

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
September 1, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. All members of Council were present except for Councillor Grace.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil informed members that he was part of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) municipal delegation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference. The issues discussed were Broadband, Work Force Strategy and Affordable Housing. At the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus there was discussion regarding homelessness as per correspondence sent from Huron County Council.

The Warden participated in the Huron County Plowing Match hosted by Ross McIntosh. All COVID-19 safety protocols were followed and no spectators were present. Participants were very appreciative of the event.

The Warden and Councillor Ginn attended a dinner meeting with Town of Goderich Mayor John Grace and Senator Rob Black. Senator Black, a strong supporter of agriculture and rural issues, was in Huron County to open the Bayfield Fair.

Warden McNeil advised Council on the passing of local Animal Control Officer Robert "Bob" Trick. The Warden extended sympathy to the family and will be speaking on behalf of Huron County at the funeral later today.

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

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

- Closed to the Public Session under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to discuss personal matters about and identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees- Economic Development Department with CAO Wark and Clerk Cronin in attendance, which will be considered after Agenda Item 9.1.

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for September 1, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting on August 11, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Ginn informed members that he has forwarded a copy of the Huron County Clean Water Project presentation to Senator Rob Black for information.

Councillor Fisher inquired about a vaccination policy for Huron County employees, suppliers and Councillors. CAO Wark informed Council that Human Resources will be presenting a report to Council in October.

Councillor Fisher stated that some Huron East residents have experienced long delays for agricultural drains. He asked if Huron County has ever employed a full-time drainage engineer to work exclusively for Huron County. Director of Public Works Steve Lund confirmed that it is a local municipal function. There was further discussion with Councillors but no direction given.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.8:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich
THAT:
Items 8.1 through 8.8 be approved with the actions as noted.
CARRIED

Councillor Ginn indicated an error in report Item 8.1 (d) that will be corrected (Stephen Ward is not in Central Huron).

9. Planning and Development:

9.1 Consent File C60-2021, Ron and Carrie Menzies (Owners)/Mark Horst (Applicant), Concession 1, Part Lots 69 and 70, Grey Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Laura Simpson)

The purpose of this application is to sever a piece of vacant agricultural land and merge it with the abutting property to the north, Grey, Con 1, Lots 69 and 70, Part 1 on 22R-6519, owned by Marcrest Holdings Inc. The application conforms to the Huron East and Huron County Official Plans and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. A neighbour has submitted correspondence objecting to the proposed severance due to a number of concerns including environmental concerns for the existing drain and wildlife crossing the subject lands, noise and traffic concerns from the increased agricultural industrial use, and negative impact on their property. The Municipality of Huron East has recommended that the application be approved and the Planning and Development Department recommends the application be approved with conditions

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn
THAT:
The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Laura Simpson, Planner, that Consent application C60-2021 by Ron and Carrie Menzies (Owners) and Mark Horst (Applicant) requesting the severance of a parcel of land, described as Concession 1, Part Lots 69 and 70, Grey Ward, Municipality of Huron East, be approved with conditions.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan
THAT:

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Consent File C60-2021 by Ron and Carrie Menzies (Owners)/Mark Horst (Applicant), (presented) requesting a severance of a parcel of land described as Concession 1, Part Lots 69 and 70, Grey Ward, Municipality of Huron East. Public comments were received objecting to the application with concerns for conflict with wildlife and environmental impacts, increased traffic and noise disturbance to neighbouring properties. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received from agencies in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in the decision to approve the application.
CARRIED

Council recessed at 9:35 AM and resumed at 9:40 AM.

16. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 9:40 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Economic Development Department;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark and Clerk Susan Cronin remain in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 9:59 AM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Economic Development Department

9.2 Update on Housing Friendly Review (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Planner, dated September 1, 2021, titled Update on Housing Friendly Review, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3 Planning and Development Department Workload and Resources – Report #2 (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Sandra Weber, Director of Planning and Development, dated September 1, 2021, Planning and Development Department Workload and Resources - Report #2, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Sandra Weber, Director, that a permanent full-time Planning Manager position be added to the Planning

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and Development Department to help advance the long range planning work and to provide support to Planning staff on development applications.
CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

10.1 Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report - September 2021
(presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Interim Director of Cultural Services, dated September 1, 2021, titled Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report – September 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 M951.0232.001, M960.0069.001, M960.0084.001 & 2, M981.0008.00, M990.010.001 to M990.0010.006, and M990.0022.001 & M990.0022.002 be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 Cross Border Servicing Workshop Report (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated September 1, 2021, titled Cross Border Servicing Workshop Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.2 Strategic Priorities Workshop Report (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated September 1, 2021, titled the Strategic Priorities Workshop Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3 Strategic Priorities – August 2021 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated September 1, 2021, titled Strategic Priorities – August 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support correspondence received from Haldrey Farms Ltd. regarding Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 2021 by raising The

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Childhood Cancer Gold Ribbon Flag at the Court House in Goderich for one week in the month of September.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

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.

13.1 Celebrating Welcoming Week in Huron County, Immigration Partnership Project Update (presented by Kristin Crane)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Kristin Crane, Immigration Partnership Coordinator, dated September 1, 2021, titled Celebrating Welcoming Week in Huron County Project Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

By-law No. 2021-063, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Nimble Information Strategies Inc.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-063 be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-063, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-063, 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. 2021-063, 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: Considered after Agenda Item 9.1

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM - 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 - Virtual Meeting

Accessibility Advisory Committee – Monday, September 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM – Virtual Meeting

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-064, 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. 2021-064, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

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. 2021-064 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 10:59 AM to meet again on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin