

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
March 3, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. All members of Council were present.

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

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil stated that there was an addition to the agenda:

- Correspondence Item 12.7 Pat Barnes representing the South Street Krohmer Group re: File 40T2005, 35 South Street, has been added

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for March 3, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The minutes of the Special Council Budget meeting of February 11, 2021 and the Council Day 2 meeting on February 17, 2021 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1 Bayfield Centre for the Arts

Leslee Squirrell and John Marshall, Board Directors, provided a conceptual overview of the Bayfield Centre for the Arts.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation from Leslee Squirrell and John Marshall, dated March 3, 2021, titled Bayfield Centre for the Arts, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6.2 Clean Energy Frontier (Nuclear Innovation Institute)

Chad Richards, Director of Clean Energy Frontier Program, provided Council with information on the work that it is engaged in at the Nuclear Innovation Institute. The program is the successor to the Nuclear Economic Development and Innovation Initiative

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which Huron County has participated in since 2016. The program requested Council consider a resolution stating that Council recognizes Huron County as part of the Clean Energy Frontier (Bruce, Grey, Huron).

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron joins the Clean Energy Frontier Program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron determines three (3) representatives of the County of Huron – Warden McNeil, Councillor Ginn and CAO Wark, be appointed to the Clean Energy Frontier Program Regional Steering Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives regular updates from the appointed members on the direction, tactics and messaging from the Clean Energy Frontier Program to ensure ongoing support.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Jewitt advised Council that the Board of Health Government and Risk Management Committee will be meeting to discuss filling a vacant provincial appointee position on the Board.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.7:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

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

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1. Plan of Subdivision 40T20005, Larry Otten Contracting Inc. / Baker Planning Group, Part of Lots 8 & 9, Plan 452, and Part of South Street (closed), in the Town of Goderich, County of Huron (presented by Victor Kloeze)

The subject lands have a total area of 0.65 hectares (1.6 acres) that are proposed to be subdivided into five (5) lots intended for single detached dwellings, and three (3) lots intended for semi-detached dwellings, for a total of 11 dwelling units. The proposed development will front on South Street and Krohmer Drive, and all proposed lots front onto existing open public roads.

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Victor Kloeze, Planner, to grant Draft Plan approval to Plan of Subdivision File 40T20005 with the attached conditions, and that the Notice of Draft Plan Approval be circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

Draft Plan of Subdivision 40T20005, Larry Otten Contracting Inc. / Baker Planning Group, requesting draft plan approval for a subdivision on the lands described as Part of Lots 8 & 9, Plan 452, and Part of South Street (closed), in the Town of Goderich, County of Huron. Public comments were received on the issues of traffic and on-street parking, stormwater management and flooding, and compatibility of semi-detached and narrower single

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detached dwellings with the neighbourhood. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received from agencies on the issue of easements for the provision of gas services. The comments were addressed through conditions.

CARRIED

9.2. Plan of Subdivision 40T20004, Philip and Judith Keightley on behalf of 145236 Ontario Limited, Lots 3-23, Registered Plan 618, Stanley East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater (presented by Hanna Holman)

The purpose of this application is to establish a Plan of Subdivision on the subject lands to support residential development and a commercial winery. The subject lands contain an existing Plan of Subdivision (Plan 618) which was registered in 1996. The application proposes to create a new Plan of Subdivision consisting of 10 lots and 7 blocks, for a total of 23 residential units consisting of 10 single detached dwellings and 13 units in multiple attached dwellings as well as a block for a commercial winery. The remaining Blocks contain road reserves and natural environment areas. The developer also owns adjacent lands which are proposed to remain vineyards. The Plan of Subdivision also creates an extension of the existing Deer Ridge Lane.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Hanna Holman, Planner, that Draft Plan of Subdivision 40T20004, Stanley East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater, be granted draft plan approval with conditions and that the Notice of Decision be circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Plan of Subdivision 40T20004, Philip and Judith Keightley on behalf of 145236 Ontario Limited, requesting draft plan approval for a subdivision on the lands described as Lots 3-23, Registered Plan 618, Stanley East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater. Public comments were received on the issue of stormwater management. The comments were addressed through conditions. Agency comments were received on the issues of sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, and stormwater management. The comments were addressed through conditions.

CARRIED

9.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP) - Grant Agreement Extension for Climate Change Staff Position (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron enters into an amended agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to extend the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP) for the Climate Change Staff Grant;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves a by-law authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Grant Agreement Amendment and any other required documentation for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities-Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program Extension.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:28 AM and resumed at 10:33 AM

10. Cultural Services: None.

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 Strategic Priorities Chart – February 2021 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO, Meighan Wark, dated March 3, 2021, titled Strategic Priorities – February 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.2 Corporate Modernization Communication (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, dated March 3, 2021, titled Corporate Modernization Communication, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3 Public Sector Salary Disclosure and Member of Council Remuneration (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated March 3, 2021, titled Public Sector Salary Disclosure and Member of Council Remuneration, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.4 2021 County of Huron Draft Budget (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Grace 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 March 3, 2021, titled 2021 County of Huron Draft Budget, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the 2021 County of Huron Draft Budget as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be directed to prepare a by-law for consideration on March 3, 2021 to establish tax rates and the general County Levy for 2021 at \$44,648,115.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts correspondence not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

13. New/Unfinished Business:

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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 Ontario Works Service Contract (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated March 3, 2021, titled Ontario Works Contract - Delegation to Execute, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Clerk to execute the annual contract with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) for Ontario Works, and any other documents required for this program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Director of Social and Property Services will report to Council on any actions taken under this by-law.

CARRIED

13.2 Letter of Support for Tuckersmith Communication's Broadband Funding Application (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated March 3, 2021, titled Letter of Support for Tuckersmith Communication's Broadband Funding Application, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to provide Tuckersmith Communications with a letter of support for their funding application to the Universal Broadband Fund as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

13.3 Tender Results for Central Huron Tender 19342 – CR 4 Downtown Clinton Reconstruction Project – County Road #4 (Albert Street) from Beech Street to Hwy 8 (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by the County Engineer Steve Lund, dated March 3, 2021, titled Tender Results for Central Huron Tender 19342 – CR 4 Downtown Clinton Reconstruction Project –County Road #4 (Albert Street) from Beech Street to Hwy 8 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the award of the County of Huron portion in the amount of \$1,610,744.92 of Central Huron Contract 19342 to Lavis Contracting Co. Limited with the total tendered price of \$ 3,307,790.31 including net HST. The total tendered price of the contract and is to be shared between Huron County, Municipality of Central Huron and Tuckersmith Communications(TCC). A breakdown of cost sharing is provided below:

Huron County Share	\$ 1,610,744.92
Central Huron Share	\$ 1,694,039.40
T.C.C	\$ 3,005.99
Total Bid Price	\$ 3,307,790.31

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AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for the CR 4 Downtown Clinton Reconstruction Project- County Road # 4 (Albert Street) from Beech Street to Hwy 8;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project surplus totaling \$51,809 (without contingency allowance) be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

13.4 Supporting Antigen (Rapid) Testing in Long-Term Care (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated March 3, 2021, titled Supporting Antigen (Rapid) Testing in Long-Term Care, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of staff that requests for assistance from Long-Term Care Homes in Huron County for Paramedic support be considered on a case by case basis;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Paramedic Services utilizes a cost recovery model for any approved requests for assistance under the Supporting Antigen (Rapid) Testing in Long-Term Care.
CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-011, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Roof Tile Management for RFT (HPS) 2020-02 Historic Gaol Roof Replacement and Restoration;

By-law No. 2021-012, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with McLean Taylor Construction Ltd. for contract HC 20-504 Bridge 83-14.7 and 83-19.2 Replacements;

By-law No. 2021-013, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with DLGL-VIP Integrated Systems for a Human Resources Information System;

By-law No. 2021-014, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a grant agreement amendment with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program;

By-law No. 2021-015, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to adopt estimates, to establish tax rates for the County and to establish the General County Levy for the Year 2021;

By-law No. 2021-016, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to execute the Ontario Works contract with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

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By-law No. 2021-011, 2021-012, 2021-013, 2021-014, 2021-015 and 2021-016 be given a first and second reading;
AND FURTHER THAT:
By-law No. 2021-011, 2021-012, 2021-013, 2021-014, 2021-015 and 2021-016, as read a first and second time, be passed.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Watt
THAT:

By-law No. 2021-011, 2021-012, 2021-013, 2021-014, 2021-015 and 2021-016, 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. 2021-011, 2021-012, 2021-013, 2021-014, 2021-015 and 2021-016, 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 Bailey
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:04 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. 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 - Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Project;
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 - Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT)+ Project;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Mike Blumhagen, and Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry, remain in attendance.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:29 PM.
CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss 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

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significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization - Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Project; and 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 - Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT)+ Project.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron gives authorization to the Warden and Clerk for the execution and delivery of the Amended Guarantee to TD Bank Group for the Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) project pending review by the County Solicitor.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the funding contribution of \$2,786,418 from reserves for SWIFT SWF 20-03-2017;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs the Warden and the Clerk to execute the SWIFT SWF 20-03-2017 agreement and any other required documents.

CARRIED

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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.

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

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Special Council – Electronic Public Open House – Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM to review and discuss the proposed amendments to the Huron County Official Plan as part of a 5-Year Review of the Plan.

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-017, 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. 2021-017; 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:

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:34 PM to meet again on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin