

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual  
February 3, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. All members of Council were present. Councillor MacLellan departed at 10:56 AM and returned at 11:28 AM. Councillor Grace departed at 11:35 AM.

**1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.**

**2. Warden's Remarks:**

Warden McNeil participated in interviews, panel discussions and sessions at the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference. He extended his appreciation to Past Warden Ginn for the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) delegation presented at ROMA.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for February 3, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

Councillor Ginn declared a pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 13.1 as he is being considered to be appointed to a committee that he will be paid to attend meetings.

**5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting on January 20, 2021 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:**

6.1 Huron Clean Water Project Annual Update (presented by Doug Hocking, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority)

Doug Hocking, Water Quality Specialist, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority presented the annual Huron Clean Water Project Update.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Doug Hocking, Water Quality Specialist, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, dated February 3, 2021, titled Huron Clean Water Project Annual Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**7. Councillor's Issues:**

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Councillor Ginn provided an update on the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus. His term as chair will end when a new chair is elected at the WOWC Annual meeting February 5, 2021. Following this meeting, he and CAO Wark will be presenting on Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) 1.0 and requesting funding for regional broadband expansion projects. MPs and MPPs from twenty different SWIFT and WOWC counties have been invited.

Councillor Grace stated that the Town of Goderich met with the Minister of Transportation regarding the Goderich Airport at the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference. He thanked Warden McNeil for being part of the delegation.

**8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.7:**

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

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

CARRIED

**9. Planning and Development:**

9.1 Huron Clean Water Project Category Update (presented by Marcus Maddalena)

Proposed changes to the Huron Clean Water Project categories that will better address the needs of applicants, and ensure projects are achieving maximum benefit for both the County of Huron and landowners.

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the proposed changes to the Clean Water Project categories as outlined in the report by Marcus Maddalena, Biologist/Stewardship Coordinator, dated February 3, 2021, titled Clean Water Project Category Update.

CARRIED

9.2 Through a Housing Friendly Lens (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, dated February 3, 2021, titled Through a Housing Friendly Lens, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The report be circulated to the local municipalities for implementation.

CARRIED

9.3 Huron County Official Plan 5 Year Review Update (presented by Monica Walker-Bolton)

Huron County Planning and Development has undertaken a 5 Year Review of the Huron County Official Plan including a broad public consultation process. Final verbal comments have now been received following consultation with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and relevant Provincial Ministries. The next step in the process is to schedule a date for a Public Meeting as required under the Planning Act.

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Monica Walker-Bolton, Planner,

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dated February 3, 2021, titled Huron County Official Plan 5 Year Review Update, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to schedule an electronic Public Meeting for April 7, 2021 at 9:00 AM to review the proposed amendments and receive public and agency comments on the Huron County Official Plan 5 Year Review as required under the Planning Act;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to also schedule an electronic Public Meeting at 7:00 PM, at least seven days prior to April 7, 2021 to ensure the public can attend to review the proposed amendments and receive public and agency comments on the Huron County Official Plan 5 Year Review.

CARRIED

9.4 Climate Lens Tool (presented by Lily Morrow)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Lily Morrow, Climate Change and Energy Specialist, dated February 3, 2021, titled Climate Lens Tool as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Climate Lens Tool;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Climate Lens Tool be made available to staff in electronic format for use in the procurement process for County major reports, projects or policy initiatives.

CARRIED

**10. Cultural Services:** None.

**11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:**

11.1 Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Discount – Public Consultation (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated February 3, 2021, titled Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Discount – Public Consultation, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

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

Staff will prepare an update/roadmap to outline options and next steps on the administration project.

Council recessed at 11:45 AM and resumed at 11:51 AM

**12. Correspondence:**

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Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

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.

13.1 Appointment to Mayors Advisory Council on Coastal Resilience (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Jim Ginn being appointed to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Mayors Advisory Council on Coastal Resilience.

CARRIED

**14. Notice of Motion:** None.

**15. By-laws:**

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-005, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend Bylaws 2015-054 and 2020-041 to authorize speed limits.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-005, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-005, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-005, 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. 2021-005, 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:**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:56 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations – Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) – Homes;
2. A proposed or pending Acquisition or disposition or land by the municipality or local Board – Property located at 38 North Street, Goderich

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1 & 2), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1 & 2), Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen (Items 1 & 2), Director of Homes for the Aged Connie Townsend (Item 1), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Item 1), Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Item 1), Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall (Item 2) and Technical Services Manager, Housing and Property Services Jeff Kerlake (Item 2), remain in attendance.  
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:14 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations – Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) - Homes, and to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition or land by the municipality or local Board – Property located at 38 North Street, Goderich

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of Huron County approves the Collective Agreement with the County of Huron Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) - Homes;

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 Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) - Homes on behalf of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the sale of property located at 38 North Street, Goderich, ON and staff prepare a by-law to execute all required documentation.

CARRIED

**17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:**

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

**18. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-006, 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. 2021-006; 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 Finch

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:17 PM to meet again on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 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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Clerk Susan Cronin