

**INAUGURAL SESSION MINUTES
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL
Goderich, Ontario November 23, 2016**

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron met in the Court House Council Chambers, in Goderich on Wednesday November 23, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. with the 2015-2016 Warden Paul Gowing presiding.

1. Warden Gowing welcomed the members of Huron County Council and guests to the Inaugural Session.

2. Roll Call

CAO Brenda Orchard called the roll and all members were present. CAO Orchard thanked Warden Gowing for his strong leadership over the past 2 years.

3. Nominations for Warden

MOTION: #001-17

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

CAO Brenda Orchard proceed with the Election of Warden for 2017-2018 as set out in the County of Huron Procedural By-law No. 2014-117.

CARRIED

4. CAO Brenda Orchard called for nominations for Warden of Huron County for 2017-2018.

Councillor Donnelly, from the Town of Goderich, nominated Councillor Ginn, from the Municipality of Central Huron, as a candidate for Warden for 2017-2018.

CAO Brenda Orchard called two more times for nominations for Warden of Huron County for 2017-2018.

CAO Brenda Orchard requested a motion stating nominations closed.

MOTION: #002-17

Moved by: Warden Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Frayne

THAT:

The nominations for the position of Warden for 2017-2018 be closed.

CARRIED

5. Acclamation of Warden

MOTION: #003-17

Moved by: Councillor Donnelly and Seconded by: Warden Gowing

THAT:

Jim Ginn, County Councillor from the Municipality of Central Huron; be elected as Warden of the County of Huron for the years 2017-2018; and until his successor is appointed.

CARRIED

6. Installation of Warden

The new Warden Jim Ginn joined Past Warden Gowing at the dais.

CAO Brenda Orchard administered the Declaration of Office to Warden Ginn. Past Warden Gowing presented Warden Ginn with the Chain of Office, Gavel, the Warden's Pin, Crest and the Key to the County of Huron.

Warden Ginn presented Past Warden Gowing with his name plate as a memento of his term as Warden.

CAO Brenda Orchard formally turned the meeting over to the newly elected Warden; Warden Ginn.

Warden Ginn called on The Reverend Canon Kimberly Van Allen, Rector of St. George's Anglican Church, Goderich and Christ Church, Port Albert for the devotional exercises.

MOTION: #004-17

Moved by: Councillor Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Frayne

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron extend their thanks to The Reverend Canon Kimberly Van Allen, Rector of St. George's Anglican Church, Goderich and Christ Church, Port Albert for her participation at the Inaugural Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Warden Ginn spoke briefly thanking Council for the honour of being elected Warden for 2017-2018.

Warden Ginn asked Deputy Mayor Dave Jewitt to introduce staff and Council in attendance from Municipality of Central Huron.

Warden Ginn introduced his wife Brenda along with other family members in attendance.

Ben Lobb, M.P. for Huron-Bruce was unavailable to attend the Inaugural Session. In M.P. Lobb's absence, Bill Strong, Constituency Manager for M.P. Lobb's Goderich office was in attendance and brought greetings from the Government of Canada and congratulations to Warden Ginn.

Lisa Thompson, M.P.P. for Huron-Bruce was unavailable to attend the Inaugural Session. In M.P.P. Lisa Thompson's absence, Sarah Baird, Constituency Assistant for M.P.P. Thompson was in attendance and brought greetings from the Province of Ontario and congratulations to Warden Ginn.

Ted Doherty, Director of Education, Avon Maitland District School Board sent his regrets.

Vince MacDonald, Director of Education, Huron Perth Catholic District School Board was unable to attend.

7. Appointment of the Striking Committee

According to the County of Huron Procedural By-law No. 2014-117; the Striking Committee for 2017 will consist of:

1. Warden Ginn
2. Immediate Past Warden – Councillor Gowing
3. Two immediate Past Board Chairs - Councillors Fergusson and Hessel
4. Two immediate Past Committee Chairs – Councillors Cole and Watt

5. One Councillor Appointee of the Warden – Councillor Versteeg
6. CAO Brenda Orchard

MOTION: #005-17

Moved by: Councillor Morrison and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The following members of Huron County Council be the Striking Committee for the year 2017:

Warden Ginn, Chair
Past Warden Gowing
Councillor Fergusson
Councillor Hessel
Councillor Cole
Councillor Watt
Councillor Versteeg
CAO Brenda Orchard

CARRIED

Warden Ginn requested Members of Council to stay close to the Council Chambers so that Council could resume sitting as soon as the Striking Committee had their Report ready.

8. Report of Committee:

The report of the Striking Committee was read by CAO Brenda Orchard.

MOTION: #006-17

Moved by: Councillor Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor Versteeg

THAT:

The Report of the Striking Committee; be adopted as amended and appear in the printed Minutes as Report #1.

CARRIED

9. Notice of Motions: None.

10. By-Laws

MOTION: #007-17

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-law:

By-law No. 2017-001; being a By-law of The Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint members to various Committees and Boards.

CARRIED

MOTION: #008-17

Moved by: Councillor Versteeg and Seconded by: Councillor Van Diepenbeek

THAT:

By-law No. 2017-001; be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2017-001; as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #009-17

Moved by: Councillor Steffler and Seconded by: Councillor Morrison

THAT:

By-law No. 2017-001; be given a third reading in accordance with Part 13 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2017-001 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

11. Arrangement of Meetings

The Warden announced the upcoming meetings for the balance of December 2016 and beginning of January 2017:

- Committee of the Whole Day 1 – Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Board of Health – Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Seminar Room 2 of the Health & Library Complex, south of Clinton.
- Audit Committee – Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Committee of the Whole Day 2 – Wednesday, December 14, 2016 immediately following the Audit Committee in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Special Session of County Council – Wednesday, December 14, 2016 immediately following Committee of the Whole Day 2 in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Library Board – Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Huron County Economic Development Board – Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Economic Development Office, 54 West Street, 2nd floor, Goderich.

12. Closed to the Public Session: None.

13. Confirmatory By-law

MOTION: #010-17

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Hessel

THAT:

By-law No. 2017-002; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron, be introduced, be given a first, second and third reading in accordance with Part 13 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2017-002; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

14. Adjournment

MOTION: #011-17

Moved by: Councillor Gowing and Seconded by: Councillor Steffler

THAT:

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County Council do now adjourn at 3:42 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday January 4, 2017, or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The 2017 Inaugural Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Jim Ginn

County Clerk Susan Cronin