

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
August 14, 2019

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. All members of Council were present. Councillor Grace arrived at 9:41 AM. Councillor Watt departed at 10:25 AM.

1. Warden Jim Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Councillor Watt requested agenda item 14.5 be considered earlier in the meeting.

MOTION: #343-19

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for August 14, 2019 be accepted and all reports included in the agenda be received as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

MOTION: #344-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of the previous meetings being July 3, 2019 Council Day 1 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor MacLellan informed members that the request for a delegation regarding housing with Minister Clark at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference has been approved for August 20, 2019 at 8:45 AM. He welcomed support from members of Council.

Councillor Murdock thanked staff for assisting in organizing the International Joint Commission Symposium held in Goderich. He also thanked Warden Ginn for his support for this event.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.8:

MOTION: #345-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Assumption Agreement (presented by Barbara Hall)

MOTION: #346-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated July 3, 2019, titled Assumption Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Assumption Agreement.

CARRIED

8.2. Lease Extension Agreement - Ministry of Attorney General, Courthouse (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

MOTION: #347-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated August 14, 2019, titled Lease Extension Agreement - Ministry of the Attorney General, Courthouse as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Council provides approval for the Lease extension and the Amending Agreement with Infrastructure Ontario Property and Land Management Services, on behalf of the Ministry of the Attorney General;

AND FURTHER THAT;

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents.

CARRIED

8.3. Electrical Equipment Upgrades and Installation of Standby Generator (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

MOTION: #348-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated July 5, 2019, titled Electrical Equipment Upgrade and Installation of Standby Generator as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

RFT(HPS) 2019-04 - be awarded to John Elligsen Electric for the amount of \$136,880.70 including provisional items;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents.

CARRIED

8.4. Transition Child Benefit Ending November 1, 2019 (presented by Cheryl Patience)

MOTION: #349-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

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 August 14, 2019, titled Transition Child Benefit Ending November 1, 2019, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.5. COCHI and OPHI Investment Plan (presented by Christine Hoffman)

MOTION: #350-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated August 14, 2019, titled COCHI and OPHI Investment Plan as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the submission of the Investment Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Clerk to execute the Investment Plan and all other required documents of the COCHI and OPHI programs.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged:

9.1. Request for Approval: Emergency Replacement of Hot Water Storage Tanks - Huronlea Home for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)

MOTION: #351-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Connie Townsend dated August 14, 2019 titled Request for Approval: Emergency Replacement of Hot Water Storage Tanks – Huronlea Home for the Aged as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the quote from Ken Robinson Refrigeration in the amount of \$48,000 + HST for the replacement of existing hot water storage tanks at Huronlea Home from the estimated current year surplus;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Homes Director Connie Townsend executes all required documentation for the Replacement of Hot Water Storage Tanks – Huronlea Home for the Aged.

CARRIED

10. Emergency Services:

10.1. Paramedic Equipment Sharing Agreement (presented by Jeff Horseman)

MOTION: #352-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated August 14, 2019, titled Paramedic Equipment Sharing Agreement as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Paramedic Equipment Sharing agreement with Bruce County and by-law 2014-76 be repealed.

CARRIED

11. Public Works:

11.1. Use of Off-Road Vehicles on County Road 28 (presented by Mike Hausser)

MOTION: #353-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works, dated August 14, 2019, titled Use of Off-Road Vehicles on County Road 28, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the use of off-road vehicles on County Road 28 between Gough Road and County Road 87 within the Township of Howick as permitted by Ontario Regulation 316/03. All safety, insurance, equipment, and operating parameters defined in Ontario Regulation 316/03 shall apply including enforcement by OPP under the Highway Traffic Act;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Additional restrictions such as time of use, noise levels, parking are to be defined by the lower tier municipality via bylaw and enforced by the lower tier municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be directed to install share-the-road signage on County Road 28 approaching and within the sections of road where off-road vehicles are permitted;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The gravel shoulders along County Road 28 where off-road vehicles are permitted shall continue to be maintained at the current level of service in accordance with Ontario Minimum Maintenance Standards.

CARRIED

11.2. HC 19-54 – Supply and Delivery of Alternative Non-Liquid De-Icing Material (presented by Imran Khalid)

MOTION: #354-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report titled HC 19-54 – Supply and Delivery of Alternative Non-Liquid De-Icing Material dated August 14, 2019 by Imran Khalid as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards the tender to Compass Minerals Canada Corporation for Contract 19-54 for the tendered price of \$453,398 including net applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the contract and any other required documents.

CARRIED

The agenda item 14.5. was considered.

14.5. Natural Environment Update for Huron County (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner)

At the June 19th, 2019 meeting, Council received a Natural Heritage Plan Update presentation and report. The presentation clarified the history and purpose of the document, provided an explanation of how it will be implemented, and suggested amendments to the document to clarify intent and address some of the concerns raised through the public

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consultation process. The direction from Council discussion was for staff to make the amendments to the document and bring it back for a decision to be made.

MOTION: #355-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves in principle the Natural Environment Update for Huron County;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The document and mapping be sent to the local Municipalities to be used as background information when updating local Official Plans.

CARRIED

12. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

12.1. Human Resources Policy Review (presented by Lara Vanstone)

MOTION: #356-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated August 14, 2019, titled Human Resources Policy review for the changes to the Human Resources Policies as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the changes to the Human Resources Policies recommended in the report.

CARRIED

12.2. Service Level Discussions (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #357-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated August 14, 2019 titled Service Level Discussions, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Finance Review Committee initiates discussion with senior staff relating to service levels at the County and brings a report back to Council outlining recommendations.

CARRIED

12.3. Bill 75, 9-1-1 Everywhere in Ontario Act (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #358-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Bill 75, 9-1-1 Everywhere in Ontario Act, dated August 14, 2019 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron sends a letter to the local MPP asking for Provincial support in implementing Next Generation 9-1-1 across municipalities.

CARRIED

12.4. Huron County Museum Collection Acquisition Request (presented by Beth Rumble)

MOTION: #359-19

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Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron, receives the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services, dated August 14, 2019, titled Huron County Museum Acquisition Request as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report and approves the acquisition of a Mammy bench belonging to the Skimmings family to be added to the Huron County Museum Collection.

CARRIED

13. Correspondence:

MOTION: #360-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:21 AM and resumed at 10:31 AM.

14. 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.

14.1. Consent File C46-19, Raymond Law, Part Lot 19 & 20, Concession B, Howick (presented by Jenn Burns)

The purpose of this application is to re-create a farm parcel. The applicant has stated that the subject property automatically and unintentionally merged together when it was put in the same name as the abutting farm. The proposed severed parcel is approximately 98 acres in size and contains a house, barn and driving shed. The proposed retained parcel is approximately 92 acres in size and contains a house, barn, and driving shed. Letters of objection have been received from neighbouring property owners with concerns regarding drainage. Howick Township Council has recommended approval of the application with conditions. The Department is recommending approval with conditions.

MOTION: #361-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Jenn Burns, Planner, that Consent Application C46/19 by Raymond Law, requesting the severance of a parcel of agricultural land, described as Part Lot 19 & 20, Concession B, Howick, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

MOTION: #362-19

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Consent File C46-19, Raymond Law, Part Lot 19 & 20, Concession B, Howick. Comments were received from the public on issues of drainage. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency

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comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

14.2. Consent File C24-2019, MHBC Planning (Eric Miles) for Tripod Properties, Plan 389, Lots 221 & 222, Seaforth Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

The application proposes to sever a 1405 square metre residential parcel and retain a 1240 square metre residential parcel. The applicants intend to construct a four-unit multiple attached dwelling on the larger of the two parcels and a three-unit multiple attached dwelling on the smaller. This application was considered in conjunction with a related minor variance application by the Municipality of Huron East. This application conforms with the Huron East Official Plan, County Official Plan and Provincial Policy Statement. Neighbours have expressed concern about the increase in density, impact of the two storey buildings, parking and market viability of the proposed units. The Municipality of Huron East has recommended that the application be approved with conditions. The Department is recommending approval with conditions.

MOTION: #363-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, that Consent application C24-2019 by MHBC Planning on behalf of Tripod Properties, described as Plan 389, Lots 221 & 222, Seaforth Ward, Municipality of Huron East, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

MOTION: #364-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

Consent application C24-2019 by MHBC Planning on behalf of Tripod Properties, described as Plan 389, Lots 221 & 222, Seaforth Ward, Municipality of Huron East. 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. Concerns raised relating to drainage were addressed through conditions to approval. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

14.3. Plan of Subdivision 40T19001, Flewwelling for Pol Quality Homes, Parts 1 and 3, Reference Plan 22R5599, Part Lot 25, Concession 1, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

The purpose of this application is to establish a residential subdivision on the subject lands. The subject lands are located at the northeast end of Seaforth and have a total area of approximately 3.2 hectares (8 acres). The applicant proposes to develop a residential subdivision which permits a range of units; between 15 to 21 single detached dwelling units and between 27 to 45 multiple attached units. The subdivision will include a stormwater management facility and a future development block which will accommodate a temporary road connection. The development is proposed in three phases.

MOTION: #365-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, that Draft Plan of Subdivision 40T19001, Brandon Flewwelling of GSP Group on behalf of Pol Quality Homes, Parts 1 and 3, Reference Plan 22R5599, Part Lot 25, Concession 1, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East, be granted draft plan approval with conditions;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The notice of decision be circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION: #366-19

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Draft Plan of Subdivision 40T19001, Brandon Flewwelling of GSP Group on behalf of Pol Quality Homes, Parts 1 and 3, Reference Plan 22R5599, Part Lot 25, Concession 1, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East. Public comments were received on the issues of drainage, traffic impacts and general compatibility. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received regarding the placement of a community mailbox and the conveyance of public utility easements. These comments were addressed through conditions to approval.

CARRIED

14.4. Official Plan Amendment No. 10 to Huron East Official Plan (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

The purpose of Official Plan Amendment No. 10 is to change the designation on the subject lands (Parts 1 and 3, Reference Plan 22R5599, Part Lot 25, Concession 1, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East) from Urban to Residential and Urban Natural Environment and Open Space and secondly, to permit a Special Policy Area in the settlement area of Seaforth which permits a maximum of seven (7) attached units per building where the Official Plan currently limits the number to four (4).

MOTION: #367-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, that Amendment No. 10 to the Huron East Official Plan as adopted by the Council of the Municipality of Huron East be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The notice of decision be circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION: #368-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

Amendment No. 10 to the Huron East Official Plan. Public comments were received on the issues of drainage, traffic impacts and general compatibility. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application

CARRIED

14.5 Was considered after agenda item 11.2.

Councillor MacLellan requested a staff report on the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre that includes a financial review.

MOTION: #369-19

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

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to prepare a report outlining the disbursement of funds by the Huron County Food Distribution Centre received from the County of Huron.

CARRIED

15. Notice of Motion: None.

16. By-laws:

MOTION: #370-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2019-059 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contribution agreement with 2608590 Ontario Inc. and 1028094 Ontario Inc.;

By-law No. 2019-060 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint Municipal Auditors.

CARRIED

MOTION: #371-19

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-059 and 2019-060 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2019-059 and 2019-060 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #372-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-059 and 2019-060 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. 2019-059 and 2019-060 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

17. Closed to the Public Session:

MOTION: #373-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

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

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board - Health Unit amalgamation;
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - CUPE 1305 Health Unit;
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Septic and Plumbing Inspection Program;
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Senior Management Team (SMT) Performance Evaluation feedback;
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - CAO's Performance Evaluation;

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AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1, 2 & 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2 & 3), Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer & Director of Corporate Services (Item 1); Sandra Weber, Director of Planning and Development (Items 1, 2 & 3); Barbara Hall, Director of Social & Property Services (Item 1); Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources (Items 2 & 3); Jane Anderson, Senior Manager of Human Resources (Item 2) and Solicitor Greg Stewart (Items 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) remain in attendance;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Clerk Susan Cronin delegated the Clerk's authorities to Solicitor Stewart for Items 4 & 5.

CARRIED

MOTION: #374-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:25 PM.

CARRIED

Reporting out of Closed Session: Warden Ginn stated that members were updated on the contract negotiations of CUPE, Health Unit Amalgamation-Health Unit property, Plumbing/Septic Inspection program, SMT and CAO performance review.

MOTION: #375-19

Moved By: Councillor Grace and Seconded By: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Collective Agreement between the County of Huron and CUPE 1305 Health Unit;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden, Clerk, CAO, Director of Human Resources, and Senior Manager of Human Resources to sign and execute the agreement with CUPE 1305 Health Unit on behalf of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

MOTION: #376-19

Moved By: Councillor Murdock and Seconded By: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of August 14, 2019.

CARRIED

18. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Board of Health - Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Seminar Room 2 of the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton.

Library Board - Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Huron County Health Unit Auditorium, Jacob Memorial Building, 77722D London Road, Clinton.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Howick Community Centre Auditorium, 45088 Harriston Road, Gorrie.

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Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, September 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

19. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #377-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-Law No. 2019-061; 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. 2019-061; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

20. Adjournment:

MOTION: #378-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:33 PM to meet again on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin