

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Goderich, Ontario
November 27, 2019

Huron County Council met in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich on Wednesday November 27, 2019. All members of Council were present except Councillor Heffer. Councillor McNeil departed at 11:06 AM. Councillor Murdock departed at 11:40 AM. Councillor Grace departed at 11:50 AM.

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

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

- To review the Economic Development Program at the County of Huron
- Closed to the Public Session

3. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: #525-19

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Special Council meeting agenda for November 27, 2019, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

There were no declarations stated.

5. Order of Business:

5.1 Economic Development Department/Board History (presented by Susan Cronin)

MOTION: #526-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk dated November 27, 2019 titled Economic Development Department/Board History, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.2 Economic Development - Budget History (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #527-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated November 27, 2019, titled Economic Development – History of Budgets, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.3 Economic Development Department Overview (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION: #528-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated November 27, 2019, titled Economic Development Department Overview, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Each member of Council reviewed what success looked like regarding economic development.

Council recessed at 10:49 AM and resumed at 11:00 AM.

Vicki Lass, Economic Development and Strategic Planning Facilitator in Rural Ontario, OMAFRA spoke on economic development.

John Marshall, Chair of the Huron County Economic Development Board spoke.

MOTION: #529-19

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to amend the Draft Business Development Coaching System to address concerns outlined by members of County Council;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The amended Draft Business Development Coaching System be presented to the Economic Development Board and then to Huron County Council for consideration.

CARRIED

MOTION: #530-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report for presentation to Huron County Council on the Investment Attraction Strategy

CARRIED

5.4 Closed to the Public Session

MOTION: #531-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

County Council do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:40 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Economic Development program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meghan Wark remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION: #532-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

County Council rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 1:01 PM.

CARRIED

Reporting out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that Council discussed the Economic Development Program.

6. Confirmatory By-law:

MOTION: #533-19

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-088; 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. 2019-088; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment:

MOTION: #534-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn the Special Meeting at 1:02 PM; to meet again on Wednesday December 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin