

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
December 16, 2020

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Councillor Grace joined at 9:37 AM. Councillor Watt left at 11:04 AM and returned at 11:16 AM.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for December 16, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of the Previous Sessions:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting of November 25, 2020 and the Inaugural Council meeting of December 2, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Growth Planning Best Practices Guide (presented by Lisa Courtney, Bruce Potter, Dale Erb from BM Ross and Associates)

Lisa Courtney, Bruce Potter and Dale Erb from BM Ross and Associates presented the Growth Planning Best Practices Guide. The decision requested by staff is that County Council approve the Growth Planning Best Practices Guide and distribute to the local municipalities to be used as a resource of concepts and best practices related to planning for growth.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a Terms of Reference report with next steps to a cross servicing agreement project with Huron County Municipalities.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Growth Planning Best Practices Guide dated November 25, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Guide be circulated to the local municipalities for information.

CARRIED

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5.2. Rural Response to COVID-19 Residents' Survey (presented by Leith Deacon)

Leith Deacon, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph School of Environmental Design and Rural Development presented the findings of the Rural Response to COVID-19 Residents' Survey.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to present the Rural Response to COVID-19 Residents' survey results to the Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addiction and the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce M.P.P. and Minister of Government and Consumer Services.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Leith Deacon, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph School of Environment Design and Rural Development on the Rural Response to COVID-19 Residents' Survey, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Issues:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs the Public Works Department to install rumble strips at the intersection of Airport Line and County Road 83.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs Public Works Department to move the 90 KM speed sign on County Road 83 from the east side of Airport Line to the west side of Airport Line.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

A letter of appreciation be sent to Dr. Klassen and Huron-Perth Public Health staff for all their work during the COVID-19;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A letter of appreciation be sent to all staff of the Corporation of the County of Huron thanking them for their work during COVID-19.

CARRIED

Councillor MacLellan suggested that the County investigate opportunities to purchase any special COVID-19 equipment/supplies that may be sold by the Province and could be stored for future use or donated to the Canadian Red Cross when no longer needed.

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests a letter be sent to the Province expressing concerns with Schedule 6 of Bill 229 – Conservation Authorities Act and asking the Province to revisit the Bill;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The letter be forwarded to all Huron County municipalities.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.8:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.8 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

Councillor Jewitt thanked Past Warden Ginn on behalf of the staff of Central Huron for his great work as Warden for the past 4 years.

Council recessed at 11:05 AM and returned at 11:15 AM

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Rapid Housing Initiative (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated December 16, 2020, titled Rapid Housing Initiative as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the submission of the application to the Federal government for Rapid Housing Initiative funding;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The architectural firm of Allan Avis Architects Inc. be authorized as the vendor to sole source the design development, construction documents, bidding and construction phase services;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A By-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to fully execute:

1) the application and other documents for the Rapid Housing Initiative;

2) the contract and all other documents for Allan Avis Architects Inc. as sole source vendor;

3) the Contribution Agreement with the federal government and all other documents pertaining to the federal government regarding the Rapid Housing Initiative.

AND FURTHER THAT:

This decision be ratified and effective December 16, 2020.

CARRIED

8.2. Supportive Housing Build (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated December 16, 2020, titled Supportive Housing Build, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.3. Disaster Response Agreement with the Canadian Red Cross Society – Extension (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated December 16, 2020, titled Disaster Response Agreement with the Canadian Red Cross Society - Extension as presented for information;
AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Disaster Response Agreement - Extension with the Canadian Red Cross Society and any other required documents.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services:

10.1 Brussels Paramedic Post Report (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated December 16, 2020, titled Brussels Paramedic Post Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron recommends staffing option #1 maintaining Brussels;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to formally investigate building option #1 and option #2 with the Municipality of Huron East and provide a further report to Huron County Council for further consideration.

CARRIED

10.2 Mobile Workforce Strategy Phase 1 (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief, Emergency Services, dated December 16, 2020, titled Mobile Workforce Strategy Phase 1 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11. Public Works: None.

12. Economic Development:

12.1. Economic Development Department November 2020 Update (presented by Reanne Clark)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

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

CARRIED

12.2. Huron County Immigration Partnership Anti-racism Initiatives (presented by Kristin Crane)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Kristin Crane, Immigration Partnership Coordinator, dated December 16, 2020, titled Huron County Immigration Partnership Anti-racism Initiatives, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Social Research and Planning Council – Funding Request (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated December 16, 2020, titled Social Research and Planning Council - Funding Request, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Social Research and Planning Council's funding request of \$30,000.

CARRIED

13.2. General Insurance and Risk Management Services for the Term January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022 (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated December 16, 2020 titled General Insurance and Risk Management Services for the Term January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation to proceed with Frank Cowan Company for the General Insurance and Risk Management Services for the Term January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022 at the submitted price of \$851,689;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services to execute the required documentation for the January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022 insurance program.

CARRIED

13.3. Electronic Council Meetings 2021 (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated December 16, 2020, titled Electronic Council Meetings 2021, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports conducting meetings electronically for the 2021 meeting schedule of all Council, Boards and Committees until an approved motion of Council amends this decision.

CARRIED

13.4. Update# 2 to User Fees and Service Charges (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated December 16, 2020, titled Update # 2 to User Fees and Service Charges;
AND FURTHER THAT:

The proposed amendments be included in the by-law for the December 16, 2020 regular meeting of County Council Day 2.

CARRIED

13.5. Strategic Priorities Chart - December 2020 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO, Meighan Wark, dated December 16, 2020, titled Strategic Priorities – December 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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 Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

By-law No. 2020-074, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to establish User Fees and Service Charges;

By-law No. 2020-075, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to the Warden and Clerk to execute documents for the Rapid Housing Initiative Project;

By-law No. 2020-076, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of an extension contribution agreement with The Canadian Red Cross Society;

By-law No. 2020-077, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize an agreement with the Municipality of Huron East;

By-law No. 2020-078, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to enter into an agreement with Frank Cowan Company for General Insurance and Risk Management.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

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By-law No. 2020-074, 2020-075, 2020-076, 2020-077, and 2020-078 be given first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2020-074, 2020-075, 2020-076, 2020-077, and 2020-078 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2020-074, 2020-075, 2020-076, 2020-077, and 2020-078 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. 2020-074, 2020-075, 2020-076, 2020-077, and 2020-078 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 Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:19 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Planning and Development AG4 designation;
2. A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization - SWIFT Project;
3. 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 & 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2 & 3), Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen (Items 1, 2 & 3), Director of Planning and Development Sandra Weber (Item 1), Donnelly Murphy Law Solicitor Greg Stewart (Items 1 & 2), Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry (Item 2), Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall (Item 3) and Housing Service Manager Christine Hoffman, remain in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:53 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session - CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss three items: Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Planning and Development AG4 designation; A trade secret or scientific,

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technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization - SWIFT Project; 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.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of December 16, 2020.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron gives authorization to the Warden and Clerk for the execution and delivery of the Guarantee to TD Bank to finalize Phase 3 line of credit to Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to begin processing N4 eviction notices for nonpayment of rent to community housing tenants effective January 2021, and proceed with enforcement of Landlord Tenant Board Eviction Orders effective January 2021.

CARRIED

19. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting.

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, January 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-079; 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. 2020-079; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

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21. Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:57 PM to meet again on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin