

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
March 6, 2019

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. All members of Council were present.

1. Warden Jim Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden Ginn welcomed everyone. He informed members that he attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference. There is a motion being circulated to combine the ROMA and OGRA conferences again. Warden Ginn informed members that he had an upcoming Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus meeting where SWIFT and broadband will be discussed. He also attended the annual Huron Federation of Agriculture meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: #127-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the agenda for March 6, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Murdock stated a conflict of interest with regards to agenda Item 11.1 report on Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation as he is a board member of the AMGH Foundation.

5. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

MOTION: #128-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The minutes of the previous meetings being Council Day 1 on February 6, 2019, Council Day 2 on February 20, 2019 and the Special Council meeting on February 21, 2019, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1. Huron County Federation of Agriculture (HCFA) and Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)

Rob Vanden Hengel, Huron County Federation of Agriculture Director and Ben Lefort, Ontario Federation of Agriculture Senior Farm Policy Analyst requested that Huron County Council adjust the Farm Tax Ratio to .223 to allow Farm Property Owners to maintain the current proportion of tax burden.

MOTION: #129-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receive the presentation by Rob Vanden Hengel, Huron County Federation of Agriculture Director and Ben Lefort, Ontario Federation of Agriculture Senior Farm Policy Analyst requested that Huron County Council adjust the Farm Tax Ratio to .223 for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The request by Huron County Federation of Agriculture and Ontario Federation of Agriculture that Huron County Council adjust the Farm Tax Ratio to .223 be deferred to budget discussions.

CARRIED

MOTION: #130-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report for budget discussion with the Farm Tax Ratio at .223 and .25.

CARRIED

6.2. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

Doug Hocking, Water Quality Specialist with the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, provided the annual presentation on the Clean Water Project delivery.

MOTION: #131-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the annual presentation report on the Clean Water Project by Doug Hocking, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority for information.

CARRIED

6.3. John Schwartzentruber re: Huron Natural Heritage Plan

John Schwartzentruber, representing the Huron Group, requested that Council halt any further action on the Huron Natural Heritage Plan until there is a comprehensive study completed on the economic impact of the Heritage Plan.

MOTION: #132-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the presentation by John Schwartzentruber on behalf of the Huron Group regarding the Huron Natural Heritage Plan for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:46 AM and resumed at 10:56 AM.

7. **Councillor's Issues:** None.

8. **Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.7:**

MOTION: #133-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.7 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. **Planning and Development:**

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- 9.1. C75-18 - John Leppington, John Stoll and Glenn Hayter (Owners), Plan 343, Block B, Pt Lot 14, Pt Lot 16, East Ward - Clinton, Municipality of Central Huron (presented by Monica Walker-Bolton)

The purpose of this application is to create a building lot by severing an existing residential lot in Clinton. The proposed severed parcel is currently the backyard of 18 Joseph St. and abuts Fulton St. in Clinton. The severed lot is 531.5 square metres in area and is zoned Residential –Low Density (R1). The retained parcel is also zoned R1 and is 724 square metres in area and contains an existing 2 storey house. Both the severed and retained parcels meet the minimum lot area requirements of the Residential –Low Density zone. The Department is recommending approval of the application as it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the Huron County and Central Huron Official Plans. The Municipality of Central Huron recommended approval with conditions.

MOTION: #134-19

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Monica Walker-Bolton, Planner, that Consent application C75-18 by Glenn Hayter on behalf of John Leppington, John Stoll and Glenn Hayter requesting the severance of a parcel of land for a residential use, described as Plan 343, Block B, Pt Lot 14, Pt Lot 16, East Ward -Clinton, Municipality of Central Huron be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

MOTION: #135-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

Consent application C75-18 by Glenn Hayter on behalf of John Leppington, John Stoll and Glenn Hayter requesting the severance of a parcel of land for a residential use, described as Plan 343, Block B, Pt Lot 14, Pt Lot 16, East Ward -Clinton, Municipality of Central Huron. Comments were received from the public on issues of compatibility of the proposed severed and retained properties with surrounding properties. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

- 9.2. C85-2018, Doug Culbert (Applicant) Don & Jill Sholdice (Owners), Plan 192, Part Lot 415, Part Park Lot I, and Part Park Lot H, Brussels Ward, Huron East (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

This application proposes to sever a parcel of land containing an existing dwelling from a larger parcel which is slated for future development. The proposed severed parcel is 1000 square metres in size (0.25 acres) and contains an existing dwelling. The proposed use for the retained lands include a new residence, accessory building and paddock which has been applied for in a related Zoning By-law Amendment application. The retained lands would be accessed via a new laneway which is proposed to be established between the existing house and the property to the south. A letter of objection has been received from the property owners to the south. The Department is recommending denial as the application does not conform with the Huron East Official Plan, County of Huron Official Plan or the Provincial Policy Statement. The Municipality of Huron East has recommended that the application be approved with conditions.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

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The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, that Consent Application C85/18 by Doug Culbert on behalf of Don and Jill Sholdice requesting the severance of a residential lot from a larger future development parcel, described as Part Lot 415, Part Park Lot I, and Part Park Lot H, Plan 192, Brussels Ward, Municipality of Huron East, be denied.

DEFEATED

MOTION: #136-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent Application C85/18 by Doug Culbert on behalf of Don and Jill Sholdice requesting the severance of a residential lot from a larger future development parcel, described as Part Lot 415, Part Park Lot I, and Part Park Lot H, Plan 192, Brussels Ward, Municipality of Huron East with conditions.

CARRIED

MOTION: #137-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Consent Application C85/18 by Doug Culbert on behalf of Don and Jill Sholdice requesting the severance of a residential lot from a larger future development parcel, described as Part Lot 415, Part Park Lot I, and Part Park Lot H, Plan 192, Brussels Ward, Municipality of Huron East. Public comments were received on the issues of the location of the laneway in relation to a neighbouring residence, compatibility and parcel shape. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Comments were received from agencies relating to conformity with the Official Plans, and to source water protection planning. Comments were considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.3. Amendment No. 17 to South Huron Official Plan, Brandon Flewwelling of GSP Group on behalf of Pinnacle Quality Homes (Applicant)/Gary Bean and Gerald McBride (Owner) Part of Lot 15, Concession 1 with ROW, Parts 4 to 7 of Registered Plan 22R-5066; Part 8 of Registered Plan 22R3785; Parts 4 and 5 Plan 376; Lots 1327, 1320, 1332, 1333, 1334 and 1336 of Plan 376 as Parts 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 22R891, Exeter and Osborne Wards, Municipality of South Huron, County of Huron (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

The purpose of Amendment No. 17 is to permit a Special Policy Area in the settlement area of Exeter which permits a maximum of six (6) multiple attached units per building where the Official Plan currently limits the number of multiple attached units per building to four (4).

MOTION: #138-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, that Amendment No. 17 to the South Huron Official Plan as adopted by the Council of the Municipality of South Huron be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The notice of decision be circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION: #139-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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Amendment No. 17 to South Huron Official Plan, Brandon Flewwelling of GSP Group on behalf of Pinnacle Quality Homes (Applicant)/Gary Bean and Gerald McBride (Owner) Part of Lot 15, Concession 1 with ROW, Parts 4 to 7 of Registered Plan 22R-5066; Part 8 of Registered Plan 22R3785; Parts 4 and 5 Plan 376; Lots 1327, 1320, 1332, 1333, 1334 and 1336 of Plan 376 as Parts 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 22R891, Exeter and Usborne Wards, Municipality of South Huron, Public comments were received on the issues of density, housing types and front yard setbacks. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. No agency comments were received on this application so there was no effect on the decision.

CARRIED

- 9.4. Plan of Subdivision File 40T18002, Brandon Flewwelling of GSP Group for Pinnacle Quality Homes (Applicant)/Gary Bean and Gerald McBride (Owners), Part of Lot 15, Concession 1 with ROW, Parts 4 to 7 of Registered Plan 22R-5066; Part 8 of Registered Plan 22R3785; Parts 4 and 5 Plan 376; Lots 1327, 1320, 1332, 1333, 1334 and 1336 of Plan 376 as Parts 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 22R891, Exeter and Usborne Wards, Municipality of South Huron, County of Huron (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

The purpose of this application is a draft plan of subdivision under Section 51 of the Planning Act. A residential subdivision is proposed within the settlement area of Exeter (southeast area) on lands which are 5 hectares (12.4 acres) in size. The Plan of Subdivision proposes 13 single detached dwellings, 57 multiple attached dwellings, two storm water management ponds, and 1 open space block. The subject lands are accessed by Simcoe Street currently and a new road connection to the Main Street/Hwy 4 corridor will be opened to serve the development.

MOTION: #140-19

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, that Draft Plan of Subdivision 40T18002 by Brandon Flewwelling of GSP Group on behalf of Pinnacle Quality Homes, Usborne and Exeter Wards, Municipality of South Huron, be granted draft plan approval with conditions;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The notice of decision be circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION: #141-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

Amendment No. 17 to South Huron Official Plan, Brandon Flewwelling of GSP Group on behalf of Pinnacle Quality Homes (Applicant)/Gary Bean and Gerald McBride (Owner) Part of Lot 15, Concession 1 with ROW, Parts 4 to 7 of Registered Plan 22R-5066; Part 8 of Registered Plan 22R3785; Parts 4 and 5 Plan 376; Lots 1327, 1320, 1332, 1333, 1334 and 1336 of Plan 376 as Parts 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 22R891, Exeter and Usborne Wards, Municipality of South Huron, Public comments were received on the issues of land use compatibility relating to entrances, drainage and density. The comments were addressed through conditions to draft plan approval. Comments were received from agencies on the issues of utility easements and community mailbox installation and were addressed through conditions to draft plan approval.

CARRIED

- 9.5. Forest Conservation Update: (presented by Dave Pullen)

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Forest Conservation Officer, Dave Pullen provided an update of 2018 harvest activity and improvements in the County forests. An update on activity under the Forest Conservation By-law including county-wide commercial timber harvest activity was also provided.

MOTION: #142-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Forest Conservation Officer, Dave Pullen, dated March 6, 2019, titled Forest Conservation Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services: None.

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1. Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation Funding Request (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #143-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation Funding Request, dated March 6, 2019 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the \$750,000 funding request from Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation allocated as \$150,000 per year for 5 years.

CARRIED

11.2. Strategic Priorities Chart - Updated February 2019 (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #144-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, titled Strategic Priorities Chart - Updated February 2019, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3. Letter to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #145-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Meighan Wark, CAO titled Letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated March 6, 2019 information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron endorses the letter addressed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This letter be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

MOTION: #146-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

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

CARRIED

13. 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.

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

MOTION: #147-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2019-014, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex for Peer Support Services.

By-law No. 2019-015, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with SDI Builders 2010 LTD. for RFT (HPS) 2019-02.

CARRIED

MOTION: #148-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-014 and By-law No. 2019-15 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2019-014 and By-law No. 2019-15 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #149-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-014 and By-law No. 2019-15 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. 2019-014 and By-law No. 2019-15 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 12:53 PM and resumed at 12:59 PM.

16. Closed to the Public Session:

MOTION: #150-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

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County Council do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:59 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations: Service Employees International Union, Local 1 Canada (Homes for the Aged) and Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 4513 (Huron Emergency Services);

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin, Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone, Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson, County Engineer and Director of Operations Steven Lund, and Director of Homes for the Aged Connie Townsend remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION: #151-19

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

County Council rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 1:20 PM.

CARRIED

Reporting out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that discussion occurred regarding labour relations in the Closed to the Public Session.

MOTION: #152-19

Moved By: Councillor Klopp and Seconded By: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Collective Agreements with the County of Huron - Emergency Services and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE 4513) and County of Huron - Huronview and Huronlea Homes and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU);

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-laws be drafted authorizing the Warden, Clerk, CAO, Director of Human Resources and Senior Manager of Human Resources to sign and execute the agreements with Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE 4513) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) on behalf of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

- Board of Health - Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Seminar Room 2 of the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton.
- Library Board - Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Bayfield Library, 20 Main Street, Bayfield.
- Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, March 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Special Council Meeting - Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Council Day 2 - Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

18. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #153-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-Law No. 2019-016; 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. 2019-016; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

19. Adjournment:

MOTION: #154-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 1:21 PM to meet again on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin