THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY
COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: **May 11, 2021**
Time: **9:30 A.M.**
Location: **Haldimand County Administration Building**
Council Chambers

COUNCIL PRESENT
B. Corbett, Deputy Mayor
S. Patterson, Councillor
J. Metcalfe, Councillor
D. Lawrence, Councillor
T. Dalimonte, Councillor
R. Shirton, Councillor

STAFF PRESENT
C. Manley, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Case, General Manager, Corporate & Social Services
M. Evers, General Manager, Community & Development Services
T. Haedrich, General Manager, Engineering & Capital Works
M. Merritt, General Manager, Financial & Data Services
P. Mete, General Manager, Public Works Operations
D. Pressey, Director, Roads Operations
A. Earls, Senior Economic Development Officer
L. Romanuk, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
S. VanDalen, Manager, Planning & Development
E. Eichenbaum, Manager, Citizen & Legislative Services/Clerk

Please note: All members participated electronically in this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Corbett called the Council in Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

All Members of Council were in attendance except for Mayor Hewitt.

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Patterson, Chair of Public Meeting for Planning Applications, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

Prior to commencing the public meeting, the Chair explained the meeting, delegation and appeal process. He noted that decisions made by Committee at this meeting would be given final consideration at the May 17, 2021 Council meeting.

1 PDD-29-2021 Zoning Amendment to Fulfill Condition of Severance – Dekkers

S. VanDalen presented the report. The application was discussed and then the public meeting was adjourned until 1:00 p.m.

MOTIONS OF CONSENT

None.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

1 COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Councillor Lawrence, Chair of Community & Development Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

1.1 CDP-02-2021 Community Halls Program – Ongoing Pandemic Financial Relief

Recommendation 1
Moved By: Councillor Patterson
Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

1. THAT Report CDP-02-2021 Community Halls Program – Ongoing Pandemic Financial Relief be received;
2. AND THAT the volunteer Boards of Directors managing Haldimand County's 18 Community Halls be reimbursed for actual operating costs for the first quarter of 2021, less 65% of any rental revenues received during the quarter, to an upset total amount of $22,050;
3. AND THAT reimbursement payments be funded from the provincial Safe Restart Program grant or the County's Contingency Reserve and reported on a quarterly basis.

CARRIED

1.2 Other Business

None.

2 PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

Councillor Dalimonte, Chair of Public Works Operations, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

2.1 Other Business

2.1.3 Motion Re: NPCA's Growing Canada's Forest RFI Support Resolution

Recommendation 2
Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. WHEREAS the federal government has announced the "Growing Canada's Forests" program as part of its 2 Billion Trees initiative, making substantial matching funding available to support reforestation and tree planting efforts across the country;

2. AND WHEREAS this is a timely opportunity to attract federal investment in the Niagara Peninsula watershed towards implementing nature-based climate solutions in our communities through a strong and coordinated multi-partner approach across the Niagara Peninsula watershed;

3. AND WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is convening partners and collaborators towards a 10-year planting program for a Request for Information submission in application to Growing Canada's Forests funding program due May 27th 2021;

4. AND WHEREAS the NPCA has a well-established track record of reforestation with private and public landowners, non-governmental organizations, nature clubs, academic institutions and community groups, has the scientific know-how to identify land and tree species with the biggest ecological and climate benefits, and has partnerships in place to mobilize volunteers to plant and monitor trees;

5. AND WHEREAS the proposed opportunity aligns with Haldimand County objectives and has the potential to provide multiscale benefits,

6. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NPCA's Request for Information (RFI) submission in application to Growing Canada's Forests initiative, be supported;

7. AND THAT staff continue to collaborate with the NPCA and other partners in identifying planting opportunities and programs aligned with municipal priorities to be included in the full funding application should the RFI submission be successful;

8. AND THAT if the NPCA's application is successful, Haldimand County will cost-share planting projects to scale our planting efforts with federal funding support on a 50/50 basis;

9. AND THAT a letter of support be provided to the NPCA for inclusion with their RFI submission to the Growing Canada's Forests initiative;

10. AND THAT any similar applications submitted by either the Grand River Conservation Authority or the Long Point Region Conservation Authority also be supported.

CARRIED

2.1.4 Motion Re: Haldimand County Growing Canada's Forest RFI Support Resolution

Recommendation 3
Moved By: Councillor Patterson
Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

1. WHEREAS the federal government has announced the “Growing Canada’s Forests” program as part of its 2 Billion Trees initiative, making substantial matching funding available to support reforestation and tree planting efforts across the country;
2. AND WHEREAS this is a timely opportunity to attract federal investment in Haldimand County towards implementing nature-based climate solutions in our communities through a strong and coordinated multi-partner approach across the County;
3. AND WHEREAS the Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries and Forestry Operations Division is working towards a 10-year street and park tree planting program to be included as part of a Request for Information submission in application to Growing Canada’s Forest Funding program due May 27th 2021;
4. AND WHEREAS the proposed opportunity aligns with the street tree planting and reforestation objectives identified in the County’s Forest Management Plan and has the potential to provide multiscale benefits,
5. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County’s submission for a Request for Information (RFI) submission in application to Growing Canada’s Forests initiative with the goal of increasing street tree planting across the County, be supported;
6. AND THAT if the County’s RFI application is successful, Haldimand County will cost-share planting projects with federal funding support on a 50/50 basis.

CARRIED

3 ENGINEERING & CAPITAL WORKS

Councillor Metcalfe, Chair of Engineering & Capital Works, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

3.1 ENG-03-2021 Port Maitland Speed Limit Reduction

Recommendation 4
Moved By: Councillor Shirton
Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

1. THAT Report ENG-03-2021 Port Maitland Speed Limit Reduction be received;

2. AND THAT a by-law be enacted to prescribe the posted speed limits in Port Maitland as follows:

Street	From	To	Speed Limit
Dover Street	Kings Row	The Esplanade	30 km/h
The Esplanade	South End	North End	30 km/h
Port Maitland Road	Kings Row	The Esplanade	30 km/h

CARRIED

3.2 Other Business

None.

4 FINANCIAL & DATA SERVICES

Councillor Shirton, Chair of Financial & Data Services, assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

4.1 FIN-05-2021 Application for Assessment & Tax Adjustments as of March 2021

Recommendation 5
Moved By: Councillor Corbett
Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Report FIN-05-2021 Applications for Assessment and Tax Adjustments, as of March 2021, be received;

2. AND THAT adjustments of taxes, in accordance with Sections 357, 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act, be approved in the amount of $8,580.32 as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report FIN-05-2021.

CARRIED

4.2 FIN-07-2021 Investment Status Report – December 31, 2020

Recommendation 6
Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe
Seconded By: Councillor Dalimonte

1. THAT Report FIN-07-2021 Investment Status Report – December 31, 2020 be received;
2. AND THAT, in accordance with Section 8.0 of the Cash Management and Investments Policy #2001-11, as revised, $1,834,275.85 of the 2020 investment income deficit be funded from the Investment Income Stabilization Reserve;
3. AND THAT, in accordance with Section 3(b)(i) of the Hydro Legacy Fund Policy #2018-01, the weighted average yield to maturity be set at 4.0% for the purpose of accruing investment interest earnings to the Hydro Legacy Reserve Fund for 2020;
4. AND THAT, in accordance with Section 3(c)(ii) of the Hydro Legacy Fund Policy, $750,000 be allocated from the Hydro Legacy Reserve Fund to the Growing Communities Reserve.

CARRIED

4.3 FIN-09-2021 Development Charges Reserve Funds Treasurer's Annual Statement for 2020

Recommendation 7
Moved By: Councillor Patterson
Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

1. THAT Report FIN-09-2021 Development Charges Reserve Funds – Treasurer's Annual Statements for 2020 be received;
2. AND THAT the Treasurer's Annual Statement of Development Charges Reserve Funds for 2020 be made publicly available on the Haldimand County website and upon request.

CARRIED

4.4 Other Business

None.

Deputy Mayor Corbett resumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation 8
Moved By: Councillor Shirton
Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*, as amended, Council convene in a meeting at 10:08 a.m. closed to the public, to discuss:

litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality

1 Verbal Update from County Solicitor Re: Litigation Against Ontario and Canada

advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

2 Broadband Project Update

personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

3 Recruitment of the Medical Officer of Health by the Board of Health

CARRIED

Recommendation 9
Moved By: Councillor Shirton
Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT this closed meeting now adjourn at 11:10 a.m. and reconvene in open session.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF RELATED REPORTS (11:00 A.M.)

1 EDT-06-2021 The Farm 911 - Emily Project

1.1 Henk Lise, Chair, Agriculture Advisory Committee

L. Romanuk introduced Henk Lise, Chair of the Agriculture Advisory Committee. H. Lise provided a presentation on the Emily Project.

Recommendation 10
Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe
Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT the presentation from the Agriculture Advisory Committee Re: The Farm 911-Emily Project, be received.

CARRIED

Recommendation 11
Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe
Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

1. THAT Report EDT-06-2021 The Farm 911 - Emily Project be received;
2. AND THAT the Farm 911 - Emily Project be endorsed and staff be directed to implement a marketing program which informs rural property owners about the benefits of applying for civic addresses for existing vacant agricultural and rural lands;
3. AND THAT staff be directed to review and update all internal documentation related to assigning civic addressing to include existing vacant agricultural and rural lands as a new field/category;
4. AND THAT the expenditures and revenues as detailed in this report be approved, and incorporated into the 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget as a Council Approved Initiative;
5. AND THAT staff be directed to research a potential incentive program for landowners to help offset the cost of purchasing multiple Farm 911 signs.

CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS (CONTINUED)

5 CORPORATE & SOCIAL SERVICES

5.1 CLS-03-2021 Authorization to Permit Beverage Alcohol Sales on Statutory Holidays at Licensed Convenience Outlets

Recommendation 12
Moved By: Councillor Shirton
Seconded By: Councillor Dalimonte

1. THAT Report CLS-03-2021 Authorization to Permit Beverage Alcohol Sales on Statutory Holidays at Licensed Convenience Outlets be received;

2. AND THAT written municipal approval be provided to allow LCBO Licensed Convenience Outlets (LCOs) to sell beverage alcohol on Family Day, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day, provided that they meet the criteria in the *Retail Business Holidays Act* to carry on retail business on those days;

3. AND THAT authority be delegated to staff to provide similar permission for any LCOs licensed by the LCBO in Haldimand County in the future.

CARRIED

5.2 GVL-03-2021 Student Placements at Grandview Lodge

Recommendation 13
Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe
Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report GVL-03-2021 Student Placements at Grandview Lodge be received;

2. AND THAT authority be delegated to the General Manager of Corporate & Social Services or designate, to authorize student placement agreements with instructional institutions to provide placement programs at Grandview Lodge, subject to the terms as set out in Report GVL-03-2021.

CARRIED

5.3 LSS-05-2021 Addendum to Report LSS-03-2021 Road Closure and Conveyance of Part of Townline Road, Lowbanks

Recommendation 14
Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe
Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

1. THAT Report LSS-05-2021 Addendum to Report LSS-03-2021 Road Closure and Conveyance of Part of Townline Road, Lowbanks be received;

2. AND THAT Report LSS-03-2021 Road Closure and Conveyance of Part of Townline Road, Lowbanks be received;

3. AND THAT Part of PIN # 38100-0405(LT) being Part of the Road Allowance between the Township of Wainfleet and the Township of Moulton abutting Concession 1 from Lake Erie and Concession 2 from Lake Erie west of Centre line, Haldimand County, with an approximate location as shown in red and blue on Attachment #1 to Report LSS-05-2021, be stopped up, closed and declared surplus to all County needs;

4. AND THAT Part of PIN # 38100-0405(LT) being Part of the Road Allowance between the Township of Wainfleet and the Township of Moulton abutting Concession 1 from Lake Erie and Concession 2 from Lake Erie west of Centre line, Haldimand County, with an approximate location as shown in blue on Attachment #1 to Report LSS-05-2021, be sold to the abutting owner to the east, for a purchase price of $850, plus HST and costs of the closure and conveyance conditional on an easement being registered for existing waterlines, if necessary, and that the purchaser obtain an approved application from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for the construction of a break wall for the purpose of shoreline protection;

5. AND THAT Part of PIN # 38100-0405(LT) being Part of the Road Allowance between the Township of Wainfleet and the Township of Moulton abutting Concession 1 from Lake Erie and Concession 2 from Lake Erie west of Centre line, Haldimand County, with an approximate location as shown in red on Attachment #1 to Report LSS-05-2021, be sold to the abutting owner to the west, for a purchase price of $850, plus HST and costs of the closure and conveyance conditional on an easement being registered for existing waterlines, if necessary, and that the purchaser obtain an approved application from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for the construction of a break wall for the purpose of shoreline protection;

6. AND THAT public notice of the proposed closure and conveyance be given;

7. AND THAT a by-law be presented for enactment to authorize the closure and conveyance;

8. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

CARRIED

5.4 Other Business

5.4.1 Update Re: Recent Statement of Claim

Council was advised that the County has been served with a statement of claim from property owners on Sixth Line regarding the recent occupation in Caledonia. The claim names several parties including the OPP, the County, and the Police Services Board.

5.4.2 Concern Re: Mandate of the Health & Social Services Advisory Committee

Concerns were noted about Health & Social Services Advisory Committee meetings being cancelled resulting in Haldimand County taxpayers having no say in health and social services decisions made at the Board of Health.

6 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Other Business

None.

DELEGATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF RELATED REPORTS (1:00 P.M.)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Motion Re: Reduction of Speed Limit on Kohler Road and Sweets Corner Road (Notice submitted by Councillor Metcalfe at the April 26, 2021 Council meeting)

Recommendation 15
Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe
Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

1. THAT staff be directed to report back to a future Council in Committee meeting on reducing the speed limit to 60 km/h on Kohler Road from Rainham Road to Lakeshore Road;

2. AND THAT staff be directed to report back to a future Council in Committee meeting on reducing the speed limit to 60 km/h on Sweets Corner Road from Rainham Road to Lakeshore Road.

CARRIED

REPORTS, INQUIRIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF COUNCILLORS

The following item was highlighted:

- Vaccination Update - scheduling is now determined by supply; some supply has been redirected by the province to hot spots.

RECONVENED PUBLIC MEETING FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS (1:00 P.M.)

Councillor Patterson, Chair of Public Meeting for Planning Applications, resumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

1 PDD-29-2021 Zoning Amendment to Fulfill Condition of Severance – Dekkers

There being no subsequent submissions, either verbal or written, for or against this application, deliberations concluded with the introduction of the following recommendation.

Recommendation 16
Moved By: Councillor Lawrence
Seconded By: Councillor Dalimonte

1. THAT Report PDD-29-2021 Zoning Amendment to Fulfill Condition of Severance – Dekkers be received;
2. AND THAT application PLZ-HA-2021-056 to amend the Haldimand Zoning By-law HC-1-2020 to prohibit future residential development and home occupation opportunities on the retained farm lands be approved for reasons outlined in Report PDD-29-2021;
3. AND THAT the proposal is deemed to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020), and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2020;
4. AND THAT the by-law attached to Report PDD-29-2021 be presented for enactment.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Corbett resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED)

Recommendation 17
Moved By: Councillor Patterson
Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council convene in a meeting at 1:02 p.m. closed to the public, to discuss:

advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

2 Broadband Project Update

personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

3 Recruitment of the Medical Officer of Health by the Board of Health

CARRIED

Recommendation 18
Moved By: Councillor Shirton
Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT this closed meeting now adjourn at 1:55 p.m. and reconvene in open session.

CARRIED

MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation 19
Moved By: Councillor Shirton
Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

CARRIED

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DEPUTY MAYOR

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CLERK