

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
November 4, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. All members of Council were present.

1. Warden Jim Ginn called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden Ginn virtually attended the Coastal Conservation Conference and the Huron County Barn Quilt Tour which is a legacy of the International Plowing Match held in Huron County. He will be virtually attending the upcoming Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum, the Community Spaces, Faith Places Virtual Conference and the Rural Talks to Rural 2020 (R2R20) Conference.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda items 16 Closed to the Public Session # 1 and 2 were deferred to a future meeting.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for November 4, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

5. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The minutes of Council Day 2 meeting of October 21, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1. Housing Initiative - Residential Intensification Guidelines (presented by Andrea Sinclair)

Andrea Sinclair, Urban Designer for MHBC Planning Urban Design and Landscape Architecture presented the Residential Intensification Guideline which is one of the housing projects initiated by County Council in December of 2019.

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Residential Intensification Guide dated October 20, 2020 as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Residential Intensification Guide be circulated to the local municipalities for information.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Murdock informed members of the loss of Bruce Quigley, President and CEO of the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital and South Huron Hospital Association.

Councillor Grace thanked the staff of the Huron County Economic Development department for their involvement at the Mayor's speaker series hosted by the Goderich Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Bailey requested information on the Warden's Inaugural meeting. This will be reviewed under agenda 11.6.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.8:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.8 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services: None.

9. Planning and Development:

9.1. Consent File C64-2020, Estate of Dorothy Brindley, Lake Range Concession, Plan 582 Block D and Part Martin Road, Plan 590 Blocks F and G, RP 22R43313 Parts 1 to 6, Ashfield Ward, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (presented by Celina Whaling-Rae)

This application proposes to sever a 10,125 square metre parcel and retain 7,358 square metre and 7,128 square metre parcels. The applicant proposes that the severed parcel and the retained parcel to the west be used for future lakeshore residential use, while the retained parcel to the east is proposed to remain as an existing lakeshore residential use. The application conforms to the ACW and Huron County Official Plans and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. The severed parcel as proposed will not comply with the ACW Zoning By-law due to an existing barn on the parcel, and the application has outstanding concerns from the ACW Building Department. Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh is recommending that the application be approved with conditions requiring that the severed parcel be re-zoned to recognize the barn and that a Change of Use Permit be obtained. The Department is recommending approval with conditions requiring that the barn be removed.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent application C64-2020 by Doug Culbert on behalf of the Estate of Dorothy Brindley requesting the severance of a parcel of land for future lakeshore residential use, described as Lake Range Concession, Plan 582 Block D and Part Martin Road, Plan 590 Blocks F and G, RP 22R43313 Parts 1 to 6, Ashfield, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, with conditions outlined in the planning report with the exclusion of condition # 8 that the barn on the severed parcel be removed to the satisfaction of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh but the inclusion of a condition that the barn be rezoned and a Change of Use permit be obtained by the applicant to the satisfaction of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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Consent application C64-2020 by Doug Culbert on behalf of the Estate of Dorothy Brindley requesting the severance of a parcel of land for future lakeshore residential use, described as Lake Range Concession, Plan 582 Block D and Part Martin Road, Plan 590 Blocks F and G, RP 22R43313 Parts 1 to 6, Ashfield, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. No Comments were received from the public, so there was not effect on the decision. Concerns were raised from agencies on the issue of the barn on the severed parcel. The comments were addressed through a condition requiring the severed parcel to be rezoned and a Change of Use Permit to be obtained by the applicant.

CARRIED

9.2. Consent Files C58-20 and C59-20, Kyle and Lori Henderson (applicants and owners), C58-20 Part Lot 12, Lot 13, 14, 15, 16, Part Lot 17, Plan 296 C59-20 Part Lot 32, Lot 31, 30, 29, 28, Part Lot 27, Plan 296 McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Laura Simpson)

The purpose of the two severance applications C58-20 and C59-20 is to re-orient the existing two parcels of land (individually owned, respectively, by Lori Henderson and Kyle Henderson) and create three non-farm, residential lots in an Agricultural designation. Two legally conveyable parcels exist today, currently separated by a Huron East-owned road allowance, and the applications propose to create new lot lines with the condition of the closure and conveyance of the road allowance by Huron East Municipality. Four letters were received from neighbours regarding the two consent applications identifying concerns over the number of proposed lots and the severing of lots in an agricultural area. An additional letter was received after the initial Huron East Council meeting, addressed jointly from the four neighbours reiterating their concerns and objections. There is no recommendation from the local Council for the denial or approval of these applications, as both motions failed at the municipal Council meeting. The Department is recommending denial of the applications as they are not in conformity with the Huron East and Huron County Official Plans and not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent applications C58-2020 and C59-2020 by Kyle and Lori Henderson requesting the severance of two parcels of land, described as C58-20 Part Lot 12, Lot 13, 14, 15, 16, Part Lot 17, Plan 296 and C59-20 Part Lot 32, Lot 31, 30, 29, 28, Part Lot 27, Plan 296 McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East, with presented conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

Consent applications C58-2020 and C59-2020 by Kyle and Lori Henderson requesting the severance of two parcels of land, described as C58-20 Part Lot 12, Lot 13, 14, 15, 16, Part Lot 17, Plan 296 and C59-20 Part Lot 32, Lot 31, 30, 29, 28, Part Lot 27, Plan 296 McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East. Public comments were received objecting to the applications proposing to create non-farm parcels in an agricultural area. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the applications. Agency comments were received from agencies on the issue of non-compliance with the applicable policies. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the applications. Agency comments were received from agencies on the issues of obtaining the road allowance and the existing septic system. These comments were addressed through attached conditions of approval.

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9.3. Consent File C69-2020, Kenneth & Judith Shortreed, Concession 9, Lot 19, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry (presented by Jenn Burns)

The purpose of this application is to sever approximately 20 hectares (50 acres) of natural environment land with a house from approximately 60 hectares (150 acres) of farmland containing of a house, barn and silo.

The Morris Turnberry Official Plan Land Division in Natural Environment Area policies (Section 4.4) requires a minimum lot size of 38 ha (93.9 acre) for both the severed and retained parcels. This application does not meet the minimum 38 ha for the severed parcel lot size and therefore does not conform to the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan. This application was recommended for approval by Morris-Turnberry Council. The Department is recommending that the application be denied as it does not conform to the Morris-Turnberry and Huron County Official Plans and is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent application C69-20 by Kenneth and Judith Shortreed requesting a severance of land for Natural Environment and residential use on a parcel described as Concession 9, Lot 19, Morris-Turnberry with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

Consent application C69-20 by Kenneth and Judith Shortreed requesting a severance of land for Natural Environment use on a parcel described as Concession 9, Lot 19, Morris-Turnberry. No public comments were received in response to this application, so there was no effect on the decision. Comments were received from the Planning Department identifying the issue of there being no policy to sever the proposed undersized Natural Environment parcel. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.4. Consent File C70-2020, Ross & Wilma Higgins/Bruce Higgins & Sean Cook, Lot 10, Concession 3, Morris Ward, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry (presented by Jenn Burns)

This application is for the creation of a new lot under the surplus farm residence policies. The land to be severed is approximately 2.11 acres (0.85 ha) and contains a mobile home (which is to be removed). The land to be retained is approximately 97.72 acres (39.5 ha) of farmland and contains a barn used for storage by the owner of the farm. The Department recommends that the application be denied, as the residence on the property (mobile home) has been deemed not to be habitable and therefore the application does not conform with the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan. Morris-Turnberry Council has recommended approval of the subject application.

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent Application C70-2020 by Bruce Higgins and Sean Cook on behalf of Ross & Wilma Higgins requesting the severance of a parcel of land for residential use described as Concession 3 (South Half) Lot 10, with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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Consent File C70-2020, Ross & Wilma Higgins/Bruce Higgins & Sean Cook, Lot 10, Concession 3, Morris Ward, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry. No public comments were received in response to this application, so no effect on decision. Comments were received from the Planning Department identifying the issue of severing a non-habitable residence. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.5. Consent File C60/20, Heike Hofman for Doug and Sharon Swan, Part Lots 2 & 3, Concession 18, Township of Howick (presented by Jenn Burns)

This application proposes to sever a surplus farm residence from the remaining farmland. The subject residence is surplus to the farmer's needs, as the owner has another farm parcel located in Howick Township.

The proposed severed parcel is 4 acres (1.6 hectares) and contains a residence, sheds and barn. The proposed retained parcel is 96 acres (38 hectares) of vacant farmland with some natural environment features to the rear of the property.

The application meets the criteria for the surplus farm residence policies, with the exception of the criteria that the amount of farmland going with the severed parcel is kept to a minimum size needed for residential purposes. The Department is recommending a condition that would reduce the size of the severed parcel to a maximum of 2.5 acres (1.01 hectares) to minimize the amount of farmland being taken out of production. The Township of Howick recommended approval of the application without the condition to require the severed parcel to be reduced in size.

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent application C60-2020 by Heike Hofman on behalf of Doug and Sharon Swan requesting a surplus residence severance on lands described as Part Lots 2 & 3, Concession 18, Township of Howick, with presented conditions excluding Condition # 8 to require the severed parcel be reduced in size.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

Consent File C60/20, Heike Hofman for Doug and Sharon Swan, Part Lots 2 & 3, Concession 18, Township of Howick. No public comments were received in response to this application, so there was no effect on the decision. Comments were received from the Planning Department identifying the issue of creating an oversized residential parcel in the agricultural area. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application without Condition #8 to require the severed lands to be reduced in size to a 2.5 acre (1.01 hectare) parcel.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

10.1. Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report - November 2020 (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Interim Director of Cultural Services, dated November 4, 2020, titled Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report – November 2020, as presented for information;

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AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report and recommendation of the Huron County Museum's Collections Committee that M967.0058.001, M960.0177.001, M950.1437.001, M958.0016.001 and the X numbered pulpit be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1. Huron County Mutual Assistance Agreement (presented by David Clarke)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by David Clarke, Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), Emergency Manager, dated November 4, 2020, titled Huron County Mutual Assistance Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and County Clerk to execute the Huron County Mutual Assistance Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron repeals By-law 2006-04.

CARRIED

11.2. Update on Sale of 38 North St, Goderich (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated November 4, 2020 titled Update on Sale of 38 North St, Goderich, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3. Waste Management Reserve (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated November 4, 2020, titled Waste Management Reserve, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to reduce the Waste Management Reserve to \$500,000 and the remaining \$ 1,739,480.10 funds be transferred to General Reserve for Contingency.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE VOTE:

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The "General Reserve" be amended to "Road Department Reserve".

CARRIED

The main motion was adopted as follows:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated November 4, 2020, titled Waste Management Reserve, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to reduce the Waste Management Reserve to \$500,000 and the remaining \$ 1,739,480.10 funds be transferred to Roads Department Reserve for Contingency.

CARRIED

11.4. County of Huron – Reserve Policy (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt 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 November 4, 2020, titled County of Huron – Reserve Policy, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the changes to the County Reserve accounts, as presented including the Waste Management Reserve funds to the Roads Department Reserve for Contingency;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the County of Huron Reserve Policy FN 5.11, as amended.

CARRIED

11.5. County of Huron – Asset Management Funding Strategy (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated November 4, 2020, titled County of Huron – Asset Management Funding Strategy, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the asset management funding strategy as recommended with a base annual levy increase of 2.5% dedicated for capital purposes.

CARRIED

11.6. Inaugural Council Meeting 2020 (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated November 4, 2020, titled Inaugural Council Meeting 2020 as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the meeting of December 2, 2020 for the Inaugural Council/Warden's Election be held virtually at 9:00 AM;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Election of the Warden to be conducted using electronic voting process.

CARRIED

11.7. Strategic Priorities Chart - October 2020 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO, Meighan Wark, dated November 4, 2020, titled Strategic Priorities - October 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

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Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports the request from the Town of Goderich: That Goderich Town Council requests the County of Huron financially support the COVID-19 Assessment Testing sites located in the Town of Goderich to a maximum of \$6,000 per year;

And that Goderich Town Council financially supports the COVID-19 Assessment Testing sites to a maximum of \$6,000.00 per year through the Grants to Groups Budget (pro-rated between the 2 centres in the 2020 budget year).

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

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. Community Paramedicine - COVID-19 Community Care Team (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated November 4, 2020, titled Community Paramedicine – COVID-19 Community Care Team as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the re-implementation of a Community Paramedicine – COVID-19 Community Care Team as outlined for a term not to exceed April 30, 2021.

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2020-065, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Finch Chevrolet for HC 20-1208 for Three Crew Cab Pickup Trucks;

By-law No. 2020-066, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Advanced Construction Equipment for HC 20-1209;

By-law No. 2020-067, 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. 2020-068, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to establish the Reduced Road Maintenance Standard service level on a temporary basis within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the County of Huron.

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Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-065, 2020-066, 2020-067 and 2020-068, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-065, 2020-066, 2020-067 and 2020-068, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-065, 2020-066, 2020-067 and 2020-068, 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. 2020-065, 2020-066, 2020-067 and 2020-068, 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 Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:01 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board – 38 North Street;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

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

CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local Board- 38 North Street, Goderich.

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, November 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.
Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

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Inaugural Council (Election of Warden) - Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-069 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. 2020-069, 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 Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:13 PM to meet again on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin