



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers

Members Present Don Murray, Mayor
Jim Hanna, Deputy Mayor
Larry Allison, Councillor
Shari Flett, Councillor
Scott Gibson, Councillor
Ed McGugan, Councillor
Carl Sloetjes, Councillor

Staff Present Jennifer White, Clerk
Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer
Bill Klingenberg, Manager of Building & Planning Services
Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer
John Yungblut, Director of Public Works
Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No.: 03/11/2024 - 01

Moved By Shari Flett

Seconded By Scott Gibson

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 5, 2024, Council meeting of February 5, 2024, Budget meeting of February 16, 2024 and March 4, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Hearing under Section 105 of the Municipal Act and Section 10.5 of By-law No. 2017-116

The purpose of this hearing is to hear an appeal under section 10.5 of the Animal Control By-law No. 2017-116. The Chair explained the purpose and powers of Council during the Hearing and outlined the procedure to be followed.

4.1 Dangerous Dog Order Appeal - James Leonard

The By-law Enforcement Officer, Heather Falconer provided evidence pertaining to the current appeal.

4.1.a Order to Leash

Council inquired as to why the dog was not ordered to be muzzled. The By-law Enforcement Officer indicated that the dog had not been presenting as if it would bite.

Council inquired about the next steps if the behaviour persisted or the dog was noted as increasing in the danger to the public. By-law Enforcement would issue a muzzle order or proceed under the Dog Owner's Liability Act.

Council inquired as to whether there were police witnesses present who were being called on to present evidence. The By-law Enforcement Officer confirmed that there were no police witnesses being called to present evidence.

Council clarified statements by the By-law Enforcement Officer and confirmed that the items listed on the notes were all inclusive.

Council inquired about the characterization of aggressive lunging, and the By-law Enforcement Officer provided an opinion.

Council inquired whether an additional bus stop could be created and suggested Council could advocate for that.

Council inquired about whether training could be mandated. The By-law wording does not permit Council to add measures which were not previously included.

4.1.b Appeal

Evidence was provided in writing by the applicant as he was not able to attend the meeting in person. Council reviewed that evidence.

4.1.c Closing Submissions

No closing submissions were provided.

4.1.d Direction from the Chair

4.1.e Appeal Decision

Resolution No.: 03/11/2024 - 02

Moved By Larry Allison

Seconded By Jim Hanna

THAT Council confirm the Dangerous Dog order considered under this appeal.

Carried

Resolution No.: 03/11/2024 - 03

Moved By Larry Allison

Seconded By Ed McGugan

THAT Council direct Staff to request the School Boards associated with the bus stop noted in the appeal evidence re-consider their decision not to provide an alternate bus stop to prevent interactions between students and the dog noted in the appeal.

Carried

4.2 Dangerous Dog Order Appeal - Joel and Jayme Eadie

The Clerk provided a verbal update that the Appellant had provided evidence that the owners had elected to euthanize the dog on which the order had been laid. The appeal was removed from the agenda.

5. Delegations

5.1 B.M.Ross and Associates - Planning, Design and Construction of Municipal Infrastructure Assets

Steve Jackson, Andrew Garland, Lisa Courtney provided training to Council on the Planning, Design and Construction of Municipal Infrastructure Assets, and the role that B.M. Ross has been assigned by the Township.

This presentation was for information and training purposes. The presentation provided to Council included a few changes or additions, most notably :

- the inclusion of wastewater collection, pumping and treatment information
- the addition of one culvert to the total number of structures in the bridge information, and a correction of the average structure age to 52 years.

The Permit to Take Water is only for the municipal wells or does it also include private properties. Private establishments do require it if they meet a certain daily threshold, or if they are using it for construction purposes. Households are under that threshold.

Council inquired about how you know how much water is being taken, and how this is enforced. B.M.Ross indicated that this is often complaint driven through MECP.

Council inquired about liability impacts of the lakeshore area being underserved currently in Water storage capability. Garland confirmed that they have not seen this used to prevent building permits from being issued within the area. The wells in this area have good capacity, and augments what might come from storage in other communities.

Huronville subdivision is billed using rates established by the Municipality of Kincardine.

At Council's request, Garland provided information on the effluent produced and the types of parameters targeted for removal.

Council inquired about whether the sewage plant could be upgraded to increase capacity, Garland indicated that there are ways to increase capacity, but couldn't provide specifics and didn't think increasing the number of lagoons would bring more capacity without increased regulatory requirements.

Council inquired about whether biosolid commercial fertilizer production would create increased capacity. Garland speculated that the current plants would not produce enough to make it financially worthwhile.

Council inquired about the inclusion of Breakwaters, groynes and seawalls. Courtney indicated that these projects have not been encouraged because of the environmental impacts and that is likely why they are included.

Council inquired whether the urban cross section construction could be utilized for active transportation purposes. Jackson indicated that it could be utilized on one side opposite to sidewalks, to separate types of uses such as walkers, bikers, vehicles, etc. Council inquired about whether active transportation was being included in all cross-sections where linkages were available. Jackson did not have this information at this time.

Jackson confirmed that Street trees are required to be planted as part of the standard.

6. Staff Report

6.1 Legislative Services

6.1.a OPP Detachment Board Update March 2024, CLK-2024-03-9

Resolution No.: 03/11/2024 - 04

Moved By Ed McGugan

Seconded By Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive for information Report CLK-2024-03-9 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoint Mayor Don Murray as the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council representative on the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board (SBODB);

AND FURTHER approves the Terms of Reference for the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee;

AND FURTHER authorizes Staff to begin the recruitment process for the community representatives for the SBODB;

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-laws to be brought forward as matters arising.

Carried

7. By-Laws and Agreements

7.1 Matters Arising

7.1.a Consolidated Appointment By-Law Amendment (4)

Resolution No.: 03/11/2024 - 05

Moved By Jim Hanna

Seconded By Larry Allison

THAT the "Consolidated Appointment Amendment (4) By-law " be deemed to be read a first, second, third time and finally passed and numbered as By-law No. 2024 - 16

Carried

7.1.b Terms of Reference South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee

Resolution No.: 03/11/2024 - 06

Moved By Scott Gibson

Seconded By Ed McGugan

THAT the "Terms of Reference South Bruce O.P.P Detachment Community Appointee Advisory Committee By-law " be deemed to be read a first, second, third time and finally passed and numbered as By-law No. 2024 - 15.

Carried

8. New Business/ Council Reports

Councillor Flett inquired whether members of Council would be interested in the receiving a tour of the Chalk river nuclear site while members of Council were at the AMO conference. Councillor Flett will investigate.

Council made an inquiry about the process to report derelict vehicles. This is covered within the Clean and Clear Yards By-law and the concern should be directed to Staff for resolution.

9. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No.: 03/11/2024 - 07

Moved By Carl Sloetjes

Seconded By Jim Hanna

THAT the "Confirmatory March" By-law be deemed to be read a first, second, third time and finally passed and numbered as By-law No. 2024- 17.

Carried

10. Adjournment

Resolution No.: 03/11/2024 - 08

Moved By Larry Allison

Seconded By Shari Flett

THAT this meeting adjourn at 9:13 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk