

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
January 20, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. All members of Council were present. Councillor Bailey joined the meeting at 9:25 AM. Councillor Watt left the meeting at 1:06 PM.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

Warden McNeil stated that there were amendments to the agenda:

Additions

- Item 14.6 Correspondence from Larry and Donna Shapton re: Airport Line and Hwy 83 – Installation of Rumble Strips
- Item 17 By-law 2021-003 – The contract has been added

Item 13.1 2021 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations - Huron Perth Public Health will be presented under Item 5.1 Delegations/Petitions/Presentations.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for January 20, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting on January 6, 2021 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

13.1 Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) 2020-2022 Budget (presented by Julie Pauli)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services (HPPH), dated January 20, 2021 titled Huron Perth Public Health 2020-2022 Budget, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.1 Huron Entrepreneur Fund (presented by Huron Entrepreneur Fund Team)

Huron Entrepreneur Fund Steering Committee members John Marshall, John Kiser, Jim Lynn and Paul Nichol provided information to Council on the Huron Entrepreneur Fund.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by John Marshall, John Kiser, Jim Lynn and Paul Nichol dated January 20, 2021 titled Huron Entrepreneur Fund, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron endorses the Huron Entrepreneur Fund initiative.
CARRIED

5.2 Public Works Facility and Winter Operations Review (presented by Mike Hausser and KPMG Bruce Peever and Jamie Cameron)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by KPMG Bruce Peever and Jamie Cameron, and Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works, dated January 20, 2021, titled Public Works Facility and Winter Operations Review, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor MacLellan updated members on the AMO Health Task Force meeting he attended. The Community Para-medicine program expansion and its funding was discussed. CAO Wark stated that staff is monitoring the program and the funding. This is being advocated by the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO).

Councillor Ginn requested an update on the status of the initiative to have local municipalities host safe events to ease COVID fatigue due to the recent provincial directives. CAO Wark indicated that staff and the Warden are waiting to hear from Public Health for guidance on this before contacting the local municipalities. This will be reconsidered in a few months.

Councillor Ginn stated there will be a presentation/briefing by Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) at the virtual Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) annual meeting on February 5, 2021. Elected officials are invited to attend.

Councillor MacLellan thanked Director of Homes for the Aged, Connie Townsend for her report on the need for full time request for a mental health expert for staff and residents in long-term care. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is promoting this need in all municipalities.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1 COVID-19 Positive Cases Homelessness Response (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated January 20, 2021, titled COVID-19 Positive Cases Homelessness Response, as presented for information.
CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services:

10.1 Mobile Workforce Strategy Phase 2 Update (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief of Emergency Services, dated January 20, 2021, titled Mobile Workforce Strategy Phase 2 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Community Care Team Update (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief of Emergency Services, dated January 20, 2021, titled Community Care Team Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11. Public Works:

11.1 Speed Limit By-Law Update (presented by Mike Hausser)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Mike Hausser, Manager of Public Works, dated January 20, 2021, titled Speed Limit By-Law Update, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the adjustments to posted speed zones as listed in this report except for the recommendation of "County Road 31 Highway 8 2,700 metres north of Highway 8";

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared to amend By-law 2020-041, a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize speed limits to reflect changes outlined in this report as amended.

CARRIED

Staff will prepare a report for Council to provide more background information on County Road 31 (Parr Line, Sharpes Creek Line, Londesboro Line, Saltford Road).

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Economic Development Department December 2020 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated January 20, 2021, titled Economic Development Department December 2020 Update, as presented for information.
CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:37 AM and resumed at 10:47 AM

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues;;

13.1 2021 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations

- Introduction (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
- Health Unit (presented by Julie Pauli) – Presented as Agenda Item 5.1
- Social and Property Services (presented by Barbara Hall)
- Emergency Services (presented by Steve Lund)
- Public Works (presented by Steve Lund)
- Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)
- Summary (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the 2021 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations, dated January 20, 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

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 Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-003, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to execute a three (3) year contract agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 4513.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-003, be given a first and second reading;

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By-law No. 2021-003, as read a first and second time, be passed.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-003, 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. 2021-003, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 1:06 PM and resumed at 1:12 PM

18. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into at Closed to the Public Session at 1:12 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 - Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) Consent File C58-20 and C59-20;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin, Director of Planning and Development Sandra Weber, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Michael Blumhagen and Donnelly Murphy Solicitor Greg Stewart, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 1:38 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) Consent File C58-20 and C59-20.

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 January 20, 2021.

CARRIED

19. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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

Audit Committee - Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

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Council Day 1 - Wednesday, February 3, 2021 immediately following the Audit Committee Meeting – Virtual Meeting

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting

Special Budget Meeting - Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-004, 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. 2021-004; 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 Harding

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 1:38 PM to meet again on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin