

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario  
December 18, 2019

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. All members of Council were present except Councillor Watt.

**1. Warden Jim Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.**

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION: #557-19

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron agenda for December 18, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations stated.

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

MOTION: #558-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The minutes of the previous meetings being the Special Meeting of November 27, 2019 and Council Day 1 meeting of December 4, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:**

**5.1. Social Research and Planning Council - United Way Perth-Huron**

Joëlle Lamport Lewis, Director of Social Research and Planning Council, Ryan Erb, Executive Director of the United Way Perth-Huron, and Anne Coleman, Campaign Manager of the Ontario Living Wage Network presented the Living Wage Employer Certificate to the County of Huron.

**6. Councillor's Issues:**

Councillor McNeil informed members that he brought greetings from the County of Huron on behalf of the Warden on December 6, 2019 at the ceremony held at the Court House in Goderich recognizing the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women by the Huron Domestic Assault Review Team.

**7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.7:**

MOTION: #559-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.7 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**8. Social and Property Services:**

8.1. Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Funding Report (presented by Christine Hoffman)

CAO Wark will work with the Warden and Councillor Finch to prepare correspondence regarding the funding of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative for presentation to Council.

MOTION: #560-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated December 18, 2019, titled Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Funding Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2. Housing Initiative - Residential Intensification Guideline, Terms of Reference (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

MOTION: #561-19

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, dated December 4, 2019, titled Housing Initiative -- Residential Intensification Guidelines, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.3. Housing Initiative - Planning Document Review, Terms of Reference (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

MOTION: #562-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, dated December 4, 2019, titled Housing Initiative -- Planning Document Review, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.4. Housing Initiative - Residential Pre-Zoning, Terms of Reference (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

MOTION: #563-19

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, dated December 4, 2019, titled Housing Initiative -- Residential Pre-Zoning, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.5. Community/Business Funded Housing Consortium (presented by Chris Watson)

MOTION: #564-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

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The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Chris Watson, Economic Development Officer, dated December 18, 2019, titled Community/Business Funded Housing Consortium, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.6. Rental Build (presented by Christine Hoffman)

MOTION: #565-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated December 18, 2019, titled Rental Build, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.7. Development Ready Lots for Multi-Unit Residential (presented by Chris Watson & Cody Joudry)

MOTION: #566-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Chris Watson dated December 6, 2019, titled Development Ready Lots for Multi-Unit Residential, as presented.

CARRIED

8.8. Public Education Campaign (presented by Christine Hoffman and Erin Schooley)

MOTION: #567-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Christine Hoffman, Housing Services Manager, and Erin Schooley, Homelessness Programs Supervisor, dated December 18, 2019, titled Public Education Campaign, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**9. Homes for the Aged:** None.

**10. Emergency Services:** None.

**11. Public Works:**

11.1. BB13 Boundary Bridge Transfer Report (presented by Steve Lund)

MOTION: #568-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated December 18, 2019, titled BB13 Boundary Bridge Transfer Report as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Boundary Bridge BB13 be transferred to the Municipalities of Central Huron and Bluewater from the County of Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute transfer of the BB13 and all other required documents.

CARRIED

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11.2. Significant Weather Event (presented by Mike Hausser)

MOTION: #569-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works, dated December 18, 2019, titled Significant Weather Event, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3. Amendment to Agreement with Stewardship Ontario (presented by Mike Hausser)

MOTION: #570-19

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works, dated December 18, 2019, titled Amendment to Agreement with Stewardship Ontario, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the amending agreement as attached.

CARRIED

**12. Economic Development:**

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

13.1. Digital Main Street Program Update (presented by Bonnie Ash and Lianne Pollard)

MOTION: #571-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Bonnie Ash and Lianne Pollard, Digital Squad Team members, dated December 18, 2019, titled Digital Main Street Program Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2. Local Immigration Partnership Five Year Renewal (presented by Kristin Crane)

MOTION: #572-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron considers entering into an agreement with the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada for the 2020-2025 Local Immigration Partnership program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

13.3. Capital and Operating Projects – Deferral to 2020 (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #573-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated December 18, 2019, titled Capital and Operating Projects – Deferral to 2020, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the carry-forward of the 2019 projects listed in Appendix A into the 2020 budget;

AND FURTHER THAT:

That the Council of the County of Huron approve the transfer of the 2019 Homes for the Aged surplus to the Homes for the Aged reserve fund.

CARRIED

13.4. 2020 Borrowing By-Law (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #574-19

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled 2020 Borrowing By-Law, dated December 18, 2019 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves that a by-law be prepared to authorize the County of Huron to borrow up to the amount of \$4,000,000 to meet current expenditures for the Municipality in 2020.

CARRIED

13.5. FN 2.05 Travel Guidelines – Mileage Reimbursement Amendment (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Staff will prepare a report that investigates adding “rental car” to the policy for presentation to Council.

MOTION: #575-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated December 18, 2019, titled FN 2.05 Travel Guidelines – Mileage Reimbursement Amendment, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves establishing mileage reimbursement in accordance with approved Canada Revenue Agency rates effective January 1, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves amended Finance Policy FN 2.05 Travel Guidelines as presented.

CARRIED

13.6. Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

MOTION: #576-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock 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 December 18, 2019, titled Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves staff redeeming the ONE Fund Money Market and ONE Fund Bond Fund and reinvest the proceeds in other investment opportunities.

CARRIED

13.7. Delegated Authority to Execute the Interim Licence and Merger Agreements with Huron Perth Health Unit (presented by Susan Cronin)

MOTION: #577-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated December 18, 2019, titled Delegated Authority to Execute the Interim Licence Agreement and the Merger Agreement with Huron Perth Health Unit as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Warden and Clerk to execute the Interim Licence Agreement and the Merger Agreement with the Huron Perth Health Unit and any other documents including extension agreements.

CARRIED

13.8. County of Huron Service Delivery Review (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION: #578-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Meighan Wark, CAO, titled County of Huron Service Delivery Review, dated December 18, 2019 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the procurement process to engage a consultant through the request for proposal for the Service Delivery Review project in the amount of up to \$250,000.

CARRIED

#### **14. Correspondence:**

MOTION: #579-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs correspondence regarding the request for financial assistance from Rural Response for Healthy Children to the Huron County Health Unit for clarification of the support provided by the Health Unit.

CARRIED

MOTION: #580-19

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

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

CARRIED

#### **15. 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.

15.1. Board of Health Draft Minutes - December 5, 2019 (presented by Susan Cronin)

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MOTION: #581-19

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the draft Board of Health minutes of December 5, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

**16. Notice of Motion:** None.

**17. By-laws:**

MOTION: #582-19

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2019-095 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Northern Communications Services Inc. (Northern911);

By-law No. 2019-096 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint citizens to various Boards;

By-law No. 2019-097 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to enter into an inter licence agreement and a merger agreement with Perth District Health Unit (in Trust for Huron Perth Health Unit);

By-law No. 2019-098 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the County of Huron (the "municipality").

CARRIED

MOTION: #583-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-095, 2019-096, 2019-097 and 2019-098 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2019-095, 2019-096, 2019-097 and 2019-098 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: #584-19

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2019-095, 2019-096, 2019-097 and 2019-098 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. 2019-095, 2019-096, 2019-097 and 2019-098 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:** None.

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

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, January 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

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Library Board - Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Libro Credit Union Boardroom, 74 Kingston Street, Goderich.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Special Council Budget Meeting - Thursday, January 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

**19. Confirmatory By-law:**

MOTION: #585-19

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

By-Law No. 2019-099; 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. 2019-099; 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: #586-19

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 11:04 AM to meet again on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

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Warden Jim Ginn

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Clerk Susan Cronin