

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Goderich, Ontario
February 21, 2019

Huron County Council met in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich on Thursday February 21, 2019. All members of Council were present. Councillor Jewitt departed at 11:10 AM.

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

2. Warden Ginn stated the purpose of the Special Session:

- To review and consider the 2019 draft Budget
- Closed to the Public Session
- Consider By-law No. 2019-012 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Western Fire Protection Inc. for the Sprinkler System Replacement and to repeal By-law No. 2018-077

3. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: #112-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the agenda for February 21, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Councillor Klopp stated a conflict of interest with Item 5.4 as he is a Director on the Board of Hay Telephone Communication Cooperative.

Councillor Murdock stated a conflict of interest as he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation that is making a request for donation to its capital campaign.

5. Order of Business:

5.1 Huron Hospice Funding Request (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #113-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Huron Hospice Funding Request, dated February 21, 2019 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron does not approve the \$1,000,000 funding request from Huron Hospice to be funded from reserves.

CARRIED

5.2 New Administration Building - Budget Implications (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #113-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled New Administration Building - Budget Implications, dated February 21, 2019 as presented for information.

CARRIED

MOTION: #114-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a follow up report on the New Administration Building - Budget Implications, dated February 21, 2019 addressing matters discussed by members of Council.

CARRIED

5.3 County Administration Site Location (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #115-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from CAO Meighan Wark, dated February 21, 2019 titled County Administration Site Location for information purposes.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:00 AM and resumed at 10:12 AM.

5.4 Closed to the Public Session

MOTION: #116-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

County Council do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:12 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board - Local Telecommunications Strategy - Last Mile Strategy;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Treasurer Michael Blumhagen, Director of Economic Development, Cody Joudry and Clerk Susan Cronin remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION: #117-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

County Council rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:09 AM.

CARRIED

Reporting out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that Council was updated on the Local Telecommunications Strategy - Last Mile Strategy negotiation.

MOTION: #118-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Staff proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of February 21, 2019.

CARRIED

5.5 2019 Draft Budget (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

- Corporate Overview
- Summary / Outstanding Items

MOTION: #119-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the Waste Management Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

MOTION: #120-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron denies the request for financial support from the Menesetung Bridge Association, the Maitland Trail Association and the Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail Committee for engineering study.

CARRIED

MOTION: #121-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the request for financial support for the Huron County Food Bank in the amount of \$66,000.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the new staff position in the Human Resources Department for a Training and Development Coordinator.

DEFEATED

MOTION: #122-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare the 2019 draft budget with a 3.75% levy increase.

CARRIED

5.6 By-law

By-law No. 2019-012 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Western Fire Protection Inc. for the Sprinkler System Replacement and to repeal By-law No. 2018-077. (Note: Approved at Council Day 2 on February 20, 2019)

MOTION: #123-19

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

By-law No. 2019-012; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Western Fire Protection Inc. for the Sprinkler Replacement and to repeal By-law No. 2018-077.

CARRIED

MOTION: #124-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-012 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2019-012 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #125-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-012 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. 2019-012 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

5. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #126-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-013; 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. 2019-013; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment:

MOTION: #127-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin