

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
May 5, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. All members of Council were present.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil extended gratitude to all staff, partners and volunteers operating and supporting the Huron County Mass Vaccination Clinic.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for May 5, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None stated.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting on April 21, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1 Larry and Donna Shapton Delegation

Larry and Donna Shapton addressed Council requesting the removal of rumble strips at the intersection of County Road 83 and Airport Line.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the delegation of Larry and Donna Shapton, dated May 5, 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Jewitt has contacted Huron Perth Public Health regarding a presentation to County Council to mark June 2021 Gay Pride month. Clerk Cronin indicated that a staff report will be presented to Council on May 19, 2021.

Councillor Fisher congratulated the Director of the Homes for the Aged, all homes and EMS staff for the work they have done during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He also extended his congratulations to all care facilities in Huron County.

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

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THAT:

Staff be directed to prepare a report post-pandemic on ways to show appreciation for the efforts of all Huron County staff and for the support of Huron County Council during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

CARRIED

Councillor Grace recognized Councillor Bailey for his assistance with the Goderich Airport Task Force. He also thanked Warden McNeil for working with the local municipalities in conjunction with Huron Perth Public Health to discuss options for public beaches and marina access in Huron County, in response to COVID-19.

Moved by Councillor Grace and Seconded by Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to prepare a report to update members of County Council on the collaborative meetings held with the heads of beachfront municipalities regarding the status of public beaches in Huron County during the COVID pandemic.

CARRIED

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.8:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.8 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1 Consent File C17-2021 by Michael & JoAnne Pickering (owner/applicant)
Concession 12, Lot 11, Stephen Ward, Municipality of South Huron (presented by Craig Metzger)

The purpose of this application is to sever a surplus residence from a farm. The land to be severed contains a house and is approximately 0.56 acres (0.23 ha). The land to be retained contains a house, shed, shop, and livestock barn and is approximately 99 acres (40 ha). The application does not conform to the South Huron and Huron County Official Plans and is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020). The Municipality of South Huron has recommended that the application be approved and the Planning and Development Department recommends the application be denied. Michael Pickering (owner/applicant) and Kim McLean (agent) spoke on behalf of the application.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the application for Consent File C17-2021 by Michael & JoAnne Pickering (owner/applicant) requesting the severance of a surplus residence, described as Concession 12, Lot 11, Stephen Ward, Municipality of South Huron, subject to conditions #1-12, with condition #11 being amended to remove the word "silos" from the condition.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Consent File C17-2021 by Michael & JoAnne Pickering (owner/applicant) requesting a severance of a surplus residence from a farm described as Concession 12, Lot 11, Stephen Ward, Municipality of South Huron. No public comments were received on this application so there was no effect on the decision. Comments were received from

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agencies identifying the application as not consistent with the PPS and not in conformity with the Huron County Official Plan or South Huron Official Plan. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.2 Official Plan Amendment No. 18, Cobble Design Holdings Inc. c/o Cam Steckle (Owner/Applicant), Part of Lot 20, Concession 10 (25 & 27 Zurich Main Street), Zurich Ward, Municipality of Bluewater (presented by Hanna Holman)

The proposed Bluewater Official Plan Amendment (OPA 18), submitted along with a Zoning By-law Amendment application, affects lands located at 25 & 27 Zurich Main Street, Zurich. OPA 18 proposes to redesignate a portion of the property to "Highway Commercial". The effect of the amendment is to increase the highway commercial designation on the subject lands to facilitate the construction of a proposed accessory building, with an approximate size of 595 square metres (6,400 square feet), in support of the existing NextEra Energy business.

However, the lands subject to the amendment are located within the floodway as per the two-zone mapping provided by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) via delegated responsibility from the province to advise on matters regarding natural hazards. Policies in the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 (PPS), County of Huron Official Plan and Bluewater Official Plan prohibit development in floodways and seek to minimize natural hazards risks. Comments provided by the ABCA recommend denial on OPA 18 due to the location in the floodway.

The application is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and does not conform to County and Bluewater Official Plan. The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater adopted OPA 18. Cam Steckle (owner/applicant) spoke on behalf of the application.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the application for Bluewater Official Plan Amendment (OPA No. 18);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Notice of Decision be circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Official Plan Amendment No. 18, Cobble Design Holdings Inc. c/o Cam Steckle (Owner/Applicant), requesting a designation change from Residential to Highway commercial and a Zoning By-law Amendment application for the lands described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 10 (25 & 27 Zurich Main Street), Zurich Ward, Municipality of Bluewater. Public comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application. Comments were received from agencies identifying the issue of development in a floodway. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.3 Huron County Official Plan Five Year Review (OPA 5) Amendment for Adoption (presented by Monica Walker-Bolton)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

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

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron adopts Huron County Official Plan Amendment No. 5 (5 Year Review) under by-law as shown and forwards the amendment including the text and resource maps to the Province of Ontario for approval;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the Clerk and Warden to sign the adopting by-law for Huron County Official Plan Amendment No. 5 (5 Year Review) at the May 5, 2021 meeting as recommended at the April 7, 2021 Public meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron hereby resolves that Huron County Official Plan Amendment No. 5 (5 Year Review) conforms with provincial plans, has regard to the matters of provincial interest in Section 2 of the Planning Act, as amended, and is consistent with policy statements issued under Section 3 (1) of the Planning Act, as amended.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report with regards to the Huron County Official Plan, Section 2.3.5, Item 4 that investigates options for non-agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:08 AM and resumed at 11:15 AM.

9.4 Huron County Cycling Strategy Update (presented by Jenn Burns and Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jenn Burns, Planner, dated May 5, 2021, titled Huron County Cycling Strategy Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.5 2021 Planning Fees Review Terms of Reference (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Sandra Weber, Director, dated May 5, 2021, titled 2021 Planning Fees Review Terms of Reference, as presented.

CARRIED

9.6 Huron County Planning and Development Department 50th Anniversary (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Sandra Weber, Director, titled Huron County Planning and Development Department 50th Anniversary, dated May 5, 2021, for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

10.1 Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Interim Director of Cultural Services, dated May 5, 2021, titled Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report – May 2021, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report and recommendation of the Huron County Museum's Collections Committee that M981.0049.001, M981.0049.002, M950.2542.001, 2008.0011.001, M951.0758.001, X996.0121.001, X996.0122.001, X996.0123.001, and X996.0124.001 be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 Strategic Priorities Chart - April 2021 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated May 5, 2021, titled Strategic Priorities - April 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Harding 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:

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.

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-025, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Armstrong Paving and Materials Group Ltd. for HC 21-311 - Milling and Hot Patching at Various Bridge Locations;

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By-law No. 2021-026, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-laws 2015-054, 2020-041 and 2021-005, to authorize speed limits;

By-law No. 2021-027, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend the Official Plan.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-025, 2021-026 and 2021-027, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-025, 2021-026 and 2021-027, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-021, 2021-026 and 2021-027, 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. 2021-025, 2021-026 and 2021-027, 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 Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:44 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 772 - Homes for the Aged;
2. Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream - Local Government Intake;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1 & 2), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1 & 2), Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen (Items 1 & 2), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Item 1), Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Item 1), Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall (Item 2), and Technical Services Manager Jeff Kerslake (Item 2), remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:59 AM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out-CAO Wark stated that Council considered two items in closed to the public session. Labour relations or employee negotiations - International

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Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 772 - Homes for the Aged and Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream - Local Government Intake

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron proceed as per direction given in closed to the public session of May 5, 2021.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of Huron County approves the Collective Agreement with the County of Huron International Union of Operating Engineers (IOOE) Local 772 Homes for the Aged;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden, Clerk, CAO, Director of Human Resources and Senior Manager of Human Resources to sign and execute the agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers (IOOE) Local 772 Homes for the Aged on behalf of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-028, 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. 2021-028, 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:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:02 PM to meet again on Wednesday, May 19, 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