

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

Township of Huron-Kinloss Council met in budget session on the 13th day of February, 2014 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
Clerk	Sonya Watson	(P)
Treasurer	Jodi MacArthur	(P)
Director of Public Works	Hugh Nichol	(P)
Director of Community Services	Mike Fair	(P)

OTHERS PRESENT: Barb McKay, Liz Dadson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Twolan called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
Councillor Elliott	5.1	landowner

3.0 DELEGATIONS

None Scheduled

4.0 REPORTS OF STAFF

4.1 2013 Year End Report

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report

SUSTAINABILITY ALIGNMENT: N/A

ACTION: Council approved the following motion.

Moved by Elliott
Seconded by Sloetjes

2013
YEAR END
TRANSFERS

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council hereby authorizes the following transfers to reserve;

General Office Equipment	\$ 9,630.00
Ripley-Huron Fire Dept	\$164,000.00
Municipal Capital Projects	\$145,000.00

Carried.

4.2 Budget Excluded Expenses

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report

SUSTAINABILITY ALIGNMENT: N/A

ACTION: Council approved the following motion.

Moved by Sloetjes
Seconded by Elliott

2014 BUDGET
EXCLUDED
EXPENSES

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council hereby approves the report of the Treasurer dated February 4, 2014 regarding the exclusion of certain expenses from the 2014 budget as per Ontario Reg. 284/09.

Carried.

4.3 2014-2015 Insurance Program

Our current insurance policy expires on March 1, 2014. JLT Canada has indicated that they would be interested in a renewal with no increase to the liability premiums, simply to increase the property values for inflation.

STAFF COMMENTS: At this time, I would seek Council's permission to begin the renewal process.

SUSTAINABILITY ALIGNMENT: N/A

ACTION: Council approved the following motion.

Moved by Elliott
Seconded by Sloetjes

2014-2015
INSURANCE
PROGRAM

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THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to renew the Township's insurance program with JLT Canada Inc.

Carried.

4.4 Waste Collection Contract

The BASWR contract for the collection and disposal of household garbage within the Township expires on March 31, 2014.

STAFF COMMENTS: As contractors in the refuse business are in limited supply, Public Works has initiated discussion with BASWR regarding the renewal of our existing contract. BASWR's current price is \$122,566.87/year. The new proposal is \$128,685.89/year for three years. For your information, when we tendered in 2002 the only other bid was from Carter's Waste Disposal at \$132,145.00/year.

Public Works is requesting an exemption from our tendering policy and pre-budget approval to sign a three-year contract with BASWR. I seek your direction.

SUSTAINABILITY ALIGNMENT: The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The *recommendations* or *actions* contribute to our goals in achieving an *environmentally conscious* community.

ACTION: A By-law will be brought forward to approve the contract.

4.5 Campbell Street Reconstruction

Please find attached a letter from the Lucknow & District Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed Campbell Street reconstruction.

STAFF COMMENTS: The delaying of the Campbell Street reconstruction project is at the County's discretion and has no impact to the Township, however it is our understanding the work will proceed this year. As always the Township remains open to working with the County and the District Chamber of Commerce with regards to any type of traffic calming measures. This includes the painting of individual parking spaces, but not until the County completes the downtown surface rehabilitation project. It is agreed any reconstruction of Willoughby Street should wait until after its designation as a detour route is completed, and it is also agreed Outram Street is a priority. However, it is not a lack of desire, but a lack of funding in the Lucknow water reserve that is delaying its reconstruction as it makes no sense to reconstruct the road base without including new water lines. With our existing commitment to Campbell Street and the realization that no engineering or MOE approvals have been pursued, the Director of Public Works believes it is not realistic to plan for the reconstruction of Outram Street in 2014.

SUSTAINABILITY ALIGNMENT: N/A

ACTION: Mayor Twolan reported that the Bruce County Highways Department is still supportive of proceeding with the work in 2014. There are a number of variables to consider in every construction project and the County and the Township are aware of the concerns. Council supports this work proceeding in June 2014 as planned.

