

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual  
May 19, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. All members of Council were present.

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

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Warden McNeil stated that there were three amendments to the agenda:

Added:

# 8.7 Mortgage Renewals Non-Profits/Co-operatives – end of Operating Agreements;  
# 17 By-law 2021-030.

Amended:

#20 Confirmatory By-law 2021-031 to reflect additions indicted above.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for May 19, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations stated.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting on May 5, 2021 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:** None.

**6. Councillor's Issues:**

Celebrating Pride (presented by Kristin Crane and Amy Zoethout)

This report is a follow up to the request made by Councillor Jewitt at the May 5, 2021 Council meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Kristin Crane, Immigration Partnership Coordinator, and Amy Zoethout, Marketing & Brand Coordinator, dated May 19, 2021, titled Celebrating Pride, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the displaying of a banner in support of Pride Month at the Court House in Goderich, in the month of June, to celebrate diversity

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and recognize the equality rights of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Two-Spirited, Plus (LGBTQ2S+) community and to promote harmonious, respectful relationships amongst all community members.

CARRIED

Councillor MacLellan updated members on the AdvantAge Ontario 2021 Virtual Conference. AdvantAge Ontario is the Association representing Ontario's not-for-profit, municipal and charitable long-term care homes.

Councillor Ginn extended thanks to the Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry, for his time and commitment on facilitating the sale of the Bluewater Youth Centre to the Municipality of Central Huron.

**7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:**

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.5 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**8. Social and Property Services:**

**8.1 By-Name List and Homeless Enumeration (presented by Christine Hoffman)**

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated May 19, 2021, titled By-Name List and Homeless Enumeration, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**8.2 Phase Two of the Out of the Cold - Heart to Home: Housing Stability Program (presented by Christine Hoffman)**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated May 19, 2021, titled Phase Two of the Out of the Cold - Heart to Home: Housing Stability Program, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**8.3 Supportive Housing Discussions (presented by Barbara Hall)**

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Barbara Hall, Director of Social and Property Services, dated May 19, 2021, titled Supportive Housing Discussions, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs Social and Property Services to identify metrics for and engage in conversation with municipalities to discuss potential partnerships for supportive housing.

CARRIED

**8.4 Community Learning Library (presented by Cheryl Patience)**

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Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated May 19, 2021 titled Community Learning Library, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared directing the Warden and Clerk to execute an agreement with the Community Learning Library to offer virtual training to parents, staff and service providers Children's Services in Huron County;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Director of Social and Property Services be delegated signing authority to execute future agreements and documents regarding the Community Learning Library.

CARRIED

8.5 Social Assistance Recovery and Renewal Plan (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated May 19, 2021, titled Social Assistance Recovery and Renewal Plan, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.6 Update on Sale of 38 North Street, Goderich (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated May 19, 2021 titled Update on Sale of 38 North Street, Goderich, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.7 Mortgage Renewals Non-Profits/Co-operatives – end of Operating Agreements (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated May 19, 2021, titled Mortgage Renewals Non-Profits/Co-operatives – end of Operating Agreements, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Director of Social and Property Services to execute the documents pertaining to the mortgage renewal consent letters lifting the restrictive covenant for the purpose of registration and assignment and/or transfer of the mortgage as per the Housing Services Act, 2011; and any other documents under the non-profit and co-operative programs.

CARRIED

**9. Homes for the Aged:**

9.1 Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase of Resident Ceiling Lifts-Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)

Director of Homes for the Aged Connie Townsend indicated that there would be 31 resident ceiling lifts for Huronview and 9 for Huronlea. Slings would also be purchased for the lifts.

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Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Angela Hartin, Director of Care-Huronview, Dana Mellor, Acting Director of Care-Huronlea and Brad McLaughlin, Environmental Services Manager-Homes for the Aged, dated May 19, 2021, titled Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase of Resident Ceiling Lifts-Homes for the Aged as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Homes for the Aged utilizing sole sourcing procurement process for the purchase and installation of additional resident ceiling lifts as initiated in 2019 prior to the pandemic with Arjo;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The combined 2020 reallocated capital budget and 2021 capital projects budget will be used for this capital project to purchase resident ceiling lifts.

CARRIED

9.2 RFT (HA) 2021-01 Domestic Hot Water System Replacement (presented by Connie Townsend)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brad McLaughlin, Environmental Services Manager-Homes for the Aged, dated May 19, 2021, titled RFT (HA) 2021-01 Domestic Hot Water System Replacement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves that RFT (HA) 2021-01 be awarded to Clark Multi-trade Contractors for the supply of all labour, materials, and equipment for the replacement of the domestic hot water system including gas boilers and thermal storage vessels at Huronview, Home for the Aged;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and any required documents for RFT (HA) 2021-01 Domestic Hot Water System Replacement – Homes for the Aged.

CARRIED

**10. Emergency Services:** None.

**11. Public Works:**

11.1 HC 21-501 Rehabilitation of Summerhill Bridge (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager, Bridges, dated May 19, 2021, titled Tender Results for the Rehabilitation of Summerhill Bridge (08-06.3) and Recommendation to Award Contract HC 21-501, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the tender submitted by Urbanlink Civil Ltd. in the amount of \$798,816.00 (inclusive of contingency allowance and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for HC 21-501;

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The County's share of the project shortfall totaling \$66,316.00 (including contingency allowance) be funded from an accumulated surplus from other 2021 capital projects.  
CARRIED

11.2 HC 21-502 Replacement of Culvert 86-15.4 (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager, Bridges, dated May 19, 2021, titled Tender Results for the Replacement of Culvert 86-15.4 and Recommendation to Award Contract HC 21-502, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the tender submitted by Roubos Farm Service Ltd. in the amount of \$445,258.35 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for Contract HC 21-502;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Transfer Huron County's share of the project surplus totaling \$2,370.83 to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.3 HC 21-503 Replacement of Culverts 04-29.7 (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Engineering Project Manager, Bridges, dated May 19, 2021, titled Tender Results for the Replacement of Culverts 04-29.4 & 04-29.7 and Recommendation to Award Contract HC 21-503, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the tender submitted by Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$745,697.28 (inclusive of contingency allowance and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the transfer of the project surplus totaling \$104,302.72 (without contingency allowance) to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 9:55 AM and resumed at 10:00 AM.

CAO Wark provided clarification on the next two agenda items. These items were considering jointly at a previous meeting, however each project will be considered independently moving forward.

11.4 County Road 4 and 25 Intersection Information Report (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated May 19, 2021, titled County Road 4 and 25 Intersection Information Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron confirms the previous motion to proceed with Phase One of the RFP to have a report prepared by BM Ross & Associates Ltd. outlining a preferred option for intersection Huron County Road 25 and Huron County Road 4 Blyth, Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This report will be presented to Council when completed outlining options for Phase Two of RFP County Road 4 and 25 Intersection Project.

CARRIED

11.5 County Road 83 and Airport Line Intersection Information Report (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated May 19, 2021, titled County Road 83 and Airport Line Intersection Information Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron confirms the previous motion to proceed with Phase One of the RFP to have a report prepared by BM Ross & Associates Ltd. outlining a preferred option for intersection County Road 83 and Airport Line Intersection;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This report will be presented to Council when completed outlining options for Phase Two of RFP County Road 83 and Airport Line Intersection.

CARRIED

11.6 Highway Shoulder Dust Control (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated May 19, 2021, titled County Road Shoulder Dust Control Report, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the expenditure of \$23,000 from the Public Works Budget for a shoulder dust control pilot project on County Roads as contained in this report.

CARRIED

## **12. Economic Development:**

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

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated May 19, 2021, titled Economic Development Department April 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Huron County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Project Report May 2021 (presented by Cole Nicholson)

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cole Nicholson, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator, dated May 19, 2021, titled Huron County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Project Report May 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3 Economic Development Board Appointment (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated May 19, 2021 titled Economic Development Board Appointment, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron appoints Bryan Vincent by by-law to the Huron County Economic Development Board for a term ending December 2023.

CARRIED

**13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:**

13.1 COVID-related Public Beach Discussion (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Meighan Wark, CAO, dated May 19, 2021 titled COVID-related Public Beach Discussion, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**14. Correspondence**

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

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 Official Plan Amendment No. 11, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (presented by Celina Whaling-Rae)

Official Plan Amendment (OPA 11) is a municipally-initiated amendment that proposes to remove Policy 8.4.4.9.15 from the Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) Official Plan. This policy states that new developments will be limited to 5 or fewer lots or units where private on-site water and sewage are to be used. This policy regulates development proposals within the Village/Hamlet designation. The effect of the amendment is to remove the limit on the number of lots or units which may be created within a single development in the Village/Hamlet designation which is proposed to be on individual on-site water and sewage services.

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Four letters from members of the public have been received in objection of the OPA. Concerns regarding the impact of private septic systems on the environment are primarily cited by those in opposition. The amendment is in conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and the Huron County and ACW Official Plans. The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has adopted OPA 11.

Councillor Watt stated that he received letters of objection by email from concerned ratepayers of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, which were also received by all members of County Council. He clarified that he did not speak in opposition to the Official Plan Amendment No. 11.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Celina Whaling-Rae, Planner, that Official Plan Amendment No. 11, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Notice of Decision be circulated.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Official Plan Amendment (OPA 11) is a municipally-initiated amendment proposing to remove Policy 8.4.4.9.15 from the Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) Official Plan. Public comments were received on the issue of environmental impacts of private servicing. Comments were thoroughly considered, but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received from staff in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

**16. Notice of Motion:** None.

**17. By-laws:**

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-029; being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a contract agreement with the Corporation of the County of Huron Homes for the Aged and The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 772.

By-law No. 2021-030; being a by-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to the Director of Social and Property Services

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-029 and 2021-030, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-029 and 2021-030, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-029 and 2021-030, 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. 2021-029 and 2021-030, 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 Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 11:30 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. 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, Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services M Blumhagen, Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall, and Technical Services Manager Jeff Kerslake, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:39 AM.

CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session– CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss 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 Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of May 19, 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.

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

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, June 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting  
Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting

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Special Council Strategic Session - Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Special Council Strategic Session - Monday, June 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Special Council Strategic Session - Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Special Council Audit Committee - Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, June 23, 2021 Immediately following the Audit Committee Meeting – Virtual Meeting

**20. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-031, 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. 2021-031; 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 11:41 AM to meet again on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

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Warden Glen McNeil

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Clerk Susan Cronin