

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario  
April 15, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually due to the declared Provincial Emergency, on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillor MacLellan joined the meeting at 9:11 AM.

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

Warden Ginn stated that he has been in regular contact with MPP Lisa Thompson. He stated that testing for COVID-19 is to increase at Long-Term Care facilities and that Huron County currently has an adequate supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Clarification has confirmed that municipal construction projects are considered an essential service in Ontario and will be able to proceed.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for April 15, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

Councillor Klopp stated a pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 18 Closed to the Public Session as he is a board member of a local telecommunication company.

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

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of April 1, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.**

**6. Councillor's Issues: None.**

**7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.3:**

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.3 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**8. Social and Property Services:**

**8.1. Drainage Outlet Agreement (presented by Jeff Kerslake)**

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated April 15, 2020, titled Drainage Outlet Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron enters into this agreement with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

8.2. Agricultural Land Lease Extension (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated April 15, 2020, titled Agricultural Land Lease Extension, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron enters into an Agricultural Lease Extension with the Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

8.3. Social and Property Services – Update in Response to COVID-19 (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated April 15, 2020, titled Social and Property Services - Updates in Response to COVID-19, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron appoints Councillor Grace to the Huron County Homeless COVID-19 Response Committee.

CARRIED

**9. Homes for the Aged:**

9.1. COVID-19 Update from Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director of Homes for the Aged, dated April 15, 2020 titled COVID-19 Update from the Homes for the Aged, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**10. Emergency Services:**

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10.1. Community Paramedicine – COVID-19 Community Care Team (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated April 15, 2020, titled Community Paramedicine – COVID-19 Community Care Team, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the implementation of a Community Paramedicine – COVID-19 Community Care Team as outlined for a period not to exceed August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 without subsequent approval from Huron County Council.

CARRIED

**11. Public Works:**

11.1. Recommendation to Reduce Speed Limits and/or Adjust Speed Zones at Three Identified Locations Throughout the County (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager – Bridges, dated April 15, 2020, titled Recommendation to Reduce Speed Limits and Move Speed Zones at Three Identified Locations Throughout the County, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves a reduction of the posted speed limit and adjustments to posted speed zones;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared to amend By-law 2015-054, a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize speed limits to reflect this change.

CARRIED

11.2. Tender HC10-167 – Blyth Pedestrian Crossing Reconstruction (presented by Mike Hausser)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works, dated April 15, 2020, titled Tender HC20-167 – Blyth Pedestrian Crossing, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards the tender to AV Utility and Electrical Services for a cost of \$108,643.56 including applicable taxes and a \$20,000 contingency;

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 March 2020 (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated April 15, 2020, titled Economic Development Department March 2020 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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

13.1. Farmland Ratio Analysis (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 April 15, 2020, titled Farmland Ratio Analysis, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2. COVID-19 Financial Impact (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich 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 April 15, 2020, titled COVID-19 Financial Impact, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.3. Property Tax Installment Options (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated April 15, 2020, titled Property Tax Installment Options, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**14. Correspondence:**

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 Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

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By-law No. 2020-037, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Demers Ambulances of Beloeil, Quebec for Tender 2020-02 and Delegation of Authority.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-037 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-037 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-037 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. 2020-037 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:09 and resumed at 10:20.

**18. Closed to the Public Session:**

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:20 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization - SWIFT Project;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen and Director Economic Development Cody Joudry remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 10:37 AM.

CARRIED

Reporting out of Closed Session: CAO Wark stated that members of Council were updated on a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization – SWIFT (Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technologies) Project.

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Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the Warden and Clerk to sign the draft Letter of Intent – SWIFT Credit Facility.

CARRIED

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

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 9:00 AM – virtual meeting.

Library Board – Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM – virtual meeting.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, May 131, 2020 at 5:00 PM – virtual meeting.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM – virtual meeting.

**20. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-038; 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. 2020-038; 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 Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 10:39 AM to meet again on Wednesday, May 6, 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