

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
January 6, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. All members of Council were present. Councillor Grace departed at 12:25 PM. Councillor Bailey departed at 1:03 PM.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil extended his appreciation to staff and Past Warden Ginn for assisting in his transition to Warden. He informed Council that he has met with two incoming Huron County OPP Staff Sergeants. He has been attending regular meetings with Medical Officer of Health Miriam Klassen and Huron-Bruce M.P.P. and Minister of Government and Consumer Services, Lisa Thompson. Warden McNeil thanked County Council for supporting local charities in lieu of the annual gift exchange/donation program

3. Approval of Agenda:

Warden McNeil stated that there was an amendment to the agenda. Planner Craig Metzger will be presenting agenda item 9.2.

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for January 6, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting on December 16, 2020 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None

7. Councillor's Issues:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report for presentation to the Finance Committee on insurance rates and opportunities across the County including both the County and Lower Tiers;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Finance Committee report this information to the Council of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

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Councillor Ginn outlined concerns for citizens due to COVID fatigue and the need for citizens to have events to attend, that follow Huron Perth Public Health guidelines, during the winter months. He suggested each local municipality host one event. Warden McNeil will work with the Communications Team inviting each local municipality to host an event during the winter season.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.7:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.7 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1. C81-2020 – Peter Hiebert (Owner and Applicant) Lot 178, Plan 265, Hensall Ward, Municipality of Bluewater (presented by Hanna Holman)

The purpose of the application is for the creation of a new lot. The subject property is approximately 812 square metres (8,747 square feet) with 18 metres (58.8 feet) of frontage along King Street. The subject lands are currently under construction for a semi-detached dwelling. The semi-detached dwelling has been granted a building permit, as semi-detached dwellings are permitted as a right under the current zoning (R2) and the development meets all of the relevant zone provisions set in the Bluewater Zoning By-law. This application is seeking to create a new lot so that each unit of the semi-attached dwelling can be on a separate lot and conveyed separately. The proposed severed and retained lots will be 406 square metres (4,373.5 square feet) with a proposed frontage of 9 metres (29.4 feet) along King Street. The proposed severance is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the Huron County and Bluewater Official Plans.

Concerns about the proposed severance have been raised by four neighbours. The comments include concerns about privacy, the separate ownership and maintenance of each unit, lot sizes and compatibility, and the impact of the semi-detached construction on adjacent property access and runoff. Some of the concerns were able to be addressed by recommended conditions of consent including that a privacy fence be installed and that a dry well be installed in the rear yards for each lot.

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater recommended that the application be approved, subject to the conditions contained within the planning report. The Planning Department recommends approval subject to conditions.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Hanna Holman, Planner, that Consent application C81-2020 by Peter Hiebert requesting the creation of a new lot on the subject lands described as Lot 178, Plan 265, Hensall Ward, Municipality of Bluewater, be approved subject to the attached conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Consent application C81-2020, Peter Hiebert (Owner and Applicant) requesting a severance of the lands described as Lot 178, Plan 265, Hensall Ward, Municipality of Bluewater. Public comments were received on the issues of privacy, the separate maintenance of each unit, compatibility, and the impact of construction. Comments were

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thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision approve the application.

CARRIED

9.2. Consent File C79-2020 by Isaac Bueckert (owner)/ Robert DeForest (applicant) Plan 192, Lots 290-295, Part Reserve Walnut Street and Reference Plan 22R6304 Parts 3, and 5-7, Brussels, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Craig Metzger)

The purpose of this application is to sever land and enlarge an abutting property to the west, a residential parcel that contains a single detached house. The land to be severed is approximately 0.1 acres and is vacant. The land to be retained is approximately 1.65 acres and contains an existing house, grain bin and several sheds. The application conforms to the Huron East and Huron County Official Plans and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. Three (3) letters were received from neighbouring landowners objecting to the proposed severance and identifying concerns including the parking and storage of RVs and travel trailers, increased traffic, and Sourcewater Protection. The Municipality of Huron East has recommended that the application be approved. The application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the Huron County and Huron East Official Plans, and the Planning and Development Department recommends the application be approved with conditions.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Laura Simpson, Planner, that Consent application C79-2020 by Isaac Bueckert (owner)/ Robert DeForest (applicant) requesting the severance of a parcel of land for lot enlargement, described as Plan 192, Lots 290-295, Part Reserve Walnut Street and Reference Plan 22R6304 Parts 3, and 5-7, Brussels, Municipality of Huron East be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Consent File C79-2020 by Isaac Bueckert (owner)/ Robert DeForest (applicant) requesting the severance of a parcel of land for lot enlargement, described as Plan 192, Lots 290-295, Part Reserve Walnut Street and Reference Plan 22R6304 Parts 3, and 5-7, Brussels, Municipality of Huron East. Public comments were received objecting to the abutting property as a home business, increased traffic, and Sourcewater Protection. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision approve the application.

CARRIED

9.3. Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) on Consent Files C58-20 and C59-20, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to arrange to have Greg Stewart, County Solicitor, attend an upcoming County Council meeting to discuss next steps for the appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) for Consent Files C58-20 and C59-20.

CARRIED

9.4. Councillor Request - Plan of Subdivision Public Meeting, Municipality of South Huron (presented by Craig Metzger)

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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 South Huron for a Plan of Subdivision application. The application proposes ninety-two single detached dwellings and twenty-five street townhouse dwellings for a total of 117 dwelling units along with a proposed block for an additional seventy-one units in a future townhouse condominium development. The public meeting for this application is scheduled for Monday, February 8th, 2021 at 6:00 pm. At this point, the meeting is proposed to be a virtual meeting but may be subject to change as per public health protocols; the date may change subject to local Council finalizing their draft 2021 meeting schedule.

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

Councillor Grace be appointed to represent County Council at the public meeting for Plan of Subdivision File 40T20006, Municipality of South Huron.

CARRIED

9.5. Approval of Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) Application (presented by Lily Morrow)

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Lily Morrow, Climate Change and Energy Specialist, dated January 6, 2021 titled Approval of Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) Application, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services: None.

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1. 2021 Borrowing By-Law (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated January 6, 2021, titled 2021 Borrowing By-Law, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves a by-law be prepared to authorize the County of Huron to borrow up to the amount of \$4,000,000 to meet current expenditures for the Municipality in 2021.

CARRIED

11.2. Procedural By-law Review (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report presented by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated January 6, 2021, titled Procedural By-law Review, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 9:59 AM and resumed at 10:07 AM

11.3. 2021 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations

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Consolidated (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
Corporate Departments (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
Economic Development (presented by Cody Joudry)
Planning and Development (presented by Sandra Weber)
Human Resources (presented by Lara Vanstone)
Library and Cultural Services (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the 2021 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations, dated January 6, 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 12.9 Township of Howick resolution and background information re: Tile Drainage Installation Act.

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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.

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-001, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-001, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-001, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

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By-law No. 2021-001, 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. 2021-001, 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:

Council recessed at 1:03 PM and resumed at 1:10 PM.

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 1:10 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Emergency Medical Services (EMS);
2. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) - Homes;
3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1, 2 & 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2 & 3), Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services (Items 1, 2 & 3), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Items 1 & 2), Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Items 1 & 2), Director of Operations Steve Lund (Item 1), EMS Chief Jeff Horseman (Item 1), Director of Homes for the Aged Connie Townsend (Item 2), and Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry (Item 3), remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 1:43 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss two items on labour relations or employee negotiations, and to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of Huron County approves the Collective Agreement with the County of Huron Emergency Services - CUPE4513;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden, Clerk, CAO, Director of Human Resources and Senior Manager of Human Resources to sign and execute the agreement with Emergency Services - CUPE4513 on behalf of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of January 6, 2021.

CARRIED

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

As per the County's COVID-19 response protocols, all Council and Committee meetings are being held virtually.

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

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-002, 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. 2021-002; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

19. Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 1:47 PM to meet again on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin