

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
June 10, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually due to the declared Provincial Emergency on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillor Grace joined the meeting at 9:21 AM.

1. Warden Jim Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden Ginn stated that the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus and Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) executive are working collaboratively in anticipation of Federal and Provincial stimulus funding packages to extend the current project for rural broadband. Correspondence was issued in support of Minister Clark's letter to the federal government requesting a partnership with the provincial and municipal governments for broadband funding. As part of the Western Ontario Warden's Economic Development Committee he met with several Members of Parliament. He has attended meetings with the Huron County Recovery Advisory Committee on economic recovery. As part of the Service Delivery Review he will be meeting with Huron County staff over the next three weeks to look for efficiencies in the County.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for June 10, 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 Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting on May 20, 2020 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Bailey requested staff distribute to all members of Council a list of the members of the Huron County Recovery Team.

Councillor McNeil stated that there was an announcement that Huron County Hospitals will be receiving an increase in funding from the Provincial Government.

Councillor MacLellan stated that an AMO Health Task Force will be forming a sub-committee to investigate improving Long-Term Care. He suggested CAO Wark or Director of Homes

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for the Aged, Connie Townsend represent Huron County. The Warden will support this at the next WOWC meeting.

Councillor Klopp indicated his preference for face-to-face Council meetings.

Councillor Jewitt was pleased to see the flag at the Goderich Court House and the Huron Perth Health Clinton location in support of Gay Pride month. Councillor Jewitt also brought forward the issue of diversity and inclusion support groups.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

Staff prepare a report on local agency programs available to municipalities regarding diversity inclusion, particularly the Canadian Centre for Diversity Inclusion.

CARRIED

Councillors Dietrich, Klopp, Harding and Finch voiced concerns with the trial traffic calming bollards placed on the highways near Dashwood and Fordwich.

CAO Wark stated that staff will be directed to remove the traffic bollards and prepare a report on options available for traffic calming to avoid speeding.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.7:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.7 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

Councillor Klopp requested that a copy of the Huron County Pandemic 2020 Recovery Strategy report presented at the Economic Development Board meeting of May 13, 2020 be sent to all Councillors.

9. Planning and Development:

9.1. Consent File C12-2020, Chris Fedorko & Jessica Keller, Part Lot 16, Concession 2, Osborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron (presented by Craig Metzger)

This application proposes to sever a 1,187 square metre parcel to create an infill residential building lot. The application conforms to the South Huron and Huron County Official Plans and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. A neighbour has submitted correspondence objecting to the proposed severance due to a number of concerns including a potential negative impact on the rural setting of this neighbourhood, the new home's potential proximity to her property, the impact on the structures on her property in proximity to the common property line, and drainage issues. The Municipality of South has recommended that the application be approved and the Planning and Development Department recommends the application be approved with conditions.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Craig Metzger, Senior Planner, that Consent application C12-2020 by Chris Fedorko and Jessica Keller requesting the severance of a parcel of land for a future residential use, described as Part Lot 16, Concession 2, Osborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

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THAT:

Consent File C12-2020, Chris Fedorko & Jessica Keller, Part Lot 16, Concession 2, Usborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron. Comments were received from the public on the issues of impact on the rural setting, the proximity of a new house to neighbouring property, proximity of current structures on the neighbouring property, and drainage issues 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 C23-20 - Conrad and Nancy Kaptein (Owners), Part of Lot 3, Bayfield Concession, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron (presented by Monica Walker-Bolton)

The purpose of this application is to create an infill building lot in the Urban designated area referred to in the Central Huron Official Plan as the Area North of Bayfield. The lot will be used to construct a single detached residence. The vacant land proposed to be severed is approximately .6 hectares in area (1.5 acres). The land to be retained is approximately 21 hectares (51.3 acres) and contains a house and accessory buildings. The application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the Huron County and Central Huron Official Plans. A neighbor has submitted a letter of concern in regard to erosion issues on his property, he is concerned that development on the severed lot could lead to increased erosion issues if steps are not taken to control runoff from the severed lot. The Municipality of Central Huron has recommended that the application be approved with conditions. The Planning Department recommends approval with conditions.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Monica Walker Bolton, Planner, that Consent application C23-20 by Conrad and Nancy Kaptein requesting the severance of a parcel of land to create a residential building lot, described as Part of Lot 3, Bayfield Concession, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

Consent file C23-20 by Conrad and Nancy Kaptein, Part of Lot 3, Bayfield Concession, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron. Comments were received from the public on the issue of erosion in the area 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

9.3. Update on the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and Community Benefits Charges under Bill 108 (More Homes, More Choices Act) (presented by Celina Whaling-Rae)

This report provides a summary of the changes featured in the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement, as well as an overview of the new tools available to local municipalities to collect funding for community benefits, known as Community Benefits Charges.

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Celina Whaling-Rae, Planner and Sandra Weber, Director of Planning and Development, dated June 10, 2020 titled Update

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on 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and Community Benefits Charges under Bill 108 (More Homes, More Choices Act), as presented for information;
AND FURTHER THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to circulate the report to local municipalities for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

10.1. Huron Heritage Fund Applications May 2020 Intake (presented by Beth Rumble)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services, dated June 10, 2020, titled Huron Heritage Fund Applications May 2020 Intake, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report and recommendation of the Huron Heritage Fund Committee, to grant the included seven applications for funding from the 2020 applications, for a total amount of \$25,000.

Seaforth & District All Girls' Marching Band	\$4,700
Blyth Repository of History	\$2,000
Huron Pioneer Thresher & Hobby Association	\$4,000
Bayfield Historical Society	\$5,000
Thyme on Twenty-One	\$5,000
Van Egmond Foundation	\$3,100
Huron County Historical Society	\$1,200

AN AMENDMENT WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE VOTE

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Thyme on Twenty-One application in the amount of \$5,000 be removed from the Huron Heritage Fund grant awards for the May 2020 Intake.

DEFEATED

THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS APPROVED:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services, dated June 10, 2020, titled Huron Heritage Fund Applications May 2020 Intake, as presented for information;

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Van Egmond Foundation	\$3,100
Huron County Historical Society	\$1,200

CARRIED

10.2 Huron County Library Strategic Plan Update (presented by Beth Rumble)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Huron County Council accepts the report from Beth Rumble, County Librarian and Director of Cultural Services, dated June 10, 2020, titled Huron County Library Strategic Plan Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 2020 Tax Rate By-law Amendment (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Finch 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, titled By-law 2020-014 - 2020 Tax Rates - Amendment, dated June 10, 2020 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the proposed amendment to By-law 2020-014;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare the amending by-law.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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 Public Portable Sanitation Stations (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report prepared by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated June 8, 2020, titled COVID-19 Public Portable Sanitation Stations, as presented for information and discussion.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

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THAT:

Staff prepare a report for inclusion in the Homelessness Program Strategy for the placement of public portable sanitation stations throughout Huron County during the COVID 19 pandemic.

CARRIED

Councillor MacLellan requested this report be presented at the next meeting.

14. Notice of Motion:

The following notice of motion was presented by Councillor Bailey:

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

Staff prepare a report to consider taking one million dollars from reserves to be issued to Community Futures Program to assist small businesses within Huron County.

15. By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-law:

By-law No. 2020-046, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Wayne & Harold Smith Construction RFT (HPS) 2020-05.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-046, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-046, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-046, 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. 2020-046, 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 Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:38 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them - Rural Economic Development (RED) Funding - Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC);

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

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 10:42 AM.

CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that members of Council were updated on information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them - Rural Economic Development (RED) Funding - Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC);

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed as per direction given in the Closed to the Public session of June 10, 2020.

CARRIED

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, June 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Economic Development Board - Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting.

Accessibility Advisory Committee – Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM – Virtual Meeting.

Audit Committee – Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM – Virtual Meeting.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, June 24, 2020 immediately following the Audit Committee meeting - Virtual Meeting.

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-047; 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. 2020-047; 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 Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

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The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 10:43 AM to meet again on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin