

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual  
August 12, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually, on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillor Klopp joined at 9:20 AM. Councillor Grace left the meeting at 10:55 AM. Councillor Murdock departed at 10:58 AM.

**1. Warden Jim Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.**

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Warden Ginn stated that there were 3 additions to the agenda:

- 12.6 Request for letter of support from Bell for ICON funding
- 14.9 Correspondence from Hay Communication regarding ICON Funding applications by Bell and Hay
- 18. Christine Hoffman is added to Item #2 of closed to the public session.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for August 12, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

Councillor Klopp declared an indirect pecuniary interest for items 12.5 and 12.6 as he is a member of the Board for Hay Communications.

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

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The minutes of Council Day 1 meeting of July 8, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:**

**5.1. Goderich to Guelph (G2G) Rail Trail Inc.**

Doug Cerson, Chris Lee, Doug Ellacott and David Peacock represented the Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail Inc. They requested a financial contribution for infrastructure, maintenance and operation of the Lake Huron Route section of the G2G Rail Trail Experience, which brings cyclists and foot traffic from Waterloo, Wellington and Perth into Huron County while continuing to provide a massive, safe, recreational trail asset to the residents of Huron County.

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the request by the Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail Inc. for a financial contribution for infrastructure, maintenance and operation of the Lake Huron Route section of the G2G Rail Trail Experience.

CARRIED

**6. Councillor's Issues:**

Councillor McNeil stated his decision to put his name forward for the position of Warden for 2020-2022.

Councillors Grace and Murdock stated they will be departing early to attend a provincial announcement by Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Government and Consumer Services, Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries and Bill Walker, Associate Minister of Energy at the Goderich Lions Park.

Councillor Finch stated that he is contemplating putting his name forward for the position of Warden for 2020-2022 and will confirm this at the next meeting in September.

**7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:**

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

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

CARRIED

**8. Social and Property Services:**

8.1. 2019 Annual Housing and Homelessness Report (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated August 12, 2020, titled 2019 Annual Housing and Homelessness Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2. Supported Partner Funding Agreement - Housing Advocate (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated August 12, 2020, titled Supported Partner Funding Agreement - Housing Advocate, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.3. Emergency Community Support Fund (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated August 12, 2020, titled Emergency Community Support Fund, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.4. Reaching Home – Ontario Rural and Remote Communities COVID-19 Funding (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated August 12, 2020, titled Reaching Home – Ontario Rural and Remote Communities COVID-19 Funding, as presented for information.

**9. Homes for the Aged:**

9.1. Medical Pharmacies Group Limited - Contract Renewal with Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director of Homes for the Aged, dated August 12, 2020, titled Medical Pharmacies Group Limited - Contract Renewal with Homes for the Aged, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the pharmacy services contract renewal dated July 31, 2020 from Medical Pharmacies Group Limited on behalf of Homes for the Aged;

AND FURTHER THAT;

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

CARRIED

9.2. Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase of Resident Ceiling Lifts (presented by Connie Townsend and Angela Steadman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Angela Hartin, Director of Care - Huronview and Dana Mellor, Acting Director of Care - Huronlea, dated August 12, 2020, titled Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase of Resident Ceiling Lifts, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Homes for the Aged to sole source the purchase of resident ceiling lifts from vendor Hil Rom (Likoral).

CARRIED

**10. Emergency Services: None.**

**11. Public Works:**

11.1. Recommendation to Award Detailed Design, Contract Administration and Site Inspection for the Replacement of Two Culverts on Huron County Road 4, South of Wingham RFP HC 20-502 (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager - Bridges, dated August 12, 2020, titled Recommendation to Award Detailed Design, Contract Administration and Site Inspection for the Replacement of Two Culverts on Huron County Road 4, South of Wingham, RFP HC 20-502, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards Contract HC 20-502 to R.J. Burnside and Associates for a total price of \$109,127.42 including provisional site inspection and contract administration (Including Net Applicable Taxes);

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**AND FURTHER THAT:**

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute Contract HC 20-502 and all other required documents for this project.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report that outlines the services provided by the public works department in house versus services that are contracted out.

CARRIED

**12. Economic Development:**

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

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated August 12, 2020, titled Economic Development Update - July 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2. Tracking the Recovery: A Data Update (presented by Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated August 12, 2020, titled Tracking the Recovery: A Data Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3. Digital Main Street Squad Grant 2020 (presented by Brittany Wise)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated August 12, 2020, titled Digital Main Street Squad Grant as presented for information;

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Grant Agreement and all other required documents with the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association for the Digital Main Street project.

CARRIED

12.4. New Small Business Grant: Huron Recovery Grant Program (presented by Brittany Wise)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated August 12, 2020, titled New Small Business Grant: Huron Recovery Grant Program, as presented for information.

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12.5. Request for Support for ICON Funding Hay Communications. (presented by Cody Joudry)

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron understands that access to high-speed/capacity broadband is vital to municipal sustainability, economic development and diversification, and overall community and social development;

AND THEREFORE:

The Council of the County of Huron supports the application by Hay Communications for funding under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program for the Hay Communications: Rural Expansion - Crediton, Centralia, Exeter Plan.

**CARRIED**

12.6. Request for Support for ICON Funding Bell Canada Network (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron understands that access to high-speed/capacity broadband is vital to municipal sustainability, economic development and diversification, and overall community and social development;

AND THEREFORE:

The Council of the County of Huron supports the application by Bell Canada Network Planning for funding under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program to deliver Internet download speeds up to 50 Megabits per second (Mbps) and uploads of 10 Mbps to many residents and businesses in Huron County who do not currently have access to this level of service.

**DEFEATED**

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

13.1. Human Resources Work From Home Policy and Agreement (presented by Lara Vanstone)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated August 12, 2020, titled Human Resources Work From Home Policy and Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the addition of the Human Resources Work From Home Policy and Agreement to the Human Resources Policies.

**CARRIED**

Council recessed at 10:57 AM and resumed at 11:07 AM.

13.2. Amendments to the Procedural By-law - Electronic Participation and Proxy Voting (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated August 12, 2020, titled Amendment to the Procedural By-law - Electronic Participation and Proxy Voting as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs the County Clerk to draft a report to include the process to allow for Proxy voting;

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AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Amended Procedural By-law Electronic Participation procedures as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report outlining options for future County Council meetings electronically, in person or a hybrid model.

CARRIED

13.3. Attrition Management Plan Update (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from CAO Meighan Wark, dated August 12, 2020, titled Attrition Management Plan Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**14. Correspondence:**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

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. Consent Files C45-20, C46-20, and C47-20, Nine Mile Enterprises (Michael Gubesch), Plan 136 Lot 25 to Lot 30 East of Arthur Street, Lot 25 to Lot 30 West of Sydenham Street, Lot 28 to Lot 30 East of Sydenham Street, Lot 28 to Lot 30 Wellington Street, RP22R4914 Parts 2 to 6, Ashfield, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (presented by Celina Whaling-Rae)

These applications propose to sever a 9.67 acre parcel to create 5 new parcels of residential land varying in size. The applicant proposes that the newly created parcels be used for future residential use, while the retained lands be used as an existing vacant use. The applications conform to the Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the Huron County Official Plans and are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. A neighbor has submitted a letter of objection to the proposed development, due to concerns about the impact(s) of construction. The objector is requesting that the applicant construct fences along the development. The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has recommended that the applications be approved with conditions. The Department is recommending approval with conditions.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Celina Whaling-Rae, Planner, that Consent applications C45-2020, C46-2020, and C47-2020 by Michael Gubesch on behalf of Nine Mile Enterprises requesting the severance of a parcel of land for future residential use, described in Plan 136 Lot 25 to Lot 30 East of Arthur Street, Lot 25

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to Lot 30 West of Sydenham Street, Lot 28 to Lot 30 East of Sydenham Street, Lot 28 to Lot 30 Wellington Street, RP22R4914 Parts 2 to 6, Ashfield Ward, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

Consent applications C45-2020, C46-2020, and C47-2020 by Michael Gubesch on behalf of Nine Mile Enterprises requesting the severance of a parcel of land for future residential use, described in Plan 136 Lot 25 to Lot 30 East of Arthur Street, Lot 25 to Lot 30 West of Sydenham Street, Lot 28 to Lot 30 East of Sydenham Street, Lot 28 to Lot 30 Wellington Street, RP22R4914 Parts 2 to 6, Ashfield Ward, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. Public comments were received on the issues of noise pollution, light pollution, and site safety. The comments were thoroughly considered, but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the applications. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

**16. Notice of Motion:** None.

**17. By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2020-053, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend the Procedural By-law of the Council of the County of Huron;

By-law No. 2020-054, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-053 and 2020-054 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-053 and 2020-054 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-053 and 2020-054 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. 2020-053 and 2020-054 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 11:47 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

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- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Homes for the Aged;
- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board - Housing Services-Arrears;

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 Homes for the Aged Connie Townsend (Item 1), Director of Operations Steve Lund (Item 1), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Item 1), Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall (Item 2) and Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services (Item 2) remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:33 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that members of Council were updated on Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Homes for the Aged and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board - Housing Services-Arrears;

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

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

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

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

Economic Development Board - Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting.

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, September 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

**20. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-055; 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:



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By-law No. 2020-055; 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 12:35 PM to meet again on Wednesday, September 2, 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