

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East held on
May 24, 2012 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario.**

Members Present:

Reeve, Dave Burton
Deputy Reeve, Suzanne Partridge
Councillor Steve Kauffeldt Ward 1
Councillor Cec Ryall Ward 3
Councillor Joan Barton Ward 4

Staff Present:

CAO/Treasurer, Sharon Stoughton-Craig
Clerk, Irene Cook
Road Superintendant, Earl Covert

Attendance:

Angelica Blenich Haliburton Echo
Mark Arike The Highlander
Sue Black Moose FM

Delegations

Kass Eshkour

Affiliation

Wilberforce Pharmacy and Medical Centre

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF.

- The Reeve called the meeting to order.
- The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m.
- A quorum was present.
- He reminded Council of the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest as noted on the agenda.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof:

None declared.

Adopt Agenda

2012-168

Moved by: Steven Kauffeldt

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Closed Session

2012-169

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Steven Kauffeldt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS COUNCIL moves into Closed Session in order to discuss a matter pertaining to:

- security of the property of the municipality or local board
- a proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes;
- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal local board employees – Protective Inspection Personnel and Environment

Carried.

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Arise from Closed Session

2012-170

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Steven Kauffeldt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council arise from the closed session to report.

Carried.

ARISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Klapow Property

2012-171

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Joan Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declines the offer to purchase lands from Klapow.

Carried.

1978 & 1979 fire tankers tenders

2012-172

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Joan Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the quote for the purchase of the 1978 & 1979 tankers from 744620 Ontario Limited O/A Martin-Coleman Sales in the amount of \$3,400.00.

Carried.

Ratification of Union Contract

2012-173

Moved by: Joan Barton

Seconded by: Cec Ryall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratifies the 2012-2015 Collective Agreement between the Municipality of Highlands East the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Local 4416 (the Union) and further authorizes the CAO and Reeve to sign on behalf of the Municipality of Highlands East.

Carried.

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DELEGATION

Kass Kashkour, Pharmacist and Owner of the Wilberforce Pharmacy provided Council with an update on the renovations and the purchase of equipment for the Medical Centre. The renovations to the building are almost complete and the medical equipment will be installed next week. He stated that the Haliburton Physicians need to be contacted and advised that the Medical Centre is ready for business and to see if they want to continue to practice there or do we need to seek new physicians. Kass stated that he hired a designer and every inch of the building is utilized, top quality fixtures, sinks, flooring has been installed. Unfortunately, he is over budget and has invested \$500,000. There is still more work to be done to the outside of the building. Parking lot needs to be paved, requires landscaping and a privacy fence needs to be constructed. Kass requested financial assistance from Council.

Medical Centre/Pharmacy

2012-174

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Steven Kauffeldt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council contributes \$10,000 additional towards Medical Centre outdoor improvements.

Carried.

2012 Budget

Sharon Stoughton-Craig, CAO/Treasurer provided Council with a summary and highlights of the 2012 budget. At the last budget meeting Council was looking at a 5.53% increase (included loss of the OMPF grant and the increase to the OPP cost). The budget is now reduced to a 3.96% increase. The CAO/Treasurer stressed to Council that this does not necessary mean that a property owner will see an increase of 3.96% to their tax bill as the municipal tax rate is down from .004013 to .003819 and the County and school tax rates are also down.

The 2012 budget will be adopted by Council at the June 12, 2012 council meeting.

Confirm Proceeding of Meeting

2012-175

Moved by: Cec Ryall

Seconded by: Joan Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2012-20 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its special meeting of May 24, 2012, be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Carried.

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Adjournment

2012-176

Moved by: Joan Barton

Seconded by: Cec Ryall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Reeve, Dave Burton

Clerk, Irene S. Cook

Unapproved minutes of Council