

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
January 16, 2019

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. All members of Council were present. Councillor Grace departed at 11:45 AM. Councillor MacLellan departed at 12:17 PM.

1. Warden Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: #038-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the agenda for January 16, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

No declarations of pecuniary interest were stated.

4. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

MOTION: #039-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 2, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Deputations: None.

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor MacLellan requested the installation of a stop sign in Ethel at the County Road. Staff will investigate and report to Council.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.8:

MOTION: #040-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.8 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Request for Members to sit on Advocacy Groups (presented by Cheryl Patience)

MOTION: #041-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated January 16, 2019 titled Request for Members to sit on Advocacy Groups, on behalf of the advocacy groups Poverty to Prosperity and the Social Research and Planning Council;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Councillor Harding be appointed to the Poverty to Prosperity Advocacy Group and Councillor McNeil be appointed to the Social Research and Planning Council.

CARRIED

8.2. Housing and Homelessness Programs and Services (presented by Barbara Hall)

MOTION: #042-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated January 16, 2019, titled Housing and Homelessness Programs and Services, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.3. Bad Debt Write-Off Report – July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (presented by Christine Hoffman)

MOTION: #043-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Housing Services Manager, dated January 16, 2019, titled Bad Debt Write-Off Report as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron provides approval to write-off the bad debts incurred during this time frame.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works:

11.1. BB8 and BB9 Boundary Bridge Transfer Report (presented by Steve Lund)

MOTION: #044-19

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, County Engineer and Cameron Harper Engineering Project Manager- Bridges, dated January 16th, 2019 titled BB8 and BB9 Boundary Bridge Transfer Report as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Boundary Bridges BB8 and BB9 be transferred to Municipality of Huron East along with a payment of \$150,000 from the County of Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute transfer of the BB8 and BB9 and all other required documents.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development Department:

- 12.1. Workforce Attraction and Retention Strategy (WARS) Update (prepared by Chris Watson and Kristin Crane and presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION: #045-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Chris Watson, Economic Development Officer and Kristin Crane, Immigration Liaison, dated January 16, 2019, titled Workforce Attraction and Retention Strategy (WARS) Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

- 12.2. Economic Development Department Overview (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION: #046-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated January 16, 2019, titled Economic Development Department Overview, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:28 AM and resumed at 10:43 AM.

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

- 13.1. Public Meeting for Plan of Subdivision Application 40T18002, Pinnacle Quality Homes, Part Lot 15, Concession 1, RP 22R-3785 and 22R-5066, Exeter Ward, Municipality of South Huron (presented by Sandra Weber)

A member of Council is required to attend a joint public meeting of the County of Huron and the Municipality of South Huron for a Plan of Subdivision application. The application proposes 57 townhouse units and 13 single detached dwelling units. The public meeting for this application is scheduled for Monday, February 4th, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers, South Huron Town Hall, Exeter.

MOTION: #047-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

Councillor MacLellan be appointed to represent County Council at the public meeting for Subdivision Application 40T18002, Municipality of South Huron.

CARRIED

- 13.2. Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Boards and Committees (presented by Susan Cronin)

MOTION: #048-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report from Susan Cronin, County Clerk dated January 16, 2019, titled Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Boards and Committees;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Each new member of County Council endorses Page 22 Member Acknowledgement.

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CARRIED

13.3. Nomination to SWIFT Board of Directors (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #049-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Councillor Watt be nominated to the SWIFT Board of Directors on behalf of Huron County Council.

CARRIED

13.4. Huron County: Accommodations Needs and Options for County Offices Study
(presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #050-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated January 16, 2019, titled Huron County Accommodations Needs and Options for County Offices Study, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

13.5. Huron County Administration Building Project (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #051-19

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated January 16, 2019, titled Huron County Administration Building Project, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

MOTION: #052-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

A meeting be set as soon as possible with the Facility Review Committee to review the Huron County Administration Building Project.

CARRIED

13.6. Grant Policy (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #053-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated January 16, 2019, titled Grant Policy as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron extends the current moratorium on grant funding.

CARRIED

13.7. 2019 Draft Budget (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #054-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated January 16, 2019, titled 2019 County of Huron Draft Budget, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.8. County of Huron Draft Budget Presentations:

Consolidated Overview and Introduction (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
Social and Property Services (presented by Barbara Hall)
Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)
Economic Development (presented by Cody Joudry)

14. Correspondence:

MOTION: #055-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts correspondence not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

15. New/Unfinished Business:

In the interest of being accountable and transparent, where a member of Council or staff would like to present an item of business in this section, it is recommended that they contact the Chief Administrative Officer in advance so that the item can be placed on the published agenda.

16. Notice of Motion: None.

17. By-laws:

17.1 By-law No. 2019-005 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Heritage Restoration Inc. for Tender # RFT (HPS) 2019-01 - Historic Gaol Life Safety Upgrades. (Note: Approved at Council Day 1 on January 2, 2019)

MOTION: #056-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

By-law No. 2019-005; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County to enter into a contract with Heritage Restoration Inc. for Tender # RFT (HPS) 2019-01 - Historic Gaol Life Safety Upgrades.

CARRIED

MOTION: #057-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-005 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2019-005 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #058-19

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Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-005 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. No. 2019-005 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

18. Closed to the Public Session: None.

19. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

Special Board of Health - Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Seminar Room 2 of the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton.

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Board of Health - Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Seminar Room 2 of the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton.

Library Board - Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Goderich Library, 52 Montreal Street, Goderich.

Special Council Audit Committee Meeting - Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, February 20, 2019 immediately following the Special Council Audit Committee meeting, in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Special Council Budget Meeting - Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #059-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-Law No. 2019-006; 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. 2019-006; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

21. Adjournment:

MOTION: #060-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

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THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:43 PM to meet again on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin