

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
September 16, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillor MacLellan departed at 12:10 PM.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

- Item 8.1 Homelessness Task Force – Recommendation; and
- Item 18.1 Closed Session - Labour relations or employee negotiations

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for September 16, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of Council Day 1 meeting of September 2, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Huron Hospice

Huron Hospice Executive Director Willy Van Klooster, and Board Chair Jay McFarlan, requested County of Huron financial support of \$650,000 as a grant for the \$2.7 million capital campaign to expand the size of the hospice. Bryan Vincent and Christopher Walker were also in attendance on behalf of the Huron Hospice.

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the request by Huron Hospice for financial support in the amount of a \$650,000 grant towards their \$2.7 million capital campaign to expand the size of the hospice.

CARRIED

5.2. County Service Review Final Report (presented by KPMG Risk Consulting Partner Bruce Peever and KPMG Risk Consulting Manager Tyler Reavell)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Nicole Bean, GIS Technician and Service Review Project Coordinator, dated September 16, 2020 titled County of Huron Service Review Final Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Finch put his name forward for the position of Warden for 2020-2022.

Councillor Klopp stated that a resident brought forth concerns regarding the number of coyotes in Bluewater. Councillor Klopp is interested in obtaining more details on the Southwestern Integrated Fibre agreement (SWIFT) when available.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher 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. Homelessness Task Force - Recommendation (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services dated September 16, 2020, titled Homelessness Task Force Recommendation;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and/or Clerk, to execute all agreements and all other required documents as related to this Homelessness Task Force Recommendation on congregate emergency sheltering.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services:

10.1. 2021 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated September 16, 2020, titled 2021 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to set the 2021 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan targets to remain the same as those set in the 2020 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan.

CARRIED

11. Public Works:

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11.1. HC 20-54 – Supply and Delivery of Alternative Non-Liquid De-Icing Material (presented by Imran Khalid)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Imran Khalid, Engineering Project Manager - Roads, dated September 16, 2020, titled HC 20-54 – Supply and Delivery of Alternative Non-Liquid De-Icing Material, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards the tender to Cargill Salt (division of Cargill Ltd.) for Contract 20-54 for the tendered price of \$409,697.97 including net applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute Contract HC 20-54 and all other required documents for this project.

CARRIED

11.2. Recommendation to Award RFP HC 20-503 Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of Summerhill Bridge and the Replacement of Three Culverts in Huron County (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager - Bridges, dated September 16, 2020, titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 20-503 Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of Summerhill Bridge and the Replacement of Three Culverts in Huron County, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards Contract HC 20-503 to MIG Engineering Ltd. for a total price of \$118,346.88.00 including provisional site inspection and contract administration (*Including Net Applicable Taxes*);

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 surplus budget allowance be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year end results.

CARRIED

11.3. Traffic Control Report – Intersection of County Road 83 and Airport Line (presented by Mike Hausser)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works, dated September 16, 2020, titled Traffic Control Report – Intersection of CR83 & Airport Line, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs County Public Works staff to work with the municipalities of South Huron and Bluewater to develop an intersection control improvement solution in coordination with other scheduled capital projects in the vicinity;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Huron County Public Works staff report back to County Council through 2021 budget deliberation process with a traffic solution.

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11.4. Traffic Control Report – Intersection of County Road 25 and County Road 4 (presented by Mike Hausser)

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works, dated September 16, 2020, titled Traffic Control Report – Intersection of County Road 25 and County Road 4, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs County Public Works staff to work with the municipalities of Central Huron and North Huron to develop an intersection control improvement solution in coordination with local pedestrian egress options;

AND FURTHER THAT

The Huron County Public Works staff report back to Huron County Council through 2021 budget deliberation process with a set of recommended solutions.

CARRIED

11.5. Traffic Safety Report - Maynes Corners– Intersection of CR30 & CR34 (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, Director of Operations/County Engineer, dated September 16, 2020, titled Traffic Safety Report – Maynes Corners – Intersection of CR30 & CR34, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.6. Whalen Line - Proposed County Road Upload Report (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, County Engineer and Director of Operations, dated September 16, 2020, titled Whalen Line - Proposed County Road Upload Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the uploading of Whalen Line from Highway #4 to Highway #23;

AND FURTHER THAT;

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

A MOTION TO TABLE WAS INTRODUCED PRIOR TO A VOTE ON THE MOTION.

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The following motion be tabled pending a report from staff with financial information:

“The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, County Engineer and Director of Operations, dated September 16, 2020, titled Whalen Line - Proposed County Road Upload Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the uploading of Whalen Line from Highway #4 to Highway #23;

AND FURTHER THAT;

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

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:04 AM and resumed at 11:15 AM.

12. Economic Development:

12.1. Economic Development August 2020 (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated September 16, 2020, titled Economic Development Department August 2020 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2. Tracking the Recovery: Checking in on the Six Objectives (presented by Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated September 16, 2020, titled Tracking the Recovery: Checking in on the Six Objectives, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives (presented by Lara Vanstone)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated September 16, 2020, titled Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives as for information.

CARRIED

13.2. Future Council Meeting Participation (presented by Susan Cronin)

Staff will investigate options for the Inaugural meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated September 16, 2020, titled Future of Council Meeting Participation, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports Option 1 to continue conducting meetings electronically for the remaining 2020 meeting schedule of Council, Boards and Committees.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Bailey 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.

16. Notice of Motion: None.

17. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

By-law No. 2020-059, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint municipal auditors.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-059 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-059 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-059 be given a third reading in accordance with Part 13 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-059 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 Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:10 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Service Review;
2. Labour relations or employee negotiations

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (1 and 2), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (1 and 2), Treasurer & Director of Corporate Services, Michael Blumhagen (1 and 2), Clerk Susan Cronin (1 and 2), KPMG Risk Consulting Partner Bruce Peever (item 1) and KPMG Risk Consulting Manager Tyler Reavell (item 1), Director of Homes for the Aged, Connie Townsend (item 2), Director of Public Works, Steve Lund (item 2) remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:49 PM.

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- Reporting out of Closed Session: CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss two items on Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Service Review and Labour relations or employee negotiations

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of September 16, 2020 regarding the Service Review Report.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the expenditure from the County Budget for pandemic pay for the period August 14-20, 2020 for the EMS and Homes departments in the amount of \$32,600 as presented in Closed to the Public Session of September 16, 2020.

CARRIED

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, October 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:00 PM – Virtual Meeting.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-060, 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. 2020-060; 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 Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:53 PM to meet again on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

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Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin