

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
October 21, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. All members of Council were present. Councillor Murdock departed at 1:13 PM. Councillor Grace departed at 1:23 PM.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

Warden Ginn stated the agenda was amended with the following items on October 20, 2020:

- Agenda Item #12.5 Huron County Tourism Work Plan Fall/Winter (presented by Rick Sickinger): Added to the Agenda.
- Agenda Item # 13.4 County of Huron – Asset Management Funding Strategy: Removed and deferred to the November 4, 2020 Council Day 1 meeting.
- Agenda Item #18 Closed to the Public Session: Item 4 - Closed to the Public Session amended to remove Greg Stewart and add Nick Van Allen.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for October 21, 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 Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The minutes of Council Day 1 meeting of October 7, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1 Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum (presented by Vicki Lass and Alexander Ripley)

Vicki Lass, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor Huron, Perth and Waterloo for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Alex Ripley, Huron County Economic Development Officer are co-organizing the 2020 Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum. They provided an overview on the Forum and asked Councillors to "save the date".

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Vicki Lass, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor Huron, Perth and Waterloo, OMAFRA and Alex Ripley, Huron County Economic Development Officer, dated October 21, 2020, titled the

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2020 Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum, as presented for information.

CARRIED

- 5.2. Social Research and Planning Council (SRPC) (presented by Kathy Vassilakos and Susanna Reid)

Representing the Social Research and Planning Council, Kathy Vassilakos, Co-Chair and Susanna Reid, Director of Planning requested \$30,000 from Huron County in 2021 to match the per capita contribution of Perth, Stratford and St. Marys.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the delegation by Co-Chair Kathy Vassilakos, and Director of Planning Susanna Reid for the Social Research and Planning Council, on October 21, 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to prepare a report, which includes assistance currently provided by the County of Huron, including in-kind assistance, regarding the request for financial support by the Social Research and Planning Council.

CARRIED

6. **Councillor's Issues:** None.

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

Emergency Medical Services Chief Jeff Horseman indicated that there was a typographical error in the report for the Condition Yellow incident on August 13, 2020. It should have stated "lasted for 80 minutes" not 800 minutes.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. **Social and Property Services:**

9. **Homes for the Aged:**

- 9.1. Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase of Resident Ceiling Lifts-Tub Rooms Huronlea (presented by Connie Townsend)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Angela Hartin, Director of Care, Huronview Home for the Aged and Dana Mellor, Acting Director of Care, Huronlea Home for the Aged, dated October 21, 2020, titled Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase of Resident Ceiling Lifts for Tub Rooms, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Huronlea Home for the Aged be approved to utilize the sole sourcing procurement method to purchase three resident ceiling lifts with scale attachment from Arjo for a quoted price of \$13,950.

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9.2. Request for Sole Sourcing for Purchase of Resident Ceiling Lifts-Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Angela Hartin, Director of Care, Huronview Home for the Aged and Dana Mellor, Acting Director of Care, Huronlea Home for the Aged, dated October 21, 2020, titled Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase of Resident Ceiling Lifts-Homes for the Aged, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Huronview Home for the Aged be approved to utilize the sole sourcing procurement method to purchase seven resident ceiling lifts from Arjo for a quoted price of \$56,000;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Huronlea Home for the Aged be approved to utilize the sole sourcing procurement method to purchase six resident ceiling lifts from Arjo for a quoted price of \$48,000.

CARRIED

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works:

11.1. Tender Results for Tender HC 20-1208 - Three Crew Cab Pickup Trucks (presented by Donald Hastings)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Donald Hastings Fleet Supervisor, dated October 21, 2020, titled Tender Results for Tender HC 20-1208 Three Crew Cab Pickup Trucks, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the recommendation to award HC 20-1208 to Finch Chevrolet for a total of \$136,393.00 including net applicable taxes (1.76%) for the purchase of Three (3) Pickup Trucks at a cost of \$45,464.33 each;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Fleet Supervisor to endorse the required documentation for the delivery and licensing of the units purchased through tender HC 20-1208 including related invoices.

CARRIED

11.2. Tender Results for Tender HC 20-1209 – One Rubber Tired Backhoe Loader (presented by Donald Hastings)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Donald Hastings Fleet Supervisor, dated October 21, 2020, titled Tender Results for Tender HC 20-1209 One Rubber Tired Backhoe Loader, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the recommendation to award HC 20-1209 to Advanced Construction Equipment at the tendered price of \$149,332.80 including net applicable taxes (1.76%) for One 4 Wheel Drive Rubber Tired Backhoe Loader;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Fleet Supervisor to execute the required documentation for the delivery of the unit purchased through tender HC 20-1209 including related invoices.

CARRIED

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11.3. Reduced Road Maintenance Standard (presented by Mike Hausser and David Clarke)

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The County of Huron Council receives the report by Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works and David Clarke, Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), Emergency Manager, dated October 21, 2020, titled Reduced Road Maintenance Standard, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron passes a by-law adopting Ontario Regulation 239/02: Minimum Maintenance Standard for Municipal Highways as the level of service provided on County Roads owned and maintained by Huron County Public Works unless a Reduced Road Maintenance Standard is declared on a temporary basis under the conditions outlined in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT

The County of Huron Public Works Manager or the Road Superintendent be authorized to declare a Reduced Road Maintenance Standard on a temporary basis in the case of a major Human Health event impacting essential staff, or a significant incident damaging critical infrastructure necessary to maintain operations.

CARRIED

11.4. Fleet Fuel Supply – Recommendation to Renew Contract (presented by Mike Hausser)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works dated October 21, 2020, titled Fleet Fuel Supply – Recommendation to Renew Contract, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the two (2) year renewal option as per tender RFT-2017-31 awarded to Ultramar Energy (formerly Parkland Fuel Corporation) Harriston, Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Warden and County Clerk of the Corporation of the County of Huron are hereby authorized to execute any required documentation for the renewal of RFT-2017-31 awarded to Ultramar Energy (formerly known as Parkland Fuel Corporation) Harriston, Ontario.

CARRIED

11.5. Whalen Line - Proposed County Road- Supplementary Report (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The following motion tabled at the Huron County Council meeting of September 16, 2020 be raised from the table:

"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:

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

CARRIED

This motion was moved and seconded on September 16, 2020 and must be considered prior considering the new recommendation:

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.

DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated October 21, 2020, titled Whalen Line - Proposed County Road Upload Supplementary Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

12.1. Economic Development Update – September 2020 (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator dated October 21, 2020, titled Economic Development Update - September 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2. In-Home Child Care Development Program (presented by Patrick Donnelly)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Patrick Donnelly, Entrepreneurship Business Coach, dated October 21, 2020, titled In-Home Child Care Development Program, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3. Goderich to Guelph Trail – Regional Tourism Organization 4 (RTO4) Memorandum of Understanding Funding (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated October 21, 2020 titled the Goderich to Guelph Trail – RTO4 MOU Funding report, as presented for information;

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AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes staff to provide consent to RTO4 to utilize the remaining G2G related funds as part of the MOU with the County, once G2G Inc. has confirmed it has secured the required remaining funds to construct a tunnel underneath Huron County Highway 25;

AND FURTHER THAT;

Staff be directed to support G2G Inc. as it relates to the tunneling project to ensure the project is successful and safe.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:59 AM and resumed at 11:09 AM

12.4. Supporting Local Economic Development (SLED) 2020 Applications (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated October 21, 2020, titled Supporting Local Economic Development (SLED) 2020 Applications, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to approve the SLED grants as recommended in this report.

CARRIED

12.5. Huron County Tourism Work Plan Fall/Winter (presented by Rick Sickinger)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Rick Sickinger, Acting Tourism Officer, dated October 21, 2020, titled Huron County Tourism Work Plan Fall/Winter, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Communications Team: Responding to COVID-19 (presented by Erin Samuella)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Erin Samuella, Corporate Communications Specialist, dated October 21, 2020, titled Communications Team: Responding to COVID-19, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2. Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Bailey 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 October 21, 2020, titled Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.3. Approval for Early 2021 Procurement (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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Moved by: Councillor Watt 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 October 21, 2020, titled Approval for Early 2020 Procurement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves that Public Works, Homes for the Aged, and Social and Property Services be authorized to procure up to 80% of their 2020 capital budgets prior to the 2021 Budget approval.

CARRIED

13.4. Huron Hospice - Capital Funding Request (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan 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 October 21, 2020, titled Huron Hospice – Funding Request, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron not approve the Huron Hospice capital funding request in the amount of \$650,000.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor McNeil and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports the resolution from the County of Wellington regarding the assessment of aggregate resource properties.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor McNeil

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports the resolution from the Township of Asphodel-Norwood - Cannabis Production Facilities and the resolution from the Municipality of Tweed - Cannabis Production Facilities.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch 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. Public Meeting for Plan of Subdivision Application File 40T20003, Part of Lot 39, Concession 1, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron, Applicant - Robin Lawrie on Behalf of 2596832 Ontario Ltd. (presented by Sandra Weber)

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A member of Council is required to attend a joint public meeting of the County of Huron and the Municipality of Central Huron for a Plan of Subdivision application on Part of Lot 39, Concession 1, West Ward, Central Huron. The application is from Robin Lawrie on behalf of 2596832 Ontario Ltd. and proposes to create 13 lots for low density residential development in the Area North of Bayfield in Central Huron. The public meeting for this application is scheduled for Monday November 16, 2020 at 5:00p.m. at the Libro Hall, located in Clinton. The meeting is proposed to be a hybrid meeting (virtual and physical) but may be subject to change as per public health protocols.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Councillor MacLellan be appointed to represent County Council at the public meeting for Plan of Subdivision File 40T20003, Municipality of Central Huron.

CARRIED

16. Notice of Motion: None.

17. By-law: None.

18. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:33 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Non-union employees mandate for 2021;
2. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Ontario Nursing Association – Homes for the Aged;
3. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE4513) - Emergency Services;
4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – CAO Performance Appraisal Review;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1, 2 & 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2 & 3), Treasurer and Director of Corporate Affairs Mike Blumhagen (Items 1, 2 & 3), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Items 1, 2 & 3), and Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Items 1, 2 & 3) remain in attendance;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Clerk Susan Cronin delegates the Clerk's authorities to Nick Van Allen, Donnelly Murphy Lawyers, who shall remain in attendance for Item 4.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 1:22 PM.

- Reporting out of Closed Session – Warden Ginn stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss three items on labour relations or employee negotiations: non-union employees mandate for 2021; Ontario Nursing Association – Homes for the Aged; and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE4513)- Emergency Services; and to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – CAO Performance Appraisal Review

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, November 4, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

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.

Inaugural Council (Election of Warden) - Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 1:00 PM - Virtual Meeting.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-0464 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. 2020-064, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Warden Ginn gave notice that Council will be considering amendments to the Huron County Procedural By-law on November 4, 2020

21. Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 1:24 PM to meet again on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Jim Ginn

Clerk Susan Cronin