

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
February 17, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. All members of Council were present.

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:

- County Engineer and Director of Operations Steve Lund to present Agenda Item 11.1
- Correspondence Item 14.7 has been updated
- Closed Session Item 18.1 Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Procurement Processes, deleted and will be discussed at a future meeting

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for February 17, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of the Special Council Audit Committee meeting of February 3, 2021 and the Council Day 1 meeting of February 3, 2021 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Bailey requested an update on the Municipal Airport Task Force. Councillor Grace indicated that minutes from all of the Task Force meetings will be forwarded to the County Clerk for inclusion in a future agenda.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.4:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.4 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Historic Gaol - Roof Replacement and Restoration (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

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Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerlake, Technical Services Manager, dated February 17, 2021, titled Historic Gaol - Roof Replacement and Restoration as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves RFT (HPS) 2020-02 be awarded to Roof Tile Management for the amount of \$290,331.46, which includes the non-rebatable portion of the HST;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for RFT(HPS) 2020-02 Roof Replacement and Restoration.

CARRIED

8.2 38 North Street, Goderich, Sale of Asset (presented by Jeff Kerlake)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerlake, Technical Services Manager, dated February 17, 2021, titled 38 North Street, Goderich, Sale of Asset as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the offer to purchase the asset at 38 North St, Goderich of \$440,000 which was presented at the February 3, 2021 County Council meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for the disposition of the property located at 38 North Street, Goderich, Ontario.

CARRIED

8.3 Recovery and Renewal - Ontario's Vision for Social Assistance Transformation (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated February 17, 2021, titled Recovery and Renewal - Ontario's Vision for Social Assistance Transformation, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged:

9.1 L-SAA Schedule E - Form of Compliance Declaration (presented by Connie Townsend)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director of Homes for the Aged, dated February 17, 2021, titled L-SAA Schedule E - Form of Compliance Declaration, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Warden and the Clerk be authorized to sign the required declaration known as Schedule E of the L-SAA Agreements for Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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The signed Schedule E be forwarded to the Southwest LHIN (Local Health Integration Network).
CARRIED

9.2. Homes for the Aged-Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation Project-Information Report (presented by Connie Townsend)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director of Homes for the Aged and Brad McLaughlin, Environmental Services Manager-Homes for the Aged, dated February 17, 2021, titled Homes for the Aged-Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation Project-Information Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Staff will prepare a report on the annual maintenance costs including replacement bulbs.

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works:

11.1 Off-Road Vehicle Use on Municipal Roadways (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Steve Lund, County Engineer and Director of Operations, dated February 17, 2021, titled Off-Road Vehicle Use on Municipal Roadways, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to collaborate with local municipal staff to recommend a common by-law that regulates the use of Off-Road Vehicles on County and Local Roads within Huron County, and repeal any existing by-laws that conflict with the common Off Road Vehicles on County and Local Roads within Huron County by-law.

CARRIED

11.2 Tender Results for Tender HC 20-504 Bridge 83-14.7 & 83-19.2 Replacements (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Project Manager - Bridges, dated February 17, 2021, titled Tender Results for Tender HC 20-504 – Bridge 83-14.7 & 83-19.2 Replacements, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the tender submitted by McLean Taylor Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$4,198,844.76 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work for Bridge 83-14.7 and 83-19.2 Replacements;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the transfer of the project surplus totaling \$101,155.24 (without contingency allowance) to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Economic Development Department January 2021 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated February 17, 2021, titled Economic Development Department January 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2. G2G County Road 25 Tunnel Due Diligence Report (prepared by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated February 17, 2021, titled G2G CR25 Tunnel Due Diligence Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed with the construction of the G2G CR25 Tunnel Project, once G2G Inc. has provided the County sufficient monies, estimated to be a maximum of \$465,000, to cover the cost of the construction, project management, guiderails, and end treatments.

CARRIED

12.3 Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum - Final Report (presented by Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated February 17, 2021, titled Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum - Final Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1 Elimination of the Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Discount (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated February 17, 2021, titled Elimination of the Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Discount, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the elimination of the 30% subclass discount for properties in the vacant and excess land commercial and industrial subclasses for 2021.

CARRIED

13.2 RFP 2020-CSD-01 - Human Resources Information System (presented by Lara Vanstone)

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Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated February 17, 2021, titled 2020-CSD-01 RFP Results - Human Resources Information System (HRIS) for the Corporation of the County of Huron, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards DLGL-VIP Integrated Systems to implement a new Human Resources Information System for the County of Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services to execute the required documents for the awarding of tender 2020-CSD-01 to DLGL-VIP, Quebec.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff prepare a report on the local effect of the closure of the Ontario Fire College located in Gravenhurst, Ontario referenced in correspondence item 14.3 Township of Baldwin re: Closure of the Ontario Fire College located in Gravenhurst, Ontario,

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher 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 Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-008, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a two year contract agreement with the Ontario Nurses' Association - Homes.

By-law No. 2021-009, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the sale of land located at 38 North Street, Goderich, Ontario.

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Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-008 and 2021-009, be given a first and second reading;

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AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-008 and 2021-009, as read a first and second time, be passed.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-008 and 2021-009, 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. 2021-008 and 2021-009, 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 10:03 AM and resumed at 10:52 AM

18. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:52 AM 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 – Procurement Processes – will be considered at a future date.
2. 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;
3. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose- Information Privacy Commission Report;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Wark (Items 2 & 3), Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Michael Blumhagen (Items 2 & 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 2 & 3), Donnelly Murphy Solicitor Greg Stewart (Items 2 & 3), Director of Planning and Development Sandra Weber (Items 2) remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:54 AM.

CARRIED

Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss two items: 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 advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Information Privacy Commission Report.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed as per direction given in closed to the public session of February 17, 2021.

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19. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

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

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

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, March 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM - Virtual Meeting.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-010, 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. 2021-010; 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 Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:03 PM to meet again on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin