

**INAUGURAL MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual  
December 2, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 9:02 AM.

**1. CAO Meighan Wark called the Inaugural meeting to order and welcomed members of Huron County Council and their guests:**

Warden Ginn thanked staff for their dedication especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CAO Wark thanked Warden Ginn for his strong leadership over the past 4 years.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Inaugural meeting of Council agenda for December 2, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof: None.**

**4. Order of Business:**

**Inaugural**

**4.1 Election of Warden:**

CAO Meighan Wark and Clerk Susan Cronin proceeded with the Election of Warden for 2021-2022 as set out in the County of Huron Procedural By-law No. 2020-067.

CAO Wark called for nominations for the position of Warden for 2021-2022.

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

Councillor McNeil, from the Municipality of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, be nominated as a candidate for Warden for 2021-2022.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

Councillor Finch, from the Municipality of South Huron, be nominated as a candidate for Warden for 2021-2022.

CAO Wark called two more times for nominations for Warden of Huron County for 2021-2022.

**4.2 CAO Wark requested a motion stating nominations closed.**

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The nominations for the position of Warden for 2021-2022 be closed.

CARRIED

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4.3 CAO Wark called on the nominated candidates to address County Council for 5 minutes maximum per candidate in the reverse order of nomination.

Councillor Finch addressed Council.

Councillor McNeil addressed Council.

4.4 CAO Wark and Clerk Cronin conducted the vote electronically by secret ballot for the Warden of Huron County for 2021-2022. Members of the public were put on hold during this portion of the meeting. The Electronic Election was conducted with the use of the Zoom polling function. The names of the two Councillors nominated were included in the voting tool in alphabetical order.

4.5 CAO Wark called for a Motion to declare the duly elected Warden for Huron County for 2021-2022.

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

Glen McNeil, County Councillor from the Municipality of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, be elected as Warden of the County of Huron for 2021-2022; and until his successor is appointed.

CARRIED

4.6 CAO Wark administered the Declaration of Office to the newly elected Warden for 2021-2022 electronically. Clerk Cronin commissioned the affidavit.

4.7 The newly elected Warden will be presented the Chain of Office, the Gavel, and the Warden's Pin at a future date.

4.8 CAO Wark formally turned the meeting over to newly elected Warden McNeil.

4.9 Warden McNeil spoke briefly thanking Council for the honour of being elected Warden of Huron County for 2021-2022.

4.10 The Warden introduced his wife Vanda and other members of his family. He thanked the staff of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh for their support.

4.11. Councillor Watt, Deputy Mayor of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, spoke briefly, offering congratulations on behalf of the staff of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

4.12 Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce M.P.P. and Minister of Government and Consumer Services, brought greetings from the Province of Ontario and congratulations to Warden McNeil.

Ben Lobb, Huron-Bruce M.P. brought greetings from the Government of Canada and congratulations to Warden McNeil.

4.13 Appointment of Striking Committee: According to Procedural By-law No. 2021-067, the Striking Committee will consist of the following:

- Warden
- Immediate Past Warden
- One Councillor – Appointee of the Warden

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- CAO Meighan Wark

4.14 The Warden called for a Motion appointing the Striking Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The appointment of the 2021-2022 Striking Committee consisting of Warden McNeil, Immediate Past Warden Ginn, Councillor Dietrich and CAO Meighan Wark be approved.

CARRIED

4.15 The Warden announced the Council meeting will recess at 10:10 AM. The meeting resumed at 10:55 AM. At this time all members of Council, staff and public are asked to re-join the meeting.

4.16 Report of the Striking Committee to be read by CAO Wark.

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Report of the Striking Committee be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4.17 By-laws:

By-law No. 2020-072 being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint members to various Boards and Committees.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-law:

By-law No. 2020-072, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint members to various Boards and Committees.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-072, be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-072, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-072, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 14 of the Procedural Bylaw for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. No. 2020-072, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

4.18 Arrangement of Upcoming Meetings:

- Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM – Virtual Meeting

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- Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting
- Council Day 2 - Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

**5. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-073, 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. 2020-073, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

**6. 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 11:03 AM to meet again on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

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Warden Glen McNeil

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County Clerk Susan Cronin