.

STAFF COMMENT: The service is being used regularly, and therefore the Director of Public Works believes it is worth the monthly charge.

ACTION:

8.2 Infrastructure Projects Deadline Extension

The federal government announced a seven-month extension to the deadline for the completion of Economic Action Plan infrastructure projects.

STAFF COMMENTS: The original deadline of March 31, 2011 has been extended to October 31, 2011 to allow for all stimulus projects to be completed. The extension does not directly affect the Township as we had reached substantial completion on our projects.

ACTION:

8.3 Victoria Road

Attached is a letter received from a resident of Victoria Road.

STAFF COMMENTS: There is nothing fictitious or incorrect in the letter. Potentially Victoria Road would make an excellent connecting link between downtown Point Clark and Concession 4, and thus deserving of better maintenance. However, its existing geo-graphics simply do not allow for uninterrupted two-way traffic flow. As in many places the travelled portion of the road is single lane which not only hinders proper gravel resurfacing and grading operations but can create traffic safety issues. If Council wishes to address any thought of road betterment, it has to begin with the creation of enough open space to allow for proper road maintenance operations, in other words, a major trimming and cutting back of roadside shrubbery. We seek your comments.

ACTION:

8.4 Boiler Beach Speed Limit

We have received the following letter from resident concerned with the lower speed limit along Boiler Beach Road.

"I've lived on Boiler Beach Rd. for more than 20 years with a 60 km/h speed limit and this has been proven as the optimum speed limit. On looking into past council meetings (Oct04) I found the Roads Superintendent decided all roads west of Lakerange should be 40 km/h. This is a ridiculous speed limit and will be (is) the bane of everyone living along Boiler Beach Rd and subdivisions south of Kincardine. Please reverse this decision."

Thanks

STAFF COMMENTS: The reasoning for the lowering of the speed limit was (a) to create consistency along the lakeshore and (b) to hopefully reduce the chances of a pedestrian – vehicle incident. Goderich Street in Kincardine, which joins up with Boiler Beach Road, was already a 40 km zone, as was the neighbouring streets in Huronville and Bruce Beach Road. One of the reasons for completing the Lake Range Drive extension was to give an alternate route for those who wished to travel with more speed, and to relieve traffic impatience on Boiler Beach Road for those motorists wishing to view the scenic grandeur of Lake Huron on a relaxing drive. Secondly it was obvious by the number of complaints received by Public Works involving speeding, boulevard parking, traffic congestion, the lack of a walking/bicycle lane, etc. that in the name of safety we had to slow traffic down for all to coexist. In fact, some property owners had began placing obstacles at roads edge to impede traffic flow, which indirectly was creating more issues.

ACTION:

9.0 PARKS, FACILITIES & RECREATION

9.1 Henderson Jersey Starts its tour in Lucknow

Lucknow has been chosen as the first stop on a 60-city tour of Canada through an on-line contest.

Paul Henderson will be in Lucknow on Friday, Jan. 28, in Kincardine on Jan. 29, and in Goderich on Jan. 30.

The Henderson Jersey Tour will visit 15 towns and cities until May of this year. A second leg will cover Atlantic Canada and Quebec.

STAFF COMMENTS: This is great news for the municipality.

ACTION:

10.0 GENERAL

10.1 Bruce County Federation of Agriculture Politician Meeting

We have received an invitation from the Bruce County Federation of Agriculture inviting the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and all Councillors to a "Politician's Meeting" that will be held on Saturday March 12th, 2011 at the Chepstow Lion's Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

STAFF COMMENTS: This invitation was previously forwarded to you by e-mail. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in attending?

ACTION:

10.2 ROMA/OGRA 2011 Conference Delegates

The Ontario ministers' meetings with municipal delegates will be held on Monday, February 28 and Tuesday March 1, 2011 at the conference.

STAFF COMMENTS: Are there any ministers' that Council wishes to request a meeting with this year?

ACTION:

10.3 AMO Conference

The 2011 AMO Annual Conference will take place August 21-24, 2011 and will be hosted by the City of London and the County of Middlesex. Conference events will take place at the London Convention Centre, the Hilton London and the Delta London Armouries. Conference details will not be release until Monday January 10th, 2011.

STAFF COMMENTS: Are there any Councillors interested in attending?

ACTION:

11.0 BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT & SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL

11.1 Monthly Report

Please find attached the monthly report of the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

STAFF COMMENTS: The By-Law Enforcement Officer will be in attendance to answer any questions.

ACTION:

11.2 Year-end Report

Please find attached the year end report of the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

STAFF COMMENTS: The By-Law Enforcement Officer will be in attendance to answer any questions.

ACTION:

12.0 PERSONNEL

12.1 Personnel Issue

Please refer to the confidential agenda.

12.2 Health & Safety Quarterly Report.

See report attached.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

ACTION:

12.3 Personnel Issue

Please refer to the confidential agenda.

12.4 Personnel Issue

Please refer to the confidential agenda

13.0 NEW BUSINESS

14.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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| 14.1 | AMO | AMO Watch January 6 th , 2011 |
| 14.2 | | AMO Watch December 22 nd , 2010 |
| 14.3 | | New Information on Stimulus Deadline Extension – Dec 20 th , 2010 |
| 14.4 | Grey Bruce Health Unit | National Non-Smoking week- January 5 th , 2011 |
| 14.5 | | Health Trends in Grey Bruce – December 17 th , 2010 |
| 14.6 | | Influenza Arrives in Grey Bruce – December 16 th , 2010 |
| 14.7 | General Correspondence | Kincardine Women's Triathlon- Thank you |
| 14.8 | | OPG's Deep Geologic Repository Project – December 2010 |
| 14.9 | | Ministry of Natural Resources letter regarding Off Shore Wind Development |

15.0 CLOSED SESSION

15.1 Move into closed session

Moved by
Seconded by

MOVE INTO
CLOSED
SESSION

THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council move into a Closed Session pursuant to section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at _____ p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - Probationary Period Expired
 - Administrative Matter
 - Summer Students

- labour relations or employee negotiations;
 - Probationary Period Expired
 - Administrative Matter
 - Summer Students

16.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by
Seconded by

RISE FROM
CLOSED
SESSION

THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council rise from the Closed Session at _____ p.m.

17.0 ADJOURN

Moved by
Seconded by

ADJOURN

THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council do now adjourn to meet again on January 17th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Mayor.