There was further discussion on repaving and installing new water main on Outram and Willoughby streets in Lucknow. Council recommended this construction take place in 2015 and to borrow from reserves to complete the work, if necessary. Council discussed that the tender should include provisions for continuous work by the contractor so the project can be completed by July 25th, 2014 as proposed.

There was further discussion on the need to increase the water rates to build funds for future replacement. Council approved increasing the Waterworks Distribution Rate from \$125.00 to \$175.00 and increasing the Water Service Rate from \$325.00 to \$350.00.

Council requested the Director of Public Works send a letter to Brian Knox at the County of Bruce stating that a signalized pedestrian crosswalk is not required in Lucknow. Council would prefer only lines painted on the roadway with vibrant signage to indicate a pedestrian crosswalk rather than any bump outs or lost parking spaces.

4.6 Local Authority Services Lighting Program

The Director of Community Services has prepared a report.

STAFF COMMENTS: Included in the report.

SUSTAINABILITY ALIGNMENT: The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The *recommendations* or *actions* contribute to our goals in achieving a *prosperous and environmentally conscious* community.

ACTION: Council approved staff recommendations.

5.0 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED**

Councillor Elliott declared a pecuniary interest, vacated his seat and left the room.

5.1 Request for Support of Noise By-Law

We have received a letter requesting Council to join the Ontario coalition of municipalities in creating and implementing a "Noise Nuisance By-law" to address issues caused by industrial wind turbine installations.

STAFF COMMENTS: Since this request has budget implications of \$15,000.00 as you will see in the attached motion passed by the Municipality of Kincardine we have brought the item forward during budget deliberations. This item has not been included in the draft budget.

We have since received an additional letter that pertains to this matter that has also been attached for your review.

ACTION: Deputy Mayor Gamble further reported on speaking with Rachel Thompson who has participated in drafting the Noise Nuisance By-Law. It is expected that if the By-Law was challenged it may cost approximately \$350,000.00 in solicitor fees to defend the By-Law.

Council is supportive of initially putting \$5,000.00 in the budget. However, Council will invite Warren Howard, Councillor from North Perth to do a presentation for Council on the Noise Nuisance By-law before a final decision is made.

6.0 2014 DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION

6.1 Draft Budget Presentation

The Treasurer has prepared a report highlighting the results of the draft budget preparation.

STAFF COMMENTS: We would like to proceed with the following format:

6.1.1 Brief Outline of 2014 Budget – Jodi MacArthur

6.1.2 Review of Public Works, Water and Wastewater – Hugh Nichol

6.1.3 Review of Ripley-Huron Fire Department – Doug Martyn

6.1.4 Review of Community Services – Mike Fair

ACTION: All reports were approved as presented with the following exceptions or directions noted below.

Point Clark & Huron District Community Centre

ACTION: Approve staff recommendations. The Director of Community Services will do an assessment of both furnaces at the community centre since they were installed in 1999 and will be nearing the life expectancy.

Ripley-Huron Community Centre

ACTION: Approve staff recommendations. It was suggested that the Director look at timed fixtures for the showers in the RHCC when replacing.

Emergency Management

ACTION: There was further discussion on the installation of a panel with a generator transfer switch at D.G. MacDonald. The Director will contact D.G. MacDonald and propose a cost sharing agreement for the switch so the owner could also access the fuel in a hydro outage situation.

Environmental Initiatives

ACTION: There was further discussion on the Base Line Water Monitoring Program. The Administrator clarified that the Point Clark Monitoring Program is a condition of the C of A for the water system and costing \$15,000.00 and the Pine River Monitoring Program is costing \$25,000.00. The Deputy Mayor raised concern with some of the findings in the Pine River Program. The Administrator will review the report and contact B.M. Ross. A letter will be sent to the PRWIN requesting a cost sharing agreement to continue with the Pine River Monitoring Program.

Facilities & Community Services

ACTION: There was further discussion on the Solar Feasibility Study. Council approved inclusion of the \$8,000.00. The Director is proceeding to investigate grid availability for a number of properties.

