

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL HURON**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

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**PRESENT:** Council: Reeve Dykstra, Deputy Reeve Bezaire, Councillors: Barnim, Collyer, Ginn, Lobb, Anderson and Stanley  
Staff: CAO Kevin McIlwain, Clerk Brenda MacIsaac, Deputy Clerk Cindy Denomme, CBO Lesley Adams, Tom Sinclair, Road Manager, Steve Campbell, Facilities Manager  
**REGRETS:** Steve Gibbings, Utilities Manager  
**Others:** CEO Richard Harding, REACH, Morag Watt, Clinton Raceway.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Reeve Dykstra called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION:**

81-2010 *Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded by Councillor Ginn, that this Special Council meeting be called to order for the following purposes:*

- i. to discuss the RinC Grant;*
- ii. to consider a matter "In Camera" in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2) (b), for the purpose of personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;*
- iii. and any other matter as may be deemed necessary.*

*Carried*

2. **DISCLOSURE OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST:** nil

3. **RINC**

- CAO Kevin McIlwain reported that the renderings before council were done by Mr. Paul Larretta at no charge to the municipality.
- CAO McIlwain reviewed the report that outlined the pros and cons regarding building a new arena or renovating the existing one.
- Councillor Lobb expressed her concerns with discussing such a large investment when the budget for 2010 has not been passed.
- Councillor Barnim suggested that building a new arena would make more sense than putting money into the old arena.
- Deputy Reeve Bezaire said he was not comfortable making a decision on this until input from the public was received.
- Ms. Watt thanked council for including the raceway in the process. She said that last night was the first time the raceway board had heard of the possibility of building a new arena. She also told council that the full board is not aware of this change. She reminded council that they lease this property and they are in the middle of their lease. She continued to say that she is not in a position to give answers. Her unofficial opinion at this point is that they would not be supportive of any structures being built within the boundaries of the property that they lease.
- Councillor Barnim was surprised to learn that the proposed location was on leased land.
- Councillor Stanley also was concerned about hearing of the lease and suggested that the lease be checked.
- CAO McIlwain reminded council that they own the property and as such have different rights on the property. He suggested that he could work with Morag and find a spot for the facility that would work for both. He said that he needs to know what council wants to do and they will figure out a solution.
- Councillor Lobb expressed her concerns with the timing issues. She commented that the municipality has been putting money away for 10 years and wondered why the community was not involved before now. She said that she agrees with the concept of building a new arena but she would like to have the budget discussions first.
- Councillor Anderson reminded Council that they did go to the public 3 or 4 years ago and the project was put on the shelf. She also said that she does not want to upset the raceway and the good working relationship they have.
- Councillor Collyer said he agrees with Councillor Lobb and he is concerned with the costs. He does not want this council to keep spending money that will be limiting the next council as to what they can do.

- CAO McLlwain was asked how the project would be paid back and if this council would indeed be committing future councils to \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year payments. Kevin said that it would depend on what type of debenture. He said that financing is fairly affordable and very attractive right now.
- Councillor Lobb asked about other projects the municipality may want to do in the future such as servicing along highway #21 and the accessibility of the library. Kevin explained that the lakeshore servicing would come out of the water/sewer funds.
- Ms Watt told Council that she doesn't know if the Raceway Board will or will not support the arena project. There is not enough information to make a decision. We would also be concerned with timing and building in the summer. That is peak racing time
- Deputy Reeve Bezaire said he doesn't like decisions being made this way with \$2 million at stake to be lost. There will be more money to come if we turn this down.
- Councillor Anderson asked when a decision needs to be made in order to take advantage of this money. CAO McLlwain said a decision needs to be made now in order to meet the deadlines.
- Councillor Ginn said he likes the proposal for the new arena for the help it will be to REACH. Economic Development is important and we need to help make REACH as successful as it can be.
- Deputy Reeve Bezaire questioned the need in 20 years for an arena. CAO McLlwain responded that this community has 5 schools and you don't want to be in the community that does not have an ice pad.
- CEO Harding gave council a letter from the REACH Board that is in support of a new multi purpose facility on REACH lands.
- Ms. Watt said that for the last 4 or 5 months there has been considerable time and effort put into the grandstand project. The Raceway is listed as partners on the grant application and a new arena is not something they could support or are mandated to. The Raceway would have to withdraw as a partner if there is no grandstand work to be done.

**MOTION:**

**82-2010**      *Moved by Councillor Ginn, seconded by Councillor Stanley, that Council direct staff to proceed with plans for a new arena/community centre complex.*

*Lost*

**A Recorded vote was requested as follows:**

**Yea: Stanley, Ginn, Barnim, Dykstra**

**Nay: Collyer, Anderson, Bezaire, Lobb**

Road Manager Tom Sinclair asked for direction for the drilling on the property that is scheduled for the morning. Councillor gave direction to go ahead and that this information will be needed in the future regardless if a new arena is built on the land.

- The budget meeting is reschedule to Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Special Council meeting.

**4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE "IN CAMERA"**

**MOTION:**

**83-2010**      *Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded by Councillor Ginn that Council adjourn to a Committee of the Whole "In Camera" in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2) (b) for the purpose of personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.*

*Carried*  
*9:10 p.m.*

**MOTION:**

**84-2010**      *Moved by Councillor Ginn, seconded by Councillor Stanley that Council reconvene into open session.*

*Carried*  
*9:55 p.m.*

**MOTION:**

**85-2010**

*Moved by Councillor Ginn, seconded by Councillor Stanley that the Council of the Municipality of Central Huron accepts the amendments as outlined in the attached "agreements to items check list" dated March 9, 2010 in reference to the Municipal Employees Contract Renewal.*

*And further, that the Council of the Municipality of Central Huron ratifies the collective agreement as amended with the IBEW Local 636 Municipal Employees for the term of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012*

*Carried*

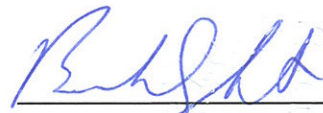
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**MOTION:**

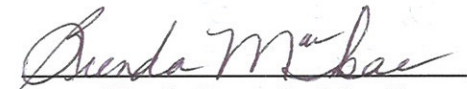
**86-2010**

*Moved by Councillor Collyer, seconded by Councillor Anderson, that this meeting stand adjourned at 9:55 p.m.*

*Carried*



*Reeve, Bert Dykstra*



*Clerk, Brenda MacIsaac*