

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
June 24, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually due to the declared Provincial Emergency, on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillor Grace left the meeting at 10:28 AM. Councillor Finch left the meeting at 1:07 PM.

1. Warden Jim Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for June 24, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Fergusson declared a pecuniary interest with regards to Items 12.8 County Fund and Item 16 Notice of Motion as he is a volunteer member of Community Futures Huron.

4. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The minutes of Council Day 1 meeting of June 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None

6. Councillor's Issues:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report for the placement of signage on County Road 87 East and West of Gorrie and County Road 28 North and South of Gorrie to reduce the use of engine brakes.

WITHDRAWN

Staff of the Township of Howick will contact staff of the County public works department to resolve this issue.

Councillor Grace requested a meeting with members from the Town of Goderich and the County CAO, the Warden and the Social and Property Services staff to develop an approach to the crisis of homelessness in Huron County. CAO Wark stated that homelessness is an issue that numerous municipalities are struggling to resolve. This meeting will include agency partners across the County.

Councillors Finch and Bailey expressed concern over the OPP offices closing in Exeter and Wingham. Warden Ginn stated that officers report to the new OPP station in Clinton at the start of each shift as an administrative procedure and then fan out to municipalities so there

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is no loss in service. CAO Wark will invite the OPP Commander to attend a Council meeting to provide an update.

Councillor Murdock stated that the Town of Goderich Economic Recovery task force has completed its work and submitted its report. This report will be shared with the County and municipalities.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services: None

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services:

10.1 Automated Vehicle Locator Solution (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated June 24, 2020, titled Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) Solution as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards RFP #2020-05 to Rowland Emergency Vehicle Products Inc. of Mississauga, Ontario in partnership with PRAN 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

11. Public Works:

11.1. Tender Results for Culvert 04-36.0 & 04-36.2 Replacements and Recommendation to Award Contract HC 20-501 (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager - Bridges, dated June 24, 2020, titled Tender Results for Culvert 04-36.0 & 04-36.2 Replacements and Recommendation to Award Contract HC 20-501;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the tender submitted by Roubos Farm Service Ltd. in the amount of \$861,977.88 (inclusive of contingency allowance and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

AND FURTHER THAT:

The County's share of the project shortfall totaling \$53,754.49 (including contingency allowance) be funded from an accumulated surplus from other 2020 capital projects.

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CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

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

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator dated June 24, 2020, titled Economic Development Update - May 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2. Best Practices for Crisis Recovery (presented by Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated June 24, 2020, titled Best Practices for Crisis Recovery, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3. Baseline Economic Data Report (presented by Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated June 24, 2020, titled Baseline Economic Data Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:10 AM and returned at 11:16 AM.

12.7. Community Foundations of Canada (presented by Tom Prout and Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Tom Prout, Chair of the South Huron Community Foundation Board, dated June 24, 2020, titled Community Foundations of Canada, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.8. County Fund (presented by Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated June 24, 2020, titled County Fund, as presented for information;
AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to support the establishment of a Huron County Community Fund.

CARRIED

12.4. Business Impact Survey (presented by Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated June 24, 2020, titled Business Impact Survey, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.5. Huron Tourism Recovery Town Halls (presented by Rick Sickinger)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Rick Sickinger, Cultural Development Officer, dated June 24, 2020, titled Huron Tourism Recovery Town Halls, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.6. Ready to Reopen Huron County Recognition Program (presented by Brittany Wise, Chris Watson, Patrick Donnelly)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Chris Watson, Brittany Wise, and Patrick Donnelly, Business Development Team, dated June 24, 2020, titled "Ready to Reopen Huron County" Recognition Program, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.7. Community Foundations of Canada - Considered after Item 12.3

12.8. County Fund - Considered after Item 12.7

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. 2019 – Year End Financial Review (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated June 24, 2020, titled 2019 – Year End Financial Review, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron distributes the 2019 unallocated surplus balance of \$1,648,969 to the General Reserve for Contingencies.

CARRIED

13.2. SWIFT 2.0 Advocacy Package for Member Counties (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated June 24, 2020 titled SWIFT 2.0 Advocacy Package for Member Counties, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.3. COVID-19 Financial Impact - June Update (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled COVID-19 Financial Impact – June Update, dated June 24, 2020 as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

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. Climate Leadership Course for Elected Officials (presented by Lily Morrow)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Lily Morrow, Climate Change and Energy Specialist dated June 24, 2020 titled Climate Leadership Course for Elected Officials, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Murdock's name will be forwarded for consideration for the Climate Leadership Course for Elected Officials.

16. Notice of Motion:

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.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Bailey and taken as follows:

YEAS: Fisher, Jewitt, Klopp, Watt, Bailey, Finch (6)

NAYS: Heffer, Murdock, Dietrich, Harding, Ginn, MacLellan, McNeil (7)

ABSENT: Grace

DECLARED: Fergusson

MOTION DEFEATED

17. By-law:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

By-law No. 2020-048, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-law 2020-014 to adopt estimates, to establish tax rates for the County and to establish the General County Levy for the year 2020.

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Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-048 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-048 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-048 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. 2020-048 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 Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 1:06 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

1. 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 - Business Retention & Expansion Program;
2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board - Cultural Services;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1 & 2), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1 & 2), Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen (Items 1 & 2), Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry (Item 1), County Librarian and Director of Cultural Services Beth Rumble (Item 2), and Senior Museum Curator Elizabeth French-Gibson (Item 2) remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 1:39 PM.

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 - Business Retention & Expansion Program, and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board - Cultural Services.

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, July 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

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Library Board - **Thursday**, August 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Economic Development Board - **Thursday**, August 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-049; 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. 2020-049; 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 Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 1:41 to meet again on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin