

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HURON-KINLOSS

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

9:00 a.m. - Council Chambers

January 11th, 2010

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Liz Dadson, Kristen Shane, James Morgan, Matt Pearson, Lisa Courtney, Elliott Lowry, Murray Ferguson. Peter Walden, Blair Scott, David Colling

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Twolan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
Councillor Eadie	1.2.1	Landowner within project

1.2 DELEGATIONS

1.2.1 David Colling Wind turbine power lines 9:00 a.m.

Councillor Eadie declared a conflict of interest vacated her seat and left the room.

Mr. Colling wishes to present information regarding the burying of transmission lines from the Enercon E82 wind turbines in Huron Township.

STAFF COMMENTS: Mr. Colling has prepared a package for your review.

ACTION: Mr. Colling reviewed the package presented to Council. His main intention was to bring data regarding the importance of burying of electrical collection and transmission lines to and from the Enercon E82 wind turbines in Huron Township. Mr. Colling wanted to inform Council that Suncor has not buried all the transmission lines for the turbines and health problems are still prevalent.

Mayor Twolan suggested Mr. Colling should meet with the County of Bruce and present the same concerns to County Council.

There was further discussion around the decommissioning of the turbines and the stray voltage from the turbines.

- 1.2.2 Murray Ferguson Reid's Corner Wind Farm Co-op 9:15 a.m.
Elliott Lowry
Peter Walden

The group wishes to update Council on the status of the Reid's Corner Wind Farm Project.

STAFF COMMENTS: The group also wishes to discuss some concerns they have including: decommissioning, compensation for owners with health issues, all homes in the wind farm being independently tested prior to and after construction of the windmills, electrical lines being buried.

ACTION: Mr. Ferguson spoke on behalf of the group and stated that the leases on the land for the Reid's Corner Wind Farm Co-op have run out at the end of 2009. The co-operative group is unsure whether they will be re-signing leases. Council suggested that the burying of transmission lines was essential. The Township will be looking to implement polices regarding how the transmission lines are constructed on our roadways. Councillor Eadie also suggested that the township should lobby for the ongoing testing of electrical currents, before, during and after the project.

It was suggested that the province and policy makers need to accept that stray voltage and electrical pollution is a real problem and policies need to be made for it. The group's intent was to include items in their personal contracts that can help protect themselves and the municipality from further issues surrounding wind turbines.

- 1.2.3 Matt Pearson B.M. Ross Septic Re-inspection Program 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Pearson will be presenting the findings and results of the 2009 Septic Re-inspection Program.

STAFF COMMENTS: None at this time.

ACTION: Purpose is to provide an update on the septic re-inspection program in Huron-Kinloss. The program was initiated in 2007. The program operates on a seven year cycle. All systems will be inspected over the seven year cycle with between 300-400 tanks per year being inspected. The inspection is a non-invasive, visual inspection. Pump outs are not mandatory, but the inspector can order a pump out if he views problems in the tank. The inspector documents location of wells, building, watercourses and property lines in relation to the septic system. Main finding that is consistent with the rest of the Province is that a 1/3 of the systems have some deficiency that can be fixed and are therefore classified as medium risk. Councillor Eadie would like more detailed information in the literature that describes what a septic system does and clarifies they are not designed to remove phosphates and nitrates.

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative- The group is currently accepting applications for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative from Canadian municipalities. This grant is for watershed based projects that are "shovel ready". A conference call is scheduled for Tuesday January 12th, 2009 to discuss more details on the requirements of the program to determine if any projects we may have would qualify. Matt was given direction to pursue technology that is supposed to remove phosphorus from the incoming water in conjunction with the Point Clark and Bruce Beach Road Projects. The proposal will involve the installation of a treatment wetland, inline with a municipal drain, as well as nitrate removal filters, as well as a project to test the feasibility of reducing phosphorus loading by homeowners through the products they use in their home and put down the drain. The wetland and filters are pilots to determine their effectiveness in reducing nps loadings from agricultural runoff.

- 1.2.4 Doug Culbert
Graham Mahood Refer to Closed Session Agenda 2:00 p.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: Received and filed. The year end report will be available in February.

2.2 Andrew Application for Consent (B-126-09.12 and B-127-09.12)

Please see the attached Notice of Application for consent by Donald Andrew

STAFF COMMENTS: Staff has sent comments to the County that there are sewers available to the lots but water will have to be extended at the applicant's cost. There are also parkland dedication fees to collect for the newly created lots. Does Council have any further comments?

ACTION: The Clerk will prepare a letter stating Council is supportive of the severance of three lots and is not supportive of four smaller lots.

2.3 January Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for two applications on January 25th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

STAFF COMMENTS: We bring this to your attention for information purposes only.

ACTION: Noted.

3.0 FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

3.1 Lucknow Fire hall

Members of the Lucknow & District Fireboard will report on the build.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

ACTION: Nothing new to report. Progress continues.

3.2 Year End Report Lucknow & District Fire Department

We have received the year end report from the Lucknow & District Fire Department.

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

ACTION: Received and filed.

4.0 **FINANCE**

4.1 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority 2010 Draft Budget

STAFF COMMENTS: SVCA has submitted their 2010 draft budget for Council's review. Our share of the proposed levy is \$80,132.40, an increase of \$5,021.28 from 2009.

ACTION: Council is supportive of the 2010 draft budget. A resolution will be brought forward. Deputy Mayor Gamble further reported MVCA is looking at a 4.9% overall increase for 2010.

5.0 **DRAINAGE**

No items scheduled.

6.0 **WATER & SEWERS**

6.1 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 a decrease from last year's cost of \$4,000.00. We seek Council approval to proceed.

ACTION: Approved.

7.0 **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES** - (Landfill & Collection)

No items scheduled.

8.0 **TRANSPORTATION**

8.1 OGRA/ROMA Conference

The Director of Public Works booked a 16 passenger mini bus for transportation to and from the conference.

STAFF COMMENTS: The bus will leave the Municipal Office parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Sunday February 21st, with the return trip scheduled for 11:00 a.m. departure from the Fairmont Royal York on Wednesday February 24th, 2010.

ACTION: Noted.

8.2 After Hours Call Service

The After Hours Public Works number received a total of 28 calls in 2009.

STAFF COMMENTS: The service is being used regularly, and therefore the Director of Public Works believes it is worth the \$100.00/month charge.

ACTION: Approved.

9.0 PARKS, FACILITIES & RECREATION

9.1 Lucknow Sports Complex

Members of the Lucknow Recreation Board will report on the build

STAFF COMMENTS: None at this time.

ACTION: The engineer will be attending the next board meeting to provide an update. Tenders will go out in February.

9.2 Alcohol Policy Exemption

The Wolves did not experience any problems with the exemption granted to serve cans.

STAFF COMMENTS: I would propose that the alcohol policy be changed for the Wolves during games only. If Council agrees I will bring forward the revised Alcohol Policy to the January meeting.

ACTION: Approved. A by-law will be brought forward.

9.3 Season's Passes

A proposal to include Season's Pass in registration rates was brought forward to discuss at the Minor Hockey Executive.

STAFF COMMENTS: After some discussion the Executive was not in favour of including the Season's pass in the registration. The discussion is noted in the Minor Hockey Minutes from the December meeting. We bring this information back as requested.

ACTION: Council accepts the committee's decision.

9.4 Personnel Issue

Please refer to the confidential agenda.

9.5 Theft at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre

A staff person left his wallet in the meeting room at the arena and it was stolen.

STAFF COMMENTS: This incident was reported to the police and an investigation is ongoing.

ACTION: Noted.

9.6 Fire at Ripley-Huron Community Centre

The fire department was called to a fire in the snack bar on December 30th, 2009.

STAFF COMMENTS: This was an electrical fire around the fryer. Although there was a significant amount of smoke, there was no other damage to the building except for the fryer.

ACTION: Noted.

10.0 GENERAL

10.1 South Bruce Grey Health Centre

We have received an invitation from the SBGHC regarding a Hospital Governance Information Night to be held Tuesday, January 12th, 2010. This event will be open to the public. Josh Liswood of the law firm of Miller Thomson LLP will provide a presentation that will help foster understanding and identify best practices around hospital governance and structure.

STAFF COMMENTS: Mayor Twolan, Deputy Mayor Gamble and Councillors Eadie and Abbott have already confirmed their attendance. Seating has been reserved. Should any other Councillors wish to attend please notify the Clerk.

ACTION: Noted.

10.2 Nuclear Industry Conference and Trade Show

We have received information on the Trade Show in Ottawa February 24-26th, 2010.

STAFF COMMENTS: We have copied the information for your review. Are any Councillors planning on attending?

ACTION: Mayor Twolan and Councillor Eadie will be attending. It was understood they will be booked through the County and IAC unless the Treasurer is notified otherwise.

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: Received and filed. The By-law Enforcement Officer was instructed to continue to issue tickets in Lucknow to vehicles impeding traffic and/or the sidewalks for students walking to school.

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: Received and filed.

11.3 Kennel By-Law

Please find attached the final draft version of the Kennel By-law.

STAFF COMMENTS: The solicitor has already reviewed the by-law and made any necessary changes. The by-law has also been provided to the Ripley-Huron Vet Clinic for comment. We have also provided the proposed set fines as set out in the attached schedule as prepared by our solicitor. If Council has no concerns the by-law and set fines will be brought to the January 18th, 2010 meeting for consideration.

ACTION: Approved. Bring the by-law forward. The By-Law Enforcement Officer will look into an exotic pet by-law and bring back a report.

12.0 **PERSONNEL**

12.1 Personnel Issue

Please refer to the confidential agenda.

12.2 Health and Safety Quarterly Report

Tracey Howe has prepared the quarterly report for your review.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

ACTION: Received and filed.

12.3 Mobile Communications Policy

A draft policy has been prepared for your review.

STAFF COMMENTS: If council concurs a by-law will be brought forward.

ACTION: Approved. A by-law will be brought forward.

12.4 E-mail/Intranet/Internet Use Policy

A draft policy has been prepared for your review.

STAFF COMMENTS: If council concurs a by-law will be brought forward.

ACTION: Approved. A by-law will be brought forward.

13.0 NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Paperless Agenda

There was discussion around the idea of switching to paperless agendas

STAFF COMMENTS: Council is supportive of switching to paperless agendas and attachments. Staff will bring back a report on the cost of producing a paperless agenda and the computer equipment that needs to be purchased to do this during the budget process.

ACTION:

13.2 Huron Bruce Transit Meeting

Councillors Eadie and Murray attended the meeting in Wingham last week January 7th, 2010.

STAFF COMMENTS: Another meeting is required and all the municipal contact people need to be present. They are looking at whether the service is even required and where the money will come from to fund the services they provide.

ACTION: Deputy Mayor Gamble will attempt to attend the next meeting.

13.3 Corner of Hwy 21 & Concession 4

Councillor Eadie was asked to inquire on behalf of the Pine River Church whether a street light could be installed at the corner of Hwy 21 and the 4th Concession. There are also safety issues at corner when turning left onto Hwy 21 due to lack of visibility when the snow piles at the corner in front of the guard rails.

STAFF COMMENTS: Staff noted that the street light request should be put in writing to the attention of the Director of Public Works.

ACTION: Council would support the removal of the guard rails on Hwy 21 if the Pine River Church was in favour of this option. The Director of Public Works will speak with the Highways Department on the issue and advise Councillor Eadie.

14.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

14.1	<i>Grey Bruce Health Unit</i>	News Release <i>Christmas Comes Early for Eat Smart School Cafeterias</i> Dec 18/09
14.2		News Release <i>Family Home for the Holidays? H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Shots Available by Appointment</i> Dec 17/09
14.3	<i>General Correspondence</i>	South West LHIN Board of Directors – Highlights December 2009
14.4		South West LHIN Exchange – January/February 2010
14.5		Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Revised Planning Act Regulations to comply with Recommendations of the Propane Safety Review Panel December 15, 2009
14.6		Homeless Partnering Strategy Outreach Communities – Ontario <i>Smaller Communities – \$1.3 M Targeted Call for Proposals for Homelessness Prevention / Reduction</i>
14.7		Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative – <i>Gauging Your Interest in Participating with US Cities in Applying for Great Lakes Restoration</i>

		<i>Initiative Funding Dec 22/09</i>
14.8		Lake Huron Coastal Centre E-news January 2010
14.9		Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Sustainable Communities Conference Feb 10 – 12, 2010
14.10		Nuclear Waste Management Organization – <i>Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2010 – 2014 Draft for Review and Questionnaire</i>
14.11		Municipal World January 2010

15.0 CLOSED SESSION

15.1 Move into closed session

Moved by Hanna
Seconded by Murray

MOVE INTO
CLOSED
SESSION

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council move into a Closed Session pursuant to section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 1:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - Poundkeeper position
 - Summer Student positions
- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - Boundary Dispute
 - Negotiation of Encroachment Agreement
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
 - Boundary Dispute

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Carried.

16.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Gamble
Seconded by Elliott

RISE FROM
CLOSED
SESSION

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council rise from the Closed Session at 3:15 p.m.

Carried.

17.0 ADJOURN

Moved by Abbott
Seconded by Gamble

ADJOURN

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council do now adjourn to meet again on January 18th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Mayor.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk