

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
April 21, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, April 21, 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 was an addition to the agenda:

Agenda item 12.4 Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Broadband Projects in Huron County (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for April 21, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of the Special Council Public meeting on April 7, 2021 and the Council Day 1 meeting on April 7, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Huron County Economic Development Dashboard (presented by Alex Ripley and Davie Lee)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alex Ripley, Economic Development Officer, and Davie Lee, Advisor, Townfolio / Munisight, dated April 21, 2021, titled Huron County Economic Development Dashboard, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor MacLellan stated that last week Huron Perth Public Health statistics showed that more than 91% of citizens over the age of 80 and 80% of citizens between the ages of 75 and 79 have been vaccinated.

Councillor MacLellan requested that Huron County consider hosting the Huron County Municipal Officers Association meeting virtually.

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Councillor MacLellan reported that the AMO Health Task Force has confirmed that the Province of Ontario will be moving ahead to legislate that there must be four hours of staff time spend with each Long-Term Care resident. This will be phased in over the next 3 - 4 years. Details on funding have not been received yet. He also indicated that the province is working on solving the problem of inter-community transfers and ambulance shortages. The Community Paramedicine Program was also discussed at the AMO Health Task Force meeting.

Councillor Ginn suggested that Huron County municipalities work in unison with the province and Public Health for public beach closures in response to COVID-19 guidelines.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to organize a meeting with the heads of Huron County Lakeshore municipalities and the Medical Officer of Health to discuss options for public beach closures in Huron County in response to COVID-19.

CARRIED

Councillor Ginn expressed safety concerns regarding the Gully Bridge repairs on Highway 21. Traffic has been diverted to Orchard Line which is a popular bicycle route. Staff will place signage and the Director of Planning and Development will update the 2021 County cycling maps.

Councillor Grace indicated that detour signs for bicycles have been posted showing the bicycle route has been moved to Porters Hill Line.

Councillor Ginn and Warden McNeil stated that they have received calls regarding road safety concerns. Large farm equipment on the roads raise a lot of dust reducing visibility for vehicles.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the use of calcium on County Roads to reduce dust from agricultural operations.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.4:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services: None.

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works:

11.1 RFQ HC 21-311 Milling and Hot Patching at Various Bridge Locations (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager, Bridges, dated April 21, 2021, titled RFQ HC 21-311 - Milling and Hot Patching at Various Bridge Locations, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards Contract HC 21-311 to Armstrong Paving and Materials Group Ltd. for a total price of \$200,696.39 (Including Net Applicable Taxes and Contingencies);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for RFQ HC 21-311;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project shortfall of \$15,696.39 (including net HST and contingencies) be funded from an accumulated surplus from other 2021 projects.71 be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.2 Sharpes Creek Road Speed Limit Report (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

A by-law be prepared to amend By-law 2021-005 to authorize the reduction of speed from 90 km to 70 km on County Road 31 from Highway 8 to 2,700 metres north of Highway 8.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated April 21, 2021, titled Sharpe's Creek Road Speed Limit Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

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

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated April 21, 2021, titled Economic Development Department March 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 COVID-19 Safety Plan Webinar Report March 2021 (presented by Brittany Wise)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated April 21, 2021, titled COVID-19 Safety Plan Webinar Report March 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3 Huron County Economic Development Department Consultation and Coaching Update (presented by Patrick Donnelly)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Patrick Donnelly, Entrepreneur and Business Coach, dated April 21, 2021, titled Huron County Economic Development Department Consultation and Coaching Update, April 2021, as presented for information.
CARRIED

12.4 Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Broadband Projects in Huron County (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated April 21, 2021, titled Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Broadband Projects in Huron County, as presented for information.
CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:04 AM and resumed at 11:10 AM

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1 Drinking Water Source Protection Committee (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk dated April 21, 2021, titled Drinking Water Source Protection Committee – Municipal Representation, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron nominates Councillor Heffer as a representative for the Perth, Huron, Stratford and St. Marys position on the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

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 Ginn

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

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By-law No. 2021-023, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Demers Ambulances of Beloeil, Quebec for Tender 2021-01 and Delegation of Authority.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-023 be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-023, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-023, 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. 2021-023, 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: None.

19. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

As per the County's COVID-19 response protocols, all Council and Committee meetings are being held virtually.

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-024, 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. 2021-024; 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 Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 11:18 AM to meet again on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

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Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin