

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario  
July 3, 2019

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, July 3, 2019. All members of Council were present except Councillor Watt. Councillor Grace departed at 12:17 PM.

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

**2. Warden's Remarks:**

Warden Ginn informed members that he attended the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Annual Meeting. He will be attending the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus meeting on Friday July 5, 2019 in Huron County. The Huron Perth Health Units Transition Committee is continuing progress towards amalgamation. The Innovative Drainage Day held in Clinton on June 15, 2019 was very successful.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

CAO Wark stated that under agenda item 11.2 a policy was added to the report.

MOTION: #314-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for July 3, 2019 be accepted and all reports included in the agenda be received as amended.

CARRIED

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

No disclosure of pecuniary interest was stated.

**5. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:**

MOTION: #315-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The minutes of the previous meetings being the Special meeting of June 13, 2019 and the Council Day 2 meeting of June 19, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:**

6.1. Service Awards to Long Term Service Employees

Warden Jim Ginn, CAO Meighan Wark and Directors presented certificates to long term service employees.

6.2. Maitland Trail Association, Menesetung Bridge Association and G2G Rail Trail

Mike Dawson and Kathleen Lush, representing the local trail groups (Maitland Bridge Association, the Maitland Trail Association and the G2G Rail Trail Committee) provided

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Council with the Stantec engineering report regarding the Maitland River bank erosion that is threatening the Tiger Dunlop Trail northeast of the Menesetung Bridge.

In a previous delegation to County Council on October 17, 2018, the local trail groups had requested financial support from Council for an engineering study on erosion on the north bank of the Maitland River. They did not receive the financial support but were able to proceed with the study.

They requested that Council adopt a "motion in principle" to join in a partnership with the local trail associations and other local governments to participate in a working group to pursue options to act on the recommendations in the report. They requested a Councillor and staff liaison be appointed to provide County representation on the "Bank Erosion Committee".

MOTION: #316-19

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the request by Maitland Trail Association, Menesetung Bridge Association and G2G Rail Trail requesting that Council adopts a "motion in principle" to join in a partnership with the local trail associations and other local governments to participate in a working group to pursue options to act on the recommendations in the report;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A Councillor and staff liaison be appointed to provide County representation on the "Bank Erosion Committee".

CARRIED

**7. Councillor's Issues:**

Councillor Harding invited members to the Huron County Plowing Match on August 22-23, 2019 in Howick.

Councillor Murdock congratulated Rick Sickinger and the Cultural Services department on another successful Multicultural Festival.

Councillor McNeil informed members that he and Councillor Fisher attended the Sustainable Huron Steering Committee meeting. It was stated that future growth will be in the urban centres around the lakeshore and this should be considered during the location of the proposed County administration facility.

Councillor Bailey stated that he had a meeting with local industrial partners and they stated concerns regarding the lack of workers in the area.

**8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.8:**

MOTION: #317-19

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.8 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**9. Planning and Development:**

9.1. Annual Cycling Strategy Update (presented by Jenn Burns)

MOTION: #318-19

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Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jenn Burns, Planner, dated July 3, 2019, titled Huron County Cycling Strategy Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Conservation and Demand Management Plan: 2019-2023 Update (presented by Lillian Hamlin)

MOTION: #319-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report of Lillian Hamlin, Climate Change and Energy Specialist dated July 3, 2019 titled Conservation and Demand Management Plan as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the updated Conservation and Demand Management Plan, 2019-2023;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The updated Conservation and Demand Management Plan, 2019-2023 be posted on the Huron County website.

CARRIED

9.3. Partners for Climate Protection Program (presented by Lillian Hamlin)

MOTION: #320-19

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report of Lillian Hamlin, Climate Change and Energy Specialist dated July 3, 2019 titled Partners for Climate Protection Program as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron adopts and supports the Partners for Climate Protection Program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Warden and Clerk be authorized to endorse the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Council Resolution for the Partners for Climate Protection Program.

CARRIED

MOTION: #321-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron appoints Lillian Hamlin, Climate Change and Energy Specialist and Councillor Myles Murdock to the Climate Protection (PCP) program by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI Canada).

CARRIED

9.4. Huron County Official Plan Five Year Review Terms of Reference (presented by Sandra Weber)

MOTION: #322-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Monica Walker-Bolton, Planner, dated July 3, 2019, titled Huron County Official Plan 5 Year Review Terms of Reference, as presented.

CARRIED

- 9.5. Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot (Jackpot Jerseys and Big Rock Farms) – Request for Waiving Zoning By-law Amendment Application Fee (presented by Sandra Weber)

MOTION: #323-19

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Sandra Weber, Director dated July 3, 2019 titled Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot (Jackpot Jerseys and Big Rock Farms) – Request for Waiving Zoning By-law Amendment Application Fee as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Sandra Weber, Director of Planning & Development, that the request of Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot (Jackpot Jerseys and Big Rock Farms) to waive the County portion of a Zoning By-law Amendment application fee in the amount of \$1273.00 be denied.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:28 AM and resumed at 10:40 AM.

**10. Cultural Services:**

- 10.1. Huron Heritage Fund Policy Update (presented by Beth Rumble)

MOTION: #324-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Beth Rumble, County Librarian and Director of Cultural Services, dated July 3, 2019 titled Huron Heritage Fund Policy Update as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the updated Huron Heritage Fund Policy.

CARRIED

- 10.2. Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report - June 2019 (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

MOTION: #325-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Senior Curator, dated July 3, 2019, titled Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report – June 2019 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report and recommendation of the Huron County Museum's Collections Committee that M954.0083.001, M954.0084.001, M954.0085.001, M954.0086.001, N000.1586, M959.0115.001 (N000.2229), M954.0008.001 (N000.1567), M960.0162.001, M966.0020.001, M976.0004.001, M978.0020.001, and M950.0860.001 be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection.

CARRIED

- 10.3. Huron County Cultural Plan Terms of Reference (presented by Beth Rumble)

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MOTION: #326-19

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Beth Rumble, County Librarian and Director of Cultural Services, dated July 3, 2019, titled Huron County Cultural Plan Terms of Reference, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:**

11.1. Human Resources Department Overview (presented by Lara Vanstone)

MOTION: #327-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report by Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated July 3, 2019 titled Human Resources Department Overview, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.2. Safe Places Youth Certification (presented by Lara Vanstone)

MOTION: #328-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated July 3, 2019, titled Safe Places Youth Certification, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources requiring the implementation of the Safe Places Youth Certification and accompanying policy for designated Huron County employees and volunteers who interact with children and youth.

CARRIED

11.3. Proposed Changes to the Provincial Health System (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #329-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated July 3, 2019, titled Proposed Changes to the Provincial Health System, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.4. 2020 Provincial Budget Shortfall (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #330-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated July 3, 2019, titled 2020 Budget Shortfall, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.5. Strategic Priorities Report (presented by Meighan Wark)

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MOTION: #331-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated July 3, 2019, titled Strategic Priorities Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A copy of this report be distributed to all Huron County lower tier municipalities.

CARRIED

**12. Correspondence:**

MOTION: #332-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

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.

13.1. Digital Main Street Squad Grant (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION: #333-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated July 3, 2019, titled Digital Main Street Squad Grant as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Grant Agreement and all other required documents with the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association for the Digital Main Street project.

CARRIED

13.2. External Audit Services - Extension of Contract (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #334-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated July 3, 2019, titled Extension of External Audit Services Contract, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the one year extension with KPMG for External Audit Services for the 2019 fiscal year;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the one year extension.

CARRIED

**14. Notice of Motion: None.**

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**15. By-laws:**

MOTION: #335-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2019-052 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a service agreement with the Salvation Army Suncoast Citadel;

By-law No. 2019-053 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Jarlian Construction Inc. for Contract HC 19-509 Hislop's Bridge (86-52.5) Rehabilitation;

By-law No. 2019-054 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Elliott Fence Inc. for Guiderail Installations and Replacements;

By-law No. 2019-055 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a contract agreement with the Ontario Public Sector Employees' Union, Local 169.

By-law No. 2019-056 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

By-law No. 2019-057 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association.

CARRIED

MOTION: #336-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-052, 2019-053, 2019-054, 2019-055, 2019-056 and 2019-057 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2019-052, 2019-053, 2019-054, 2019-055, 2019-056 and 2019-057 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #337-19

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-052, 2019-053, 2019-054, 2019-055, 2019-056 and 2019-057 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. 2019-052, 2019-053, 2019-054, 2019-055, 2019-056 and 2019-057 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

**16. Closed to the Public Session:**

MOTION: #338-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:19 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Health Unit amalgamation;
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - septic and plumbing inspection program;
3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board - sale of the Health Unit building;
4. A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1, 2, 3 & 4), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2, 3 & 4), Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer & Director of Corporate Affairs (Items 1, 2 & 3), Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources (Items 1 & 2), Sandra Weber, Director of Planning & Development (Items 2, 3 & 4), Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development (Item 4), and Barbara Hall, Director of Social & Property Services (Item 3), remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION: #339-19

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:26 PM.

CARRIED

Reporting out of Closed Session: CAO Wark stated that Council received information on the Health Unit Amalgamation, Septic and Plumbing Inspection Program, Health Unit Building, and item # 4.

MOTION: #340-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed as per direction given in closed to the public session of July 3, 2019.

CARRIED

**17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:**

Board of Health - Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Seminar Room 2 of the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM in Morris-Turnberry, Bluevale Community Hall, 13 Clyde Street, Bluevale.

Library Board - Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

**18. Confirmatory By-law:**

MOTION: #341-19



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Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Harding  
THAT:

By-Law No. 2019-058; 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. 2019-058; 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: #342-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:29 PM to meet again on Wednesday, August 14, 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.

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Warden Jim Ginn

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Clerk Susan Cronin