

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
March 24, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. All members of Council were present. Councillor Bailey joined the meeting at 9:10 AM.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

Warden McNeil stated that there were four additions to the agenda:

Agenda item 11.1 RFP 20 -167 Detailed Design, Contract Administration and Site Inspection to Upgrade Two (2) Intersections (presented by Cameron Harper). Three attachments were added to the report as background information:

- Two Reports from September 16, 2020 Council Meeting items 11.3 and 11.4 regarding the prior direction of Council to proceed to develop a traffic solution with adjacent municipalities.
- List of approved motions from the September 16, 2020 County Council meeting.

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3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Health Unit

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for March 24, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting on March 3, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

6. Councillor's Issues:

Warden McNeil extended condolences to Councillor MacLellan and Huron East staff on the passing of Economic Development Officer Jan Hawley.

Councillor MacLellan thanked Council and County staff for their support.

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 Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program 2021 (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated March 24, 2021, titled Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program 2021 (Huron RASP) as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into an agreement with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario for services in administering funds to Huron County families who meet the eligible financial criteria to allow them to participate in recreation, art and sport programs;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documents.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services:

10.1 Ontario Fire College Closure (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated March 24, 2021, titled Ontario Fire College Closure, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Ontario expands Existing Community Paramedicine Programs to Long-Term Care (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated March 24, 2021, titled Ontario Expands Existing Community Paramedicine Programs to Long-Term Care, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A letter be drafted, signed by the Warden, Chief Administrative Officer, and Chief of Emergency Services requesting the Provincial Government to consider Huron County be included in the funding to expand Community Paramedicine Programs to Long Term Care.

CARRIED

11. Public Works:

11.1 RFP 20-167 Detailed Design, Contract Administration and Site Inspection to Upgrade Two (2) Intersections (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives and approves the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager, Bridges, dated March 24, 2021, titled RFP 20-167 Detailed Design, Contract Administration and Site Inspection to Upgrade Two (2) Intersections, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards the project to BM Ross & Associates Ltd. for the total tendered cost of \$295,294.29 (inclusive of provisional items and net HST);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documents for RFP 20-167;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project surplus totaling \$29,705.71 be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Ginn and taken as follows:

YEAS: Bailey, Dietrich, Finch, Fergusson, Klopp, Watt, Fisher

NAYS: MacLellan, McNeil, Jewitt, Grace, Murdock, Harding, Ginn, Heffer

YEAS: 7, NAYS: 8

DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Direct staff to have a report prepared outlining a preferred option for intersections Huron County Road 83 and Airport Line west of Exeter and Huron County Road 25 and Huron County Road 4 Blyth, Ontario, with an expenditure of up to \$180,000.00

As BM Ross was the low bid on the RFP the motion was amended to include this information. Councillor Ginn withdrew his name from seconding the motion.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Direct staff to have a report prepared by BM Ross & Associates Ltd. outlining a preferred option for intersections Huron County Road 83 and Airport Line west of Exeter and Huron County Road 25 and Huron County Road 4 Blyth, Ontario, with an expenditure of up to \$180,000.00.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Bailey and taken as follows:

YEAS: Fisher, Heffer, Murdock, Jewitt, Grace, Fergusson, Dietrich, Harding, Klopp, Watt, MacLellan, Gailey, Finch, McNeil

NAYS: Ginn

YEAS: 14, NAYS: 1

CARRIED

11.2 Tender Results for Tender HC 21-1202 – Tandem Plow Trucks (presented by Donald Hastings)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Donald Hastings Fleet Supervisor, dated March 24, 2021, titled Tender Results for Tender HC 21-1202 –Tandem Plow Trucks, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards the Tandem Plow Truck tender to Altruck International of Goderich, Ontario at the tendered price of \$918,872.96 for three (3) units including net applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Fleet Supervisor to endorse the required documentation for the delivery of the unit purchased through tender HC 21-1202 including related invoices.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:15 AM and resumed at 10:20 AM

12. Economic Development:

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

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated March 24, 2021, titled Economic Development Department February 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Small Business Webinars Attendance Report February 2021 (presented by Brittany Wise)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated March, 24, 2021, titled Small Business Webinars Attendance Report February 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1 Information Request – Airport Task Force (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report presented by County Clerk Susan Cronin, dated March 24, 2021, titled Information Request - Airport Task Force, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.6 Township of Brock resolution re: Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement as follows:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

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WHEREAS the police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS there is no direct communication or dedicated effort to provide a communication channel between Municipal government staff or Police Agencies for dealing with Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS the County of Huron has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licenses for properties not in compliance with municipal zoning by-laws; the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Huron requests that Health Canada:

1. Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
2. Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;
3. Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
4. Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
5. Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Huron will forward this motion by email to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario; the MP and MPP of Huron Bruce; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; with the request that the Federal government enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.3 Township of Howick resolution re: Firefighter Training as follows:

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in the absence of the Ontario Fire College campus; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in Ontario will be modernized and expanded; and

Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario regarding the costs or funding for modernized and expanded firefighter training in Ontario; and

Whereas, the County of Huron does not provide fire services and therefore the closure of the Gravenhurst Campus of the Ontario Fire College does not directly impact the operations of the County of Huron; and

Whereas, the County of Huron, consists of nine lower tier municipalities that provide fire protection with volunteer fire departments;

Now therefore, be it resolved that Council of the County of Huron, in support of its nine lower tier municipalities, respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidize and or regulate the cost for firefighter training for all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

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Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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.

15.1 Public Meeting for Plan of Subdivision Application 40T21001, Nine Mile Enterprises c/o Michael Gubesch, Plan 136 Lot 25 to 30 East of Arthur St, Lots 25 to 30 West of Sydenham St, Lot 28 East of Sydenham St, RP 22R4914 Parts 3 and 4 PT Part 6, Ashfield Ward, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (presented by Sandra Weber)

A member of County Council is requested to attend a joint public meeting of the County of Huron and the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh for a Plan of Subdivision application. The application proposes to create 13 lots for 13 single detached residences, as well as the opening of two new roads. The public meeting for this application is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to be held virtually through Zoom.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

Councillor Ginn be appointed to represent County Council at the public meeting for Plan of Subdivision File 40T21001, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

CARRIED

16. Notice of Motion: None.

17. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-018, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Lavis Contracting Co. Limited for Tender 19342 - CR 4 Downtown Clinton Reconstruction Project.

By-law No. 2021-019, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with YMCA of Southwestern Ontario.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-018 and 2021-019, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-018 and 2021-019, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-018 and 2021-019, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 14 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

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AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-018 and 2021-019, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

18. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:16 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;
2. Labour relations or employee negotiations - International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 772;
3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Health Unit;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Wark (Items 1, 2 & 3), Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Michael Blumhagen (Items 1, 2 & 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2 & 3), Director of Homes for the Aged Connie Townsend (Items 1 & 2), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Items 1 & 2), Donnelly Murphy Solicitor Greg Stewart (Item 1), Director of Planning and Development Sandra Weber (Item 1), Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall (Item 1), Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry (Item 1), Interim Director of Cultural Services/Interim County Librarian Elizabeth French-Gibson (Item 1), Director of Operations/County Engineer Steve Lund (Item 1), and Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Item 2), remain in attendance.

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 12:23 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session– CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss three items: advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; labour relations or employee negotiations; and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees.

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of March 24, 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.

Special Council - Electronic Public Open House - Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM to

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review and discuss the proposed amendments to the Huron County Official Plan as part of a 5-Year Review of the Plan

Special Council - Public Meeting - Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 9:00 AM to consider a proposed official plan amendment affecting all lands in the County of Huron, being a 5-Year Review under Sections 17 & 26 of the Planning Act - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, April 7, 2021 immediately following the Special Council Public Meeting at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-020, 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. 2021-020; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

21. 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 12:28 PM to meet again on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin