

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
October 2, 2019

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. All members of Council were present. Councillor McNeil departed at 11:00 AM.

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 Threshers Reunion, Local Immigration Partnership Newcomers Welcome event, Harvest Fest Culture Days and the facilities committee meeting. He also attended a meeting with Middlesex County who outlined their disbursement of services through their local municipal offices. Staff will be preparing a report on this model. Warden Ginn also met with staff from Lisa Thompson's office regarding One Care and Rural Response.

3. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: #427-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for October 2, 2019 be accepted and all reports included in the agenda be received as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

5. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

MOTION: #428-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting being Council Day 2 on September 18, 2019, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1. Presentation to the Alexandra Marine & General Hospital (AMGH) All In For Your Health Campaign

Warden Jim Ginn presented the proceeds from the 2019 Warden's Charity Golf Tournament to Shannon LaHay, Executive Director of the AMGH Foundation and members of the All In For Your Health Campaign Management Team - Leah Noel, John Peet, Bruce Thomasson, John Marshall, and Ron Burt.

7. Councillor's Issues:

SWIFT Project Update and Request to Waive Reimbursement (presented by Roger Watt)

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MOTION: #429-19

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Councillor Roger Watt, dated October 2, 2019, titled SWIFT Project Update and Request to Waive Reimbursement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron waives the refundable portion of their contribution (\$343,978) for the SWIFT Project;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Warden and Clerk are authorized to endorse any required documentation in support of this motion.

CARRIED

Councillor MacLellan requested direction be given to the Huron County Economic Board outlining next steps for the Business Development Coaching System.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests the Economic Development Board remove the Memorandum of Understanding clause from the Business Development Coaching System.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE VOTE:

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The following be added to the motion:

“AND FURTHER THAT:

All concerns of the Council of the County of Huron be addressed by the Economic Development Board within this program.”

DEFEATED

THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests the Economic Development Board remove the Memorandum of Understanding clause from the Business Development Coaching System.

DEFEATED

Warden Ginn informed members that he has been requested to send a letter of support for the Blyth Festival Theatre expansion.

MOTION: #430-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Warden send correspondence on behalf of the Council of the County of Huron in support of the Blyth Festival Theatre expansion project.

CARRIED

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.10:

MOTION: #431-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.10 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1. Consent File C56-19 Keith & Margaret Lyddiatt (Applicant) for Frederick & Alice Mulder (Owner), Part Lot 19, Concession 1, Stanley East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater (presented by Craig Metzger)

This application proposes to sever a vacant parcel of land of approximately 1.6 hectares (4 acres) and merge it with an abutting 1 hectare (2.4 acres) residential parcel. The proposed retained parcel is approximately 19 hectares (47 acres). The application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the Huron County and Bluewater Official Plans. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority has expressed concerns with the location of the proposed western boundary of the severed parcel. The Municipality of Bluewater has recommended that the application be approved with conditions.

MOTION: #432-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Craig Metzger, Senior Planner, that Consent application C56-19 by Keith & Margaret Lyddiatt on behalf of Frederick & Alice Mulder requesting the severance of a parcel of land to enlarge an abutting property, described as Part Lot 19, Concession 1, Stanley East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

MOTION: #433-19

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Consent application C56-19 by Keith & Margaret Lyddiatt on behalf of Frederick & Alice Mulder requesting the severance of a parcel of land to enlarge an abutting property, described as Part Lot 19, Concession 1, Stanley East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater. No public comments were received on this application so there was no effect on the decision. Concerns were received by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority regarding the proposed location of the western boundary of the severed parcel. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.2. Update on Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, and Proposed Changes to the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (presented by Craig Metzger)

MOTION: #434-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Craig Metzger, Senior Planner and Sandra Weber, Director of Planning & Development, dated October 2, 2019 titled Update on Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choices Act, and Proposed Changes to the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to submit comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the proposed changes to the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement, as outlined in this report.

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Council recessed at 10:30 AM and resumed at 10:37 AM.

10. Cultural Services:

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

MOTION: #435-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Senior Curator, dated October 2, 2019, titled Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report – October 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 M978.0027.001, M978.0027.002 and M995.0017.001a & b be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1. Vacant and Excess Land Property Tax Subclass Rebate (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #436-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated October 2, 2019, titled Vacant and Excess Land Property Tax Subclass Rebate, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed with a review of the existing program and bring back a report with recommendations for the 2020 tax year.

CARRIED

11.2. Council Orientation - Corporate Services (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #437-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated October 2, 2019, titled Council Orientation - Corporate Services, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3. Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (presented by Mike Blumhagen)

MOTION: #438-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated October 2, 2019, titled Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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11.4. Strategic Priorities Chart - Updated September 2019 (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #439-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO, Meighan Wark, dated October 2, 2019, titled Strategic Priorities - Updated August 2019, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

MOTION: #440-19

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. Huron County Economic Development Board Vacancy (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION: #441-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated October 2, 2019, titled Huron County Economic Development Board Vacancy, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the request by the Huron County Economic Development Board that the vacant position due to the resignation of James Eddington remain vacant until December 2019.

CARRIED

13.2. Huron Perth and Area - Ontario Health Team Application Sign off (presented by Connie Townsend)

MOTION: #442-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director of Homes for the Aged, dated October 2, 2019, titled Huron Perth and Area - Ontario Health Team Application Sign Off as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes Meighan Wark, CAO to execute the sign off for the Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team Full Application on behalf of Huronlea and Huronview Homes for the Aged and Huron County Emergency Services prior to the October 9, 2019 submission deadline.

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

MOTION: #443-19

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2019-073 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a renewal agreement with the Corporation of the Municipality of Central Huron.

By-law No. 2019-074 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Multiview Locates for Contract 19-1002.

CARRIED

MOTION: #444-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-073 and 2019-074 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2019-073 and 2019-074 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #445-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-073 and 2019-074 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. 2019-073 and 2019-074 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: #446-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:13 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Housing Build;
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Public Works;
3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Economic Development;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1 & 2); Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1 & 2); Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources (Item 1); Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services (Item 1); Steven Lund, County Engineer and Director of Operations (Item 1); and Greg Stewart, Solicitor (Item 1) remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION: #447-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:22 PM.
CARRIED

Reporting out of Closed Session: Warden Ginn stated that members of Council were updated on personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees - Public Works and Economic Development departments and received advice from the County solicitor regarding a housing build.

MOTION: #448-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of October 2, 2019.

CARRIED

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

Board of Health - Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Seminar Room 2 of the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton.

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

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM in Huron East - Brussels Library, 402 Turnberry Street, Brussels.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

18. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #449-19

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-Law No. 2019-075; 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. 2019-075; 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: #450-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:23 PM to meet again on Wednesday, October 16, 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

Clerk Susan Cronin