

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
January 22, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. All members of Council were present except Councillors Grace, MacLellan and Watt.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for January 22, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of Council Day 1 meeting of January 8, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor McNeil thanked staff for their presentations and hospitality at the 2020 ROMA Conference.

Councillor Jewitt requested a follow up report to the Provincial Draft Transportation Plan-Connecting the Southwest.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the Provincial Draft Transportation Plan-Connecting the Southwest released by the Ontario Government.

CARRIED

Warden Ginn invited members of Council to attend the Sheppardton Tract on January 26, 2020 at 1:30 PM where the County and the Maitland Trail Association will show the newly upgraded logging roads and forest management activity done last winter.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.8:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt 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. Payment Policy - Absences from County Child Care Programs (presented by Diane Millian)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Diane Millian, A/Manager, Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated January 22, 2020, titled Payment Policy – Absences from County Child Care Programs, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2. Surplus Property (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager dated January 22, 2020 titled 38 North Street - Declare Property Surplus, Notice of Proposed Sale;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron declares surplus the property located at 38 North Street, Goderich under by-law at the February 5, 2020 Huron County Council meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to provide notice of its intention to sell 38 North Street, Goderich property.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works:

11.1. Recommendation to Award Engineering Services for Bridge and Culvert OSIM Inspections, RFP HC 19-511 (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager - Bridges, dated January 22, 2020, titled Recommendation to Award Engineering Services for Bridge and Culvert OSIM Inspections, RFP HC 19-511, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards Contract HC 19-511 to BM Ross and Associates Limited for a total price of \$124,147.20 including for OSIM inspections in 2020/2021, enhanced inspections in 2020, as well as a provisional second inspection cycle in 2022/2023 (Including Net Applicable Taxes);

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

12.1. Economic Development Department December 2019 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

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Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Katie Marshall, Communications and Marketing Officer, dated January 22, 2020, titled Economic Development Department December 2019 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Debt Management Policy (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock 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 January 22, 2020, titled Debt Management Policy, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Debt Management Policy as presented.

CARRIED

13.2. 2020 Asset Management Plan Update (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock 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 January 22, 2020, titled 2020 Asset Management Plan Update, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the 2020 Asset Management Plan as presented.

CARRIED

13.3. Corporate Policy Amendment - Privacy Policy (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, titled Corporate Policy Amendment - Privacy Policy, dated January 22, 2020 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Privacy Policy - 02 as amended.

CARRIED

13.4. Delegated Authority to Execute the Record Access Agreement with Local Municipalities (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated January 22, 2020, titled Delegated Authority to Execute the Record Access Agreement with Huron County local Municipalities as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Warden and Clerk to execute the Record Access Agreement with Huron County local Municipalities for the current and historical documents with respect to the plumbing/septic/sewage inspection services.

CARRIED

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13.5. Delegated Authority to Execute Applications/Forms (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk dated January 22, 2020 titled Delegated Authority to Execute Applications/Forms;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Clerk to complete and execute applications/forms and any other required documents on behalf of the County of Huron to meet the conditions of the Purchase and Sale agreement with the Huron Perth Health Unit for property located at 77722B London Road, Clinton, Ontario.

CARRIED

13.6. Letters regarding Modernization of EMS and Public Health to the Provincial Government (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated January 22, 2020, titled Letters regarding Modernization of EMS and Public Health to the Provincial Government, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to send letters to the relevant parties.

CARRIED

13.7. 2020 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations

Public Works and Emergency Management Services (presented by Steve Lund)

Cultural Services and Library (presented by Beth Rumble)

Social and Property Services (presented by Barbara Hall)

Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)

Economic Development (presented by Cody Joudry)

Council recessed at 10:33 AM and resumed at 10:43 AM.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report for the consideration of sending correspondence to the Ministry of Transportation to support a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 21 and Road 83.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report for presentation to Council on the intersection located at Highway 4 and Blyth Road.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the 2020 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations, dated January 22, 2020 as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

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Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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.

16. Notice of Motion: None.

17. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2020-005 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Darrell N. Hawreliak, Barrister, Solicitor & Notary Public, of Darrell N. Hawreliak Professional Corporation for the provision of prosecutorial services and delegate the authority to renew this agreement.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-005 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-005 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-005 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. 2020-005 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

18. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:59 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- 1) The security of the property of the municipality or local Board - Economic Development Department and Homes for the Aged;
- 2) Labour relations or employee negotiations - Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - Homes for the Aged;

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CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1 & 2), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1 & 2), Director of Homes for the Aged Connie Townsend (Items 1 & 2), Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry (Item 1), Treasurer & Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen (Item 1), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Item 2), and Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Item 2) remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:18 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed to the Public Session:

CAO Wark stated that Council was updated on the security of the property for the Homes for the Aged and Economic Development departments and labour relationships/employee negotiations for SEIU Homes for the Aged.

19. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Library Board - Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Central Huron Fire Hall Boardroom, 401 Beech Street, Clinton..

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-006; 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. 2020-006; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

21. Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:19 PM to meet again on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

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Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin