

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

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Township of Huron-Kinloss Council will meet in special session on the 24th day of June, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council Chambers.

Mayor	Mitch Twolan	(P)
Deputy Mayor	Wilfred Gamble	(P)
Councillors	Lillian Abbott	(A)
	Jeff Elliott	(P)
	Jim Hanna	(A)
	Don Murray	(P)
	Mary Rose Walden	(P)
Administrator	Mary Rose Walden	(P)
Clerk	Sonya Watson	(P)
 <b>Municipality of Kincardine</b>		
Mayor	Larry Kraemer	(P)
Deputy Mayor	Laura Haight	(P)
Councillors	Kenneth Craig	(P)
	Marsha Leggett	(P)
	Ron Hewitt	(P)
	Mike Leggett	(A)
	Randy Roppel	(A)
	Guy Anderson	(P)
	Gordon Campbell	(A)
Clerk	Donna MacDougall	(P)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Maryellen Pollard, Barb Fisher, Ken Goldspink, Ian Mitchell, Bev Bryant, Dr. Roth

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Twolan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated the structure of the meeting would be to hear the presentation from Barb Fisher from the Friends of the Kincardine Hospital and then provide an opportunity to the municipal councils to ask questions. The meeting would then be opened up for the public to ask questions.

## 2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
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None disclosed.

#### 4.0 **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Friends of the Kincardine Hospital Barb Fisher 7:00 p.m.

The special meeting was called to meet with the Council of the Municipality of Kincardine and the Friends of the Kincardine Hospital (FOTKH) to discuss the Schroeder report prepared for the FOTKH regarding South Bruce Grey Health Centre (SBGHC) Governance Model.

The Friends of Kincardine Hospital will present the findings in the Schroeder Report

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

ACTION: The Township of Huron-Kinloss Council reviewed and received the Schroeder report. Maryellen Pollard provided an introduction and reported that the FOTKH approached the SBGHC Board to present the report. They attended the May meeting and were allowed 28 minutes. There was no further discussion after their presentation to the Board. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to review the recommendations in the report and discuss the plans moving forward. The FOTKH is seeking Council's input and assistance with their future plans.

Barb Fisher stated they were disappointed with the response from the SBGHC. She reviewed the credentials of the author of the report. He was an independent third party, qualified to provide opinions on hospital governance. The consultant attempted to allow all hospital staff to participate in the survey that was designed to get input; however, the survey was removed from the hospital intranet and staff were directed not to respond to the survey.

Ms. Fisher outlined the following recommendations of the report:

*Recommendation 1, Page 42- Adopt an Open "Engagement" Board*

- improved public consultation,
- vehicles for stakeholders to provide more meaningful input,
- improved communication and transparency.

The FOTKH have learned of new legislation through the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and would like to find out how the SBGHC is acting to improve communication to meet the new legislation. The FOTKH is asking for help from Council to get the group into a position to present the report and have open communications with the SBGHC Board.

*Recommendation 2, Page 44- Modify the Board Composition*

The FOTKH suggests increased representation from the Kincardine area needs to be addressed, as it will be reduced to two members if one retires. It was suggested that the SBGHC Board members will not talk to members of the FOTKH. The FOTKH is of the opinion that the CEO should not have voting rights; however this is no longer an issue as the new legislation has taken away that right.

*Recommendation #3, Page 48-Clarify Structure and Performance Management*

It is recommended that the SBGHC should tighten up its management structure and performance management including: management should be distinct from the board roles and responsibilities in order to be accountable and transparent. Ms. Fisher stated that there is no evidence that the board has any concerns with the hospital governance or the CEO.

The FOTKH feel Kincardine has little representation currently on the SBGHC Board, with few opportunities to be heard and little opportunity to vote. The FOTKH requests that the municipal Councils

- 1) appoint a Council member to a committee to work with the SBGHC governance sub committee and review the recommendations in the report.
- 2) Endorse the report and inform the LHIN that they are in support of the document and the content.
- 3) Ask that the SBGHC board arrange a meeting to present the new legislation and how they are meeting the new requirements.

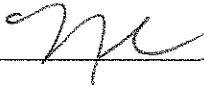
There was significant discussion around the board and its structure, including that fact that no doctors or councilors are represented on the board, that representation must be unbiased, that improved communications and transparency are needed, and that the Councils should be represented on the Board.

Mayor Twolan summarized the various discussions. The path forward was to create a working committee with two councilors from each of Huron-Kinloss and Kincardine municipalities and four representatives from the FOTKH to review the new legislation, understand what directives have changed and open the lines of communication with the SBGHC Board. The selection of committee members will be taken back to each Council for further discussion. The Municipality of Kincardine will obtain a copy of the legislation the FOTKH were referring to for all parties to review.

Moved by Murray  
Seconded by Gamble

ADJOURN                      200                      THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council do now adjourn to meet again  
on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Mayor.                      Carried.

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Mayor



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Clerk