Lucknow Town Hall

ACTION: New doors on the theatre level at the Lucknow Town Hall were discussed. The Director report that the estimate for the new doors is approx. \$5,000-6,000.00. Council approved inclusion of the new doors in the budget.

Huron-Kinloss Water System

ACTION: Bring a by-law forward to implement increases to the User Fees:

Waterworks Distribution Rate increase to \$175.00

Water Service Rate increase to \$ 350.00

Ripley & Lucknow Sewer

ACTION: Bring a by-law forward to implement increases to the User Fees:

Ripley increase to \$225.00

Lucknow increase to \$310.00

Roads & Equipment Capital

ACTION: Approve staff recommendations as presented with the following additions. Estimates for the Campbell Street Project received from the County have come in at \$124,000.00 higher than anticipated. \$100,000.00 will be reallocated from the decorative streetlights on Campbell Street to the Campbell Street Project.

Council approved including the paving of Birch Street, Pine Street and Emmerton Place in the Hill Street Project and gave the Director of Public Works permission to negotiate directly with the contractor for the supply and placement of asphalt for the entire 2014 paving program.

There was further discussion on paving Napier Street in Lucknow and that the original agreement required the developer to pave the street. The Director will review the current costs to maintain Napier and the costs associated with paving the road for consideration while paving is occurring in Lucknow this year.

The recommendation to purchase a New Holland disc mower was approved.

Roads Maintenance

ACTION: Council approved Wes Riley to continue the gravel crushing for 2014.

Economic Development & Tourism

ACTION: The Administrator further reported that we have received conditional approval for funding in the amount of \$12,500.00 from the Cultural Development Fund to assist in establishing a Cultural Round Table and developing an Action Plan for this group.

Ripley-Huron Fire Department

ACTION: Chief Martyn was not in attendance to present the department's budget request. There was further discussion regarding the fire departments and specifically addressing the training requirements. Council requested the Clerk have the Fire Chief look into this matter and ensure the minimum requirements are being met.

Doctor Recruitment

ACTION: Council directed removing the \$5,000.00 for the Grey Bruce Health Services Campaign since the County of Bruce is contributed \$200,000 for the next five years. Council also opted to remove the \$17,000.00 for Doctor Recruitment as there has been no formal request and put this money in a capital reserve.

Grants to Organizations

ACTION: Council choose not to consider any new funding requests for 2014 including the Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village and not to support any requests that have not received support in the past, such as Kin Canada and Crime Stoppers.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS/COUNCIL REPORTS

7.1 Letter Review of Lucknow & District Fire Board Agreement

Councillor Hanna reviewed some considerations for Council in regards to the increase in response calls to Huron-Kinloss residents by the Lucknow department.

STAFF COMMENTS: The Clerk provided a letter received from the Lucknow & District Joint Fire Board regarding a new percentage split to the budget for 50% - 50% between Huron-Kinloss and ACW.

ACTION: A new agreement will be brought forward regarding the proposed changes.

7.2 AMO letter – Recent Developments in Joint and Several Liability

The Clerk provided Council with a letter from AMO requesting support from Council for amendments to the *Negligence Act* to reform the municipal liability in regards litigation.

STAFF COMMENTS: A draft letter was prepared for Council's consideration to send to the Attorney General.

ACTION: Council supported sending the letter as presented.

8.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Sloetjes
Seconded by Elliott

MOVE TO
CLOSED
SESSION

36 THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council move into a Closed Session pursuant to section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 3:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - Business & Economic Officer
- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - Lucknow Shop/Road Allowance

Carried.

9.0 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Moved by Abbott
Seconded by Hanna

RISE FROM
CLOSED
SESSION

38 THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council rise from Closed Session at 4:10 p.m.

Carried.

10.0 **ADJOURN**

Moved by Gamble
Seconded by Abbott

ADJOURN

39 THAT Huron-Kinloss Township Council do now adjourn.

Carried.

Original Signed by Mitch Twolan
Mayor

Original Signed by Sonya Watson
Clerk