

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

Township of Huron-Kinloss Council met in special session on the 26th day of March, 2012 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	(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)
Director of Facilities & Recreation	Mike Fair	(P)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Meurs, Liz Dadson, Barb McKay

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Twolan called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

None Scheduled

4.0 REPORTS OF STAFF & COMMITTEES

4.1 Grants to Organizations

STAFF COMMENTS: At the February 13th budget meeting there was some discussion regarding the Lucknow Agricultural Society's request to increase the grant amount from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for 2012. I checked with Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and they typically provide a grant of \$400.00. We seek your direction.

ACTION: Council approved a \$500.00 grant for 2012.

4.2 1986 Mack Truck

STAFF COMMENTS: At the February 13th budget meeting there was some discussion regarding the excessive annual cost of maintaining the Mack truck and whether it should be replaced sooner than 2015. At the time of the discussion, Council had estimated that we were spending \$25,000 annually on the truck. The actual repair & maintenance expenditures are as follows:

Year	Amount
2011	\$9,958.94
2010	\$6,082.60
2009	\$27,216.28
Total	\$43,257.82

3 year average = \$14,419.27

For now, we are proposing to keep the truck on the same replacement schedule. The Director of Public Works will review annually with the capital forecast.

ACTION: Approve staff recommendation.

4.3 Dog Parks

STAFF COMMENTS: Currently there are no dedicated dog parks in Ripley or Lucknow. The concept has been growing in the last several years. Currently people look to sports fields such as soccer fields and better yet ball diamonds because of the fencing that limits the access for a dog to wander too far. The damage to fields is certainly not dramatic, but on occasion dogs leave items in the fields that are not cleaned up.

We propose to construct a dog park in Ripley immediately north of the soccer fields on Park Street that would include the tree line along the railway track and end just south of the railway track trail. We also propose a dog park west of the old Lucknow fire hall and the ball diamond and fencing along the river. The ball diamond outfield fencing would also serve a dual purpose as a fence for the ball field and the dog park. Both locations were chosen due to proximity to local residents, however the locations are not finalized and could be changed. We would provide fencing, benches, signage with rules of park, and doggie do-do bags, and garbage cans. We feel that the social / health benefits for both people and dogs warrant the cost of implementation. Total cost for both parks is estimated at \$9,500.00.

ACTION: Council is not in favour of including dog parks in the budget at this time.

4.4 Doctor Recruitment

STAFF COMMENTS: Since Bruce Power has taken a role in funding doctor recruitment in Kincardine and Saugeen Shores, the Committee that we were a part of has not been active. Therefore staff is recommending that we keep the \$17,000 that we usually contribute in reserve until such time as it may be required.

ACTION: Approve staff recommendation.

4.5 Specialized Public Transit Services

Attached is a report regarding specialized transit services.

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

ACTION: The following motion was passed.

Moved by Elliott
Seconded by Sloetjes

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SPECIALIZED
TRANSIT
SERVICES

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council hereby approves procuring specialized public transit services to physically and mentally challenged residents of Huron-Kinloss from Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit at a cost of \$8,559.15 for the period of April 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Carried.

4.6 Roof Repair/Replacement – Former Lucknow Fire Hall

STAFF COMMENTS: There are reports of roof leaks at the old fire hall. The current roof is a flat roof tar and chip membrane. This type of roof style is very difficult to locate leak sources. We have investigated the problem and are unable to determine the source of the leaks, and upon further review feel that the roof requires an overhaul. The long term integrity of the building and its contents is in jeopardy. Option 1 is to re-do the roof in Tar and chip membrane estimated at \$18,000.00. Option 2 is to install insulated membrane roof estimated at \$12, 000.00.

I recommend the insulated membrane roof, with lower cost, and better warranty.

ACTION: Council approved installing the insulated membrane roof for \$12,000.00.

4.7 Gravel Road Conditions

Attached is a report regarding the recent condition of gravel roads in the area, in particular, Grey Ox Avenue.

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

ACTION: There was great discussion regarding road conditions of paved versus gravel roads and grading techniques. The Director of Public Works confirmed that the roads west of Langside St will receive gravel resurfacing this year. The Director of Public Works will also be considering certain gravel roads in the former Kinloss Township for future paving. The Director of Public Works will look at testing alternate grading techniques such as "crowning" in certain areas in 2012. The Director of Public Works will respond to the residents.

4.8 Signs

STAFF COMMENTS: The municipal office sign is in need of repair. We are proposing a brand new sign based on the Bruce County signage plan and would also consider lighting the sign if it is feasible. The estimated cost is \$5,000.00

The Lucknow Revitalization Committee would also like to request that Council consider adding \$10,000 to the Lucknow entrance sign project; bringing the total to \$40,000 of the \$50,000 they originally requested.

ACTION: Council approved a new office sign for \$5000.00. Council approved an additional \$10,000 for the Lucknow entrance signs.

4.9 Second Draft 2012 Budget

Attached is a report on the second draft of the 2012 budget.

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

ACTION: Council approved staff recommendation that any policing credit received be put in reserve. The \$9,500.00 from the dog park be reallocated and the 2012 budget and tax rate by-law be brought forward on April 16th with a 2.09% increase to last year's tax rate.

5.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

No items raised.

6.0 **ADJOURN**

Moved by Sloetjes
Seconded by Elliott

ADJOURN 103 THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council do now adjourn to meet again on April 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Mayor.

Original Signed by Mitch Twolan

Mayor

Original Signed by Sonya Watson

Clerk