

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
August 11, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. All members of Council were present. Councillor Bailey joined at 9:13 AM and Councillor Heffer joined at 9:14 AM.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Warden McNeil welcomed Angela Steadman as Interim Acting Director of the Homes for the Aged.

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

Agenda item 7.5 Monthly Update from Homes for the Aged (presented by Angela Steadman)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for August 11, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting on July 7, 2021 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1 Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII)

Jessica Linthorne, Director, Clean Energy Frontier Program, and Chad Richards, Director, Net Zero Partnerships, shared an overview of the electric vehicle (EV) report recently published by NII, focusing on preparing for EVs to support the tourism industry in the coming years.

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The presentation by Jessica Linthorne, Director, Clean Energy Frontier Program and Chad Richards, Director, Net Zero Partnerships, dated August 11, 2021, titled Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII), be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Issues: None.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Grace
THAT:
Items 7.1 through 7.5 be approved with the actions as noted.
CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1 Licensed Child Care Fee Relief for Parents in October 2021 (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience dated August 11, 2021, titled Licensed Child Care Fee Relief for Parents In October 2021, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the utilization of funding to offset parent fees for those accessing licensed child care in Huron County for the month in October 2021 to alleviate this expense for Huron County families for one month.

CARRIED

8.2 Electronic Document Management in Ontario Works (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated August 11, 2021 titled Electronic Document Management in Ontario Works as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes staff to enter into direct negotiations with Nimble Information Strategies, Inc. in order to implement an Electronic Document Management (EDM) system for Ontario Works client files;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron, subject to successful negotiations with Nimble Information Strategies Inc. in establishing firm pricing and legal contract terms in accordance with Huron County's procurement policy, approves entering into an agreement with Nimble Information Strategies Inc.;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the contract extension for four 12-month terms in accordance with the agreement, subject to satisfactory performance and pricing submitted for each contract term;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the agreement and any other required documentation with Nimble Information Strategies Inc. for the Electronic Document Management system for Ontario Works client files.

CARRIED

8.3 Enabling Accessibility Fund Agreement (presented by Jeff Kerlake)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn
THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated August 11, 2021, titled Enabling Accessibility Fund Agreement as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Enabling Accessibility Funding Agreement and all other required documents for the Huron County Museum project.

CARRIED

8.4 Supportive Housing Options (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated August 11, 2021, titled Supportive Housing Options, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron forwards the report from Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated August 11, 2021, titled Supportive Housing Options to the Homelessness Task Force to investigate and provide a recommendation to Huron County Council on the preferred type of supportive housing for addressing the unique needs of individuals requiring housing stabilization to address their chronic and episodic homelessness status.

CARRIED

8.5 Affordable Housing - Triplex Development (presented by Barbara Hall)

New information was received regarding the status of Huron County's Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) application. The motion in the posted agenda was amended by adding "or the County has not been advised of the status of our application by November 1, 2021".

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated August 11, 2021, titled Affordable Housing – Triplex Development, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation to redevelop the properties located at 33 Bennett Street East and 47 Bennett Street East, Goderich, into two triplex buildings;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves utilizing the following funding towards the development of two triplexes: Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) funding of \$407,315 and the required 25% municipal contribution of \$101,829 as part of the OPHI guidelines; fire insurance settlement of \$90,314; and net proceeds from the sale of 38 North Street, Goderich (\$406,941); along with the required levy funding of approximately \$433,601 to \$613,601 to capture the difference between funding available and estimated costs to develop the two triplexes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron provides authorization to commit levy funding in the amount comparable to the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative funding available this year (\$407,315) and the required 25% municipal contribution (\$101,829) to the development of the triplexes if the County's Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) application is approved or the County has not been advised of the status of our application by November 1, 2021, and the OPHI and required municipal commitment of 25% is utilized for our RHI application.

CARRIED

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8.6 Service Agreement-Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance - Nurse Practitioner Program
(presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated August 11, 2021 titled Service Agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into a Service Agreement with the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program commencing on September 1, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted for August 11, 2021 authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Service Agreement and any other required documentation with the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program commencing on September 1, 2021.

CARRIED

8.7 Service Agreement-Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance-Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated August 11, 2021 titled Service Agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team program, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into a Service Agreement with the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team program commencing on September 1, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted for August 11, 2021 authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Service Agreement and any other required documentation with the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team program commencing on September 1, 2021.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:34 AM and resumed at 10:39 AM

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services:

10.1 Application of Special Interest Decals to Paramedic Vehicles (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated August 11, 2021, titled Application of Special Interest Decals to Paramedic Vehicles, as presented for information.

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Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the #IVEGOTYOURBACK911 support program:

AND FURTHER THAT:

Each ambulance be equipped with single sticker displayed at the rear of the ambulance;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A policy be developed that is restrictive and only allows this external program to be advertised on Huron County Ambulances.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Finch.

YEAS: Councillors Bailey, Finch, Fisher, Harding, Klopp

NAYS: Councillors Dietrich, Fergusson, Ginn, Grace, Heffer, Jewitt, Murdock, MacLellan, McNeil, Watt

YEAS: 5, NAYS: 10

DEFEATED

11. Public Works: None.

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Digital Main Street 3.0 Funding Agreement for a Huron County Digital Service Squad (presented by Brittany Wise)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated August 11, 2021, titled Digital Main Street 3.0 Funding Agreement for a Huron County Digital Service Squad, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Grant Agreement and all other required documents with the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association for the Digital Main Street 3.0 project.

CARRIED

12.2 New Agriculture Products Promotion (presented by Alex Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alex Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated August 11, 2021, titled New Agriculture Products Promotion, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3 468 Insider - OMAFRA-Huron County RED Project (presented by Alex Ripley)

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, dated August 11, 2021, titled 468 Insider - OMAFRA-Huron County RED Project, via the Rural Economic Development Program, for Huron County's launch of the 468 Insider app, locally branded "Taste of Huron", as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the Agreement and any other required documentation with Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Rural Economic Development Program, for Huron County's launch of the 468 Insider app, locally branded "Taste of Huron."

CARRIED

12.4 Economic Development Department June 2021 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated August 11, 2021, titled Economic Development Department June 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.5 Housing Development Corporation Project Outline (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated August 11, 2021, titled Housing Development Corporation Project Outline, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a project terms of reference for presentation to Council in September for consideration.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Bailey.

YEAS: Councillors Ginn, Grace, Jewitt, MacLellan, McNeil, Murdock, Watt

NAYS: Councillors Bailey, Dietrich, Fergusson, Finch, Fisher, Harding, Heffer, Klopp

YEAS: 7, NAYS: 8

DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated August 11, 2021, titled Housing Development Corporation Project Outline, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues: None.

14. Correspondence:

Councillor Finch requested an update on agenda item 14.16 Municipality of South Huron re: Highway 83 Construction Detour – Request – Traffic Calming Measures.

County Engineer and Director of Operations Steve Lund provided the update. Speed signs have been erected to calm traffic and are recording speeds. The County is working diligently with the OPP who are regularly patrolling the area. Constable Wes Coast, a life-size decoy police officer holding a speed enforcement device is on duty in the area to remind drivers to slow down. The bridge project will be completed in November.

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports agenda item 14.10 Municipality of Shuniah resolution re: Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts correspondence not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

15. New/Unfinished Business: None.

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 Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-056, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of an agreement with Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre C.O.B. as Acorn Information Solutions;

By-law No. 2021-057, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a grant agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development;

By-law No. 2021-058, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a contribution agreement with the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association;

By-law No. 2021-059, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;

By-law No. 2021-060, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a service agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team Program;

By-law No. 2021-061, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a service agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-056, 2021-057, 2021-058, 2021-059, 2021-060 and 2021-061, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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By-law No. 2021-056, 2021-057, 2021-058, 2021-059, 2021-060 and 2021-61, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-056, 2021-057, 2021-058, 2021-059, 2021-060 and 2021-061, 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. 2021-056, 2021-057, 2021-058, 2021-059, 2021-060 and 2021-61, 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.

Huron County Library Board - Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

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

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

Audit Committee - Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, September 15, 2021 immediately following the Audit Committee Meeting – Virtual Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-062, 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. 2021-062; 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 Finch

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:22 PM to meet again on Wednesday, September 1, 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