

**PUBLIC MEETING 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. Chair Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.**

Chair McNeil stated that the purpose of this Public meeting was a County initiated 5 Year Review amendment to amend the County of Huron Official Plan to ensure consistency with the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and to consider policy changes that have arisen from the public and agency consultation process. A copy of Official Plan Amendment No. 5 was available.

Chair McNeil stated that there was an addition to the agenda.

- Agenda Item Number 4 – OPA Review Additional Comments from three individuals (Philip Maier, Rhea Hamilton-Seeger, Bob Black) which were published in the agenda as an attachment to the report.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Special Council Public Meeting agenda for April 7, 2021 be approved as amended.  
CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations stated.

**4. Order of Business:**

**Official Plan 5 Year Review**

**4.1 Requirements of the Public Meeting:**

Warden McNeil outlined the requirements of the Public Meeting:

This was the required public meeting under the Section 17 of the Planning Act, RSO, 1990 for Amendment No. 5 to the Huron County Official Plan. Notice of the public meeting was given to persons and public bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act.

Any person may attend the public meeting by electronic means and teleconference and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment.

If anyone wishes to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, written submissions to Susan Cronin, Clerk, County of Huron, 1 Court House Square, Goderich, ON, N7A 1M2.

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Following Council's adoption of the official plan amendment it will then be sent on to the Province for review and approval. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for an official plan amendment for a 5 Year Review of the Huron County Official Plan. Pursuant to subsections 17(36.5) and (38.1) of the Planning Act, the decision of the Ministry is final and not subject to appeal.

**4.2 Comments from the Planning and Development Department:** (presented by Monica Walker-Bolton, Planner)

Copies of the planning report and written submissions received were available.

**4.3** Chair McNeil called for members of the public who registered to speak to the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 5 to the Huron County Official Plan.

Three members of the public submitted requests to speak and provided their comments: Christopher Spaleta, Tony McQuail, and Joelle Lamport Lewis.

Joelle Lamport Lewis, United Way Huron Perth, spoke regarding social and economic perspective. The new definition of attainable housing, new policies for increased housing density and policies to encourage additional dwelling units. She commended the Planning department on the public engagement of this process.

Christopher Spaleta spoke regarding electric car charging infrastructure (type, location)

Tony McQuail spoke regarding the climate emergency we are facing.

Chair McNeil asked any members of the public to raise their hand (physically or virtually) to be given the opportunity to speak either in opposition or in favour of the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 4. There were no additional comments from the public.

**4.4** Members of Huron County Council were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

**4.5** Warden McNeil stated that Clerk Susan Cronin advised that any written comments received in the Clerk's office were included in the agenda.

**4.6** It is Huron County Council's intention to pass a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 5 to the Huron County Official Plan at the County Council Session on May 5, 2021.

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Monica Walker-Bolton, Planner, dated March 32, 2021, titled Huron County Official Plan 5 Year Review (OPA 5), as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives and considers the written and verbal comments at the April 7, 2021 Public Meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The proposed 5 Year Review Amendment No. 5 to the Huron County Official Plan be brought back for consideration of adoption at the May 5, 2021 County Council - Day 1 meeting.

CARRIED

**5. Adjournment:**

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer  
THAT:  
The Special Council Public Meeting adjourn at 9:52 AM.  
CARRIED

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Chair Glen McNeil

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Clerk Susan Cronin