

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
May 6, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually due to the declared Provincial Emergency on Wednesday May 6, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillor Murdock joined the meeting at 9:31 AM.

1. Warden Jim Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden Ginn extended congratulations and appreciation to Director of Homes for the Aged Connie Townsend and Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall, as well as their staff for their great work during COVID-19 declared provincial emergency. He thanked CAO Meighan Wark and all County staff for everything they are doing to support County services during this difficult time. Warden Ginn stated that he attended many electronic meetings in the month of April and has been busy with responding to media enquiries. He informed members that he had an upcoming call with Ontario Premier Doug Ford later today regarding cottage owners.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for May 6, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

5. Minutes of the Previous Session:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting on April 15, 2020 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Finch thanked Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall and Homelessness Program Supervisor Erin Schooley for their work with the homeless in Huron County.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff prepare a report for the next Council meeting that provides an update on Huron County homelessness initiatives since the restrictions to many facilities were put in place on March 13, 2020 that includes access to public restrooms, accommodations, plans for the fall of 2020 and any other relevant details.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLennan and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to prepare a report with updates on the Supporting Local Economic Development (SLED) program.

CARRIED

CAO Wark to investigate current practices under the forestry program.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.5:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.5 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1 Consent Files C26-2020, C27-2020, and C28-2020, Complete Construction (Goderich) Inc., Plan 22M-14 RP 22R5444 Part 1, Colborne Ward, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (presented by Celina Whaling-Rae)

These applications propose to sever a 3.67 hectare parcel to create 5 additional parcels of lakeshore residential land varying in size. The applicant proposes that both the newly created parcels and the retained lands be used for future lakeshore residential use. The applications conform to the Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and Huron County Official Plans and are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. A neighbour has submitted a letter of objection to the proposed severance, requesting that decisions be deferred until an engineer's study of Allan's Creek is completed. The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has recommended that the application be approved with conditions. The Department is recommending approval with conditions.

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Celina Whaling-Rae, Planner, that Consent applications C26-2020, C27-2020, and C28-2020 by Hugh and Kim Burgsma on behalf of Complete Construction (Goderich) Inc. requesting the severance of a parcel of land for future lakeshore residential use, described as Plan 22M-14 RP 2R5444 Part 1, Colborne Ward, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

Consent applications C26-2020, C27-2020, and C28-2020, by Hugh and Kim Burgsma on behalf of Complete Construction (Goderich) Inc. requesting a severance on the lands described as Plan 22M-14 RP 2R5444 Part 1, Colborne Ward, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. Comments were received from the public on issues of drainage 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 Planning and Development Department - Updates in Response to COVID-19 (presented by Sandra Weber)

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Sandra Weber, Director, Planning and Development Department, dated May 6, 2020, titled Planning and Development Department - Updates in Response to COVID-19, as presented for information..

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

10.1 Cultural Services - Updates in Response to COVID-19 (presented by Beth Rumble)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services, dated May 6, 2020, titled Cultural Services - Updates in Response to COVID-19, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 2020 Capital Project Update (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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 May 6, 2020, titled 2020 Capital Project Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.2. COVID-19 Financial Impact – May Update (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson 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 May 6, 2020, titled COVID-19 Financial Impact – May Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Jewitt requested that information on the cost of accommodations for the homeless and the Out of the Cold program be included in the May 20, 2020 report on homelessness.

11.3 COVID-19 Update (presented by Lara Vanstone)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated May 6, 2020 titled COVID-19 Update for information purposes that outlines the continued efforts being made by the Human Resources Department along with Senior Leaders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for staff.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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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 Pandemic 2020 Recovery Strategy (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated May 1, 2020, titled Huron County Pandemic 2020 Recovery Strategy, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2 Integrated Software Solution (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated May 6, 2020, titled Integrated Software Solution as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards RFP #2020-04 to PreHos Inc. of Quebec City, Quebec for a three (3) year contract with two (2) one year renewable terms;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

13.3 Public Works COVID-19 Response Plan (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Steve Lund, County Engineer, date May 6, 2020, titled Public Works COVID-19 Response Plan, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.4 Emergency Services COVID-19 Update (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated May 6, 2020, titled Emergency Services COVID-19 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2020-039, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron authorizing an agreement between The Corporation of the County of Huron and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association;

By-law No. 2020-040, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron authorizing a lease agreement with the Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association;

By-law No. 2020-041, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-law 2015-054 to authorize speed limits;

By-law No. 2020-042, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with AV Utility and Electrical Services for HC 20-167 - Blyth Pedestrian Crossing.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-039, 2020-040, 2020-041 and 2020-042, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-039, 2020-040, 2020-041 and 2020-042, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-039, 2020-040, 2020-041 and 2020-042, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 14 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-039 2020-040, 2020-041 and 2020-042, 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: None.

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

As per the County's COVID-19 response protocols, all Council and Committee meetings are being held virtually.

Library Board - Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Economic Development Board - Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

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By-Law No. 2020-043; 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 14 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-043; 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 Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 10:10 AM to meet again on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin