

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Goderich, Ontario
May 20, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually due to the declared Provincial Emergency, on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillor Grace left the meeting at 10:24 AM and returned at 11:33 AM and departed at 12:37 PM.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for May 20, 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 Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The minutes of Council Day 1 meeting of May 6, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor Klopp requested further information at the next meeting from CAO Wark regarding the federal government stimulus package for economic development.

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Huron Perth Public Health

Bonnie Baynham, Community Developer, Huron Perth Public Health requested that the month of June be declared Gay Pride month and that a banner (message would be "Pride - Love is Love") or a rainbow flag be hung on the front of the Goderich Court House on the Square, as well as at the Huron Perth Public Health, Clinton site.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to display a rainbow flag on the front of the Goderich Court House and at the Huron Perth Public Health, Clinton site for the month of June to mark Gay Pride month.

CARRIED

5.2. County Service Review Interim Report (presented by Bruce Peever, Risk Consulting Partner, KPMG)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Nicole Bean, GIS Technician and Service Review Project Coordinator, titled County of Huron Service Review Interim Report, dated May 20, 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:41 AM and returned at 10:49 AM.

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor McNeil thanked the Warden for his messaging to Huron County cottagers and visitors prior to the May long weekend. The information was very helpful and well received.

The Warden plans to send out further messaging expressing his appreciation to all Huron County residents, seasonal residents, cottagers and visitors for acting responsibly during the long weekend.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.5 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. RFT (HPS) 2020-05 Interior Renovations - 57 Napier St. (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated May 20, 2020, titled RFT (HPS) 2020-05 Interior Renovations - 57 Napier Street, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards RFT (HPS) 2020-05 to Wayne & Harold Smith Construction, for the supply of all labour, materials, services and equipment for the first floor interior renovations at 57 Napier Street, Goderich (former Assessment building);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute all required documentation for RFT (HPS) 2020-05 with Wayne & Harold Smith Construction.

CARRIED

8.2. Potential Sites for County Administrative Building (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated May 20, 2020, titled Potential Sites for County Administration Building, as presented for information.

A MOTION TO DEFER WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE VOTE

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron defers the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated May 20, 2020, titled Potential Sites for County Administration Building, until a decision to build or not to build a new County Administration Building is made.

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CARRIED

CAO Wark will prepare a report to Council presenting the options of proceeding with the centralization of County staff or maintaining the dispersed model, including remote workplaces.

8.3. Urgent Needs Fund - Households (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated May 20, 2020, titled Urgent Needs Fund - Households, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.4. Social Services Relief Fund - Updated (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated May 20, 2020, titled Social Services Relief Fund - Updated, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.5. Homeless Initiatives - Emergency Measures Regarding Service Restrictions (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated May 20, 2020, titled Homeless Initiatives - Emergency Measures Regarding Service Restrictions, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Staff will prepare a report on Portable Comfort Stations.

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works: None.

12. Economic Development:

12.1. Economic Development Update - April 2020 (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated May 20, 2020, titled Economic Development Update – April 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Library - Updates in Response to COVID-19 (presented by Beth Rumble)

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Beth Rumble, County Librarian and Director of Cultural Services, dated May 20, 2020, titled Library - Updates in Response to COVID-19, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2. AMO's Asset Management Training (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 20, 2020, titled AMO's Asset Management Training, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.3. 2020 Gas Tax Funding Allocation (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp 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 May 20, 2020, titled 2020 Gas Tax Allocation, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the reallocation of 2020 gas tax funding to the Seaforth/Egmondville Urban Reconstruction project.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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.

15.1. Logging Activity and the Ontario COVID-19 Essential Workplace List (presented by David Pullen)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by David Pullen, Forest Conservation Officer, dated May 20, 2020, titled Logging Activity and the Ontario COVID-19 Essential Workplace List, as presented for information.

CARRIED

15.2. Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) Application Update (presented by Lily Morrow)

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Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Lily Morrow, Climate Change and Energy Specialist dated May 20, 2020 titled Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) Application Update as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the submission of the Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) application as presented.

CARRIED

16. Notice of Motion: None.

17. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

By-law No. 2020-044, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize an agreement with PreHos Inc. for RFP #2020-04.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-044 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-044 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-044 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. 2020-044 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 Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:07 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board – homelessness program initiative;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall, Housing Services Manager Christine Hoffman, and Clerk Susan Cronin remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:59 PM.
CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that members of Council were updated on a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board – homelessness program initiative;

19. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

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.

Council Day 2- Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-045; 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. 2020-045; 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 Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 1:00 PM to meet again on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin