

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
April 7, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. All members of Council were present.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:53 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil encouraged everyone to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

- Agenda Item Number 11.2 Strategic Priorities – March 2021

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for April 7, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting on March 24, 2021 and the Special Council – Electronic Public Open House meeting on March 30, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1 Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team

Andrew Williams, President and CEO of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance and Hospital Representative on the Ontario Health Team Implementation Committee, provided an update on the Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team and the continued support for the funding of the South West Community Paramedicine Program.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Andrew Williams, President and CEO of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance and Hospital Representative on the Ontario Health Team Implementation, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron continues support for the funding of the South West Community Paramedicine Program.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Issues: None.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.7:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt
THAT:
Items 8.1 through 8.7 be approved with the actions as noted.
CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1. Consent File C08-2021 by 2621761 Ontario Inc. (owner)/ John Dekroon (applicant) Concession 1, Part Lot 5, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Laura Simpson)

The purpose of this application is to sever a surplus residence from a farm. The land to be severed contains a house, garage, shed and livestock barn and is approximately 8 acres (3.2 ha). The land to be retained contains livestock barns for a swine operation and is approximately 88.75 acres (35.9 ha). The subject property is designated Agriculture in the Huron East Official Plan, and zoned AG1-6 (General Agriculture- Special Zone). The application does not conform to the Huron East and Huron County Official Plans and is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020). The Municipality of Huron East has recommended that the application be denied and the Planning and Development Department recommends the application be denied. Tony and Allison Dekroon and John McKercher of Devereaux Murray Profession Corporation spoke in favour of the application.

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Laura Simpson, Planner, that Consent application C08-2021 by 2621761 Ontario Inc. (owner)/ John Dekroon (applicant) requesting the severance of a surplus residence, described as Concession 1, Part Lot 5, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East, be denied.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson
THAT:
Consent File C08-2021 by 2621761 Ontario Inc. (owner)/ John Dekroon (applicant) requesting a severance of a surplus residence from a farm described as Concession 1, Part Lot 5, McKillop Ward, Municipality of Huron East. No public comments were received on this application so there was no effect on the decision. Comments were received from agencies identifying the issues of MDS deficiency, removing vacant agricultural land from production and potential agricultural commercial/industrial and residential incompatibility, the effect of which influenced the decision of Council to deny the application.
CARRIED

9.2 Official Plan Amendment No. 14, Keith and Carol Galbraith (Owners), Monteith Brown Planning Consultants (Agents), Pt Lot 30, Concession 14, East Wawanosh Ward, Township of North Huron (presented by Monica Walker-Bolton)

The proposed North Huron Official Plan Amendment, submitted along with a Consent application and a Zoning By-Law Amendment application, affect the subject lands located at 86601 Beecroft Line. The owners of the subject property wish to build a house on the proposed severed parcel. However, the severed parcel is only partially located within the Whitechurch Settlement Area Boundary and there is limited developable land on this portion due to the presence of natural environment features. The proposed Official Plan Amendment permits an expansion of the Whitechurch Settlement Area Boundary to include the entirety of the severed parcel, so that a house may be constructed further

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south on the property where it meets the minimum 30 metre buffer from the existing natural environment areas.

This application for Official Plan Amendment is coming to Council as disputed because there has been an objection to the amendment from a neighbour. The proposed severance will come to County Council for consideration after a decision is made on the Official Plan Amendment.

The Official Plan Amendment, proposes to change the designation of the severed parcel from 'Agriculture' and 'Natural Environment – Full Protection' to 'Urban', with Special Policy provisions for the lands previously designated 'Natural Environment – Full Protection'. The Special Policy area provisions prohibit development within the natural environment area recognizes that the consent is permitted. This amendment to the land use designation will concurrently expand the settlement area boundary. Keith and Carol Galbraith (applicants) and Hannah Shirliff of Monteith Brown Planning Consultants spoke in favour of the application.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Monica Walker Bolton, Planner, that Official Plan Amendment No. 14, Township of North Huron, be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Notice of Decision be circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Official Plan Amendment No. 14, Keith and Carol Galbraith (Owners), Monteith Brown Planning Consultants (Agents), requesting a severance for the land described as 86601 Beecroft Line, Pt Lot 30, Concession 14, East Wawanosh Ward, Township of North Huron. Public comments were received from owners of a neighbouring property on the issues of impacts to the wetlands and privacy. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.3 Plan of Subdivision 40T20003, (Owner) 2596832 Ontario Ltd., (Applicant) Robin Lawrie, Part of Lot 39, Concession 1, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron, County of Huron (presented by Monica Walker-Bolton)

The subject lands have a total of approximately 7.2 hectares, which are proposed to be subdivided into 13 residential lots. The residential lots are to be developed with single detached homes and accessory buildings with private on-site septic systems and private communal wells for water.

Two blocks are proposed to create two new streets, which will provide access to the proposed new lots on both the north and south sides of the existing Melena Beach Sideroad.

Two blocks are proposed for storm water management. Two reserves are also included for future road allowances to access lands that may be impacted by erosion in the future. The subject lands are accessed by Melena Beach Sideroad via Bluewater Highway (Provincial Highway 21) and located in the Area North of Bayfield.

The subject property is designated Urban in the Municipality of Central Huron Official Plan.

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The land is currently zoned Development (D), it is recommended that as a condition of draft plan approval the lands be rezoned to Residential-Low Density (R1).

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Monica Walker-Bolton, Planner, to grant Draft Plan approval to Plan of Subdivision File 40T20003 by Robin Lawrie on behalf of 2596832 Ontario Ltd. for part of Lot 39, Concession 1, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron with the attached conditions;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Notice of Draft Plan Approval be circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

Draft Plan of Subdivision 40T20003, (Owner) 2596832 Ontario Ltd., (Applicant) Robin Lawrie, requesting draft plan approval for a subdivision on the land described as Part of Lot 39, Concession 1, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron, County of Huron. Public comments were received on issues of drainage, erosion, green space, traffic, safety, property values, land use compatibility and other issues. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:28 AM and resumed at 11:35 AM

9.4 Forest Conservation Update (presented by Dave Pullen)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Dave Pullen, Forest Conservation Officer, dated April 7, 2021, titled Forest Conservation Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.5 Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network Strategy (presented by Lily Morrow)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Lily Morrow, Climate Change and Energy Specialist dated April 7, 2021 titled Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network Strategy, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services: None.

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 2020 Grant Accountability Report – Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated April 7, 2021, titled 2020 Grant Accountability

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Report – Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre, as presented for information.
CARRIED

11.2 Strategic Priorities Chart – March 2021 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO, Meighan Wark, dated April 7, 2021, titled Strategic Priorities – March 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

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 Tender Results 2021 Ambulance Replacement (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated April 7, 2021, titled 2020-01 Tender Results – 2021 Ambulance Replacement presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Tender 2021 – 01 be awarded to Demers Ambulances of Beloeil, Quebec for the tendered price of \$297,210.00 (excluding HST) and included will be the Stryker power stretcher / power load system for an additional price of \$114,648.00 (excluding HST).;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Chief Emergency Services to execute all required documents for the awarding of tender 2021-01 to Demers Ambulances of Beloeil, Quebec.

CARRIED

13.2. Community Paramedicine - Community Care Team Extension (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated April 7, 2021, titled Community Paramedicine – Community Care Team as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves an extension of the Community Paramedicine – Community Care Team as outlined for a period not to exceed March 31, 2022 without further approval of Huron County Council.

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Councillor MacLellan requested a summary of the Community Paramedicine report to present at the next Association of Municipalities of Ontario meeting.

CAO Wark will present the summary as an agenda item at the next meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus meeting.

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-021, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Altruck International for HC 21-1202 - Tandem Plow Trucks.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-021 be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-021 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-021 be given a third reading in accordance with Part 14 of the Procedural Bylaw for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-021 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: None.

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-022, 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. 2021-022; as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

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19. Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:40 PM to meet again on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin