

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
March 4, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillors Grace and Murdock departed at 9:40 AM and returned at 11:34 AM. Councillors Fergusson, Dietrich, Grace, Jewitt, MacLellan and Murdock departed at 11:58 AM.

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

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden Ginn informed members that he attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference, the Conservation Authorities Stakeholders meeting, the Western Ontario Warden Caucus meeting and Sustainable Huron meeting. He also stated that he will be attending the Huron County Federation of Agriculture meeting. Warden Ginn stated that he attended the Local Immigration Partnership welcome event.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for March 4, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

5. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 on February 19, 2020 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1. Huron County Federation of Agriculture

Huron County Federation of Agriculture (HCFA) Director Rob Vanden Hengel and Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Senior Farm Policy Analyst Ben Lefort, requested that Huron County Council adjust the Farm Tax Ratio to .217 to allow Farm Property Owners to maintain the current proportion of tax burden.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the request by Huron County Federation of Agriculture (HCFA) and Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) that Huron County Council adjust the Farm Tax Ratio to .217 to allow Farm Property Owners to maintain the current proportion of tax burden.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor MacLellan requested the committee room be booked for a teleconference with the Board of Health members today at noon.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.6:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.6 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1. Consent File C02-2020, Donald and Eleanor MacEwen, Part Lot 5, Concession 2, Township of Howick (presented by Jenn Burns)

This application proposes to sever a surplus farm residence from the remaining farmland. The subject residence is surplus to the needs of the purchaser (MacEwen Farms) of the farmland. The proposed severed parcel is slightly irregular in shape to include two solar panels on the property that the current owner wants to retain. A letter of objection was received from neighbours Elizabeth and John Drudge who object to the surplus residence severance policy in general and are concerned with potential losses it may cause for farmers. The application conforms with the Official Plans and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. The Township of Howick Council recommended that the application be approved with conditions. The Planning and Development Department is recommending approval with conditions.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Jenn Burns, Planner, that Consent application C02-2020 by Donald and Eleanor MacEwen, requesting a surplus farm residence severance on the lands described as Part Lot 5, Concession 2, Township of Howick, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Consent application C02-2020 by Donald and Eleanor MacEwen, requesting a surplus farm residence severance on the lands described as Part Lot 5, Concession 2, Township of Howick. Comments were received from the public on issues of compatibility of the proposed severed parcel. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.2. Forest Conservation Update (presented by Dave Pullen)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Dave Pullen, Forest Conservation Officer, dated March 4, 2020, titled Forest Conservation Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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9.3. Recommended Amendments to Address Livestock on Small Acreages (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, dated March 4, 2020, titled Recommended Amendments to Address Livestock on Small Acreages, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The report be circulated to the local municipalities.

AN AMENDMENT WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE VOTE

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The following be removed: "The report be circulated to the local municipalities."

CARRIED

THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS APPROVED AS AMENDED:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, dated March 4, 2020, titled Recommended Amendments to Address Livestock on Small Acreages, as presented for information.

Prior to the vote, a recorded vote was requested by Councillor Klopp.

YEAS: Bailey, Dietrich, Fergusson, Finch, Ginn, Jewitt, MacLellan, McNeil, Watt.

NAYS: Fisher, Harding, Heffer, Klopp

ABSENT: Grace, Murdock.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report with more information and options for amendments to Address Livestock on Small Acreages.

CARRIED

9.4. Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) (presented by Lily Morrow)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Lily Morrow, Climate Change and Energy Specialist, dated March 4, 2020 titled Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron not proceed with the submission of an application request form for the Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) funding.

CARRIED **RESCINDED MARCH 11, 2020**

Council recessed at 11:05 AM and resumed at 11:20 AM.

10. Cultural Services: None.

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

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11.1. Council Appointment to Goderich Municipal Airport Task Force (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated March 4, 2020, titled Appointment to the Goderich Municipal Airport Task Force;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Warden Ginn be appointed as the Huron County Council representative on the Goderich Municipal Airport Task Force.

CARRIED

11.2. Strategic Priorities Chart - February 2020 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO, Meighan Wark, dated March 4, 2020, titled Strategic Priorities - February 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

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. Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) Program (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated March 4, 2020, titled Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden to execute the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and/or the Clerk to sign the documents pertaining to the quarterly, mid-year and annual program delivery and financial documents for the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB).

CARRIED

13.2. Huronview and Huronlea Quality Improvement Plans and Supporting Documents (presented by Connie Townsend and Angela Steadman)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Homes Director and Angela Steadman, Huronlea Administrator, dated March 4, 2020, titled Huronview and Huronlea Quality Improvement Plans and Supporting Documents, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the Warden and County Clerk to execute the sign off for the Quality Improvement Plans and Supporting Documents prior to the April 1, 2020 submission deadline.

CARRIED

13.3. Liquor License Renewal for Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend and Becky Jervis)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director Homes for the Aged and Becky Jervis, Business Manager, Homes for the Aged dated March 4, 2020, titled Liquor License Renewal for Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the Warden, CAO and County Clerk to sign and authorize all required documentation to renew the Liquor License for the Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged. The current liquor license expires on April 21, 2020.

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion:

Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Heffer and seconded by Councillor Harding at Council Day 2 on February 19, 2020 as follows:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron sends correspondence to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs endorsing the Huron County Federation of Agriculture support for Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act.

CARRIED

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2020-018 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a Data Sharing Agreement with Trillium Gift of Life Network;

By-law No. 2020-019 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Lavis Contracting Company Limited for Contract HC 20-301.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-018 and 2020-019 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-018 and 2020-019 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

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THAT:

By-law No. 2020-018 and 2020-019 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. 2020-018 and 2020-019 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:

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:00 PM 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;
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1 & 2), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1 & 2), Treasurer & Director of Corporate Services Mike Blumhagen (Items 1 & 2), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Item 1), Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Item 1), and County Librarian & Director of Cultural Services Beth Rumble (Item 2), remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:33 PM.

CARRIED

Reporting out of Closed Session: CAO Wark stated that members of Council were updated on personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board.

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

- Huron County Economic Development Board - Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the Lake House of Bayfield, 21 Bayfield Main Street North, Bayfield.
- Council Day 2 - Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Library Board - Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich.
- Accessibility Advisory Committee, Monday, March 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Camp Kintail, 85153 Bluewater Highway, RR 3, Goderich.

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-020; 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. 2020-020; 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:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:33 PM to meet again on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin