

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
October 20, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. All members of Council were present. Councillor Bailey departed at 12:39 PM.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for October 20, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of October 6, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1 Huron Perth Ag Science Centre

Jillian Lewis, Board Chair, provided information and requested collaboration between Huron County (Economic Development Team) and the Huron Perth Ag Science Centre Steering Committee (five hours per month of time, for questions, advice and research support).

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Jillian Lewis, Board Chair, dated October 20, 2021, titled Huron Perth Ag Science Centre, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report regarding the Huron Perth Ag Science Centre's request for collaboration with the Huron County Economic Development Department.

CARRIED

5.2 Huron County Economic Development Board

John Marshall and Brad Chandler - Economic Development Board, Taylor Lambert - Goderich Airport Task Force, and Ben Crooks, HM Aero Aviation Consultants provided Council with information on the Goderich Airport Strategic Plan.

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report titled Goderich Airport Strategic Plan, as presented for information.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Finch.

YEAS: Councillors Fergusson, Ginn, Grace, Jewitt, MacLellan, McNeil, Murdock, Watt
NAYS: Councillors Bailey, Dietrich, Finch, Fisher, Harding, Heffer, Klopp

YEAS: 8, NAYS: 7
CARRIED

6. Councillor's Issues: None.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1 Inter-Municipal Agreement and Call for Proposals for Local Service System Management (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated October 20, 2021 titled Inter-Municipal Service Agreement and Call for Proposals for Local Service System Management, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into an Inter-Municipal Service Agreement with the Consolidated Municipal Service Managers in the Stratford-Bruce catchment area including Huron County, Bruce County, Grey County and Stratford. Bruce County would act as the lead;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Inter-Municipal Service Agreement for the integrated employment services system between the Counties of Grey, Bruce, Huron and the City of Stratford;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes staff to complete the Provincial Request for Proposals to be considered for the role of Service System Manager of community-based employment and training services;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Any proposed final agreement between the Province and the four Counties within the Inter-Municipal Service Agreement will be signed by Bruce County as the lead Consolidated Municipal Service Manager and be 100 percent funded by the Province and cost neutral to the participating CMSM's;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Any proposed Service System Manager agreement with the Province would be established on business and legal terms satisfactory to all members of the four Counties identified within the Inter-Municipal Service Agreement and their governing bodies and subject to Council approval at a future date.

CARRIED

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8.2 Dispersed Model of Housing (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Barbara Hall, Director of Social and Property Services, dated October 20, 2021, titled Dispersed Model of Housing, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by the Homelessness Task Force to source a range of housing options in a variety of settings and sizes for affordable and supportive housing;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation that a by-law be drafted delegating authority to the Director of Social and Property Services to source housing units and negotiate pricing and terms of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with written approval by the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Warden and Clerk to enter into the respective Agreement of Purchase and Sale for affordable and supporting housing, with the condition within the Agreement of Purchase and Sale that the Council of the County of Huron provide approval of the agreement at a County Council meeting.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged:

9.1 Request for Approval: Sole Sourcing New Commercial Washing Machine (presented by Angela Steadman and Brad McLaughlin)

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 Supervisor, dated October 20, 2021, titled Request for Approval: Sole Sourcing New Commercial Washing Machine-Huronview Home for the Aged, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves utilizing the sole sourcing procurement method to approve the quote from Harco in the amount of \$20,728.00+HST for the replacement of the existing washing machine unit at Huronview Home for the Aged from 2021 capital funds.

CARRIED

9.2 Request for Sole Sourcing and Budget Reallocation for Ceiling Lifts-Huronlea (presented by Angela Steadman and Brad McLaughlin)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Acting Director of Homes for the Aged, Angela Steadman and Environmental Services Manager, Brad McLaughlin dated October 20, 2021, titled Request for Sole Sourcing and Reallocation for Ceiling Lifts-Huronlea, as presented for information;.

AND FURTHER THAT:

Huronlea Home for the Aged be approved to utilize the sole sourcing procurement method to reallocate \$23,209 from the HL02 21 resident beds capital project and \$40,000 from HL03 20 tub room lifts with scales capital project for the purchase of ceiling lifts for Huronlea, HL03 21.

CARRIED

10. Emergency Services:

10.1 Additional 12 Hour Vehicle Goderich Base (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated October 20, 2021, titled Additional 12 Hour Vehicle Goderich Base, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves staff's recommendation Option #1 "Delayed Implementation until July 2022" of the proposed additional 12 Hour day vehicle in Goderich base;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The costing for option #1 be included in the 2022 Emergency Services budget for further discussion during the 2022 County budget review process.

CARRIED

11. Public Works:

11.1 Boundary Road Agreement Renewal Huron Middlesex County (presented by Steve Lund))

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated October 20, 2021, titled Huron Middlesex Boundary Road Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into the revised Huron Middlesex Boundary Road agreement until November 14, 2031;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Huron Middlesex Boundary Agreement and all required documentation.

CARRIED

11.2 Public Works Facility Review Update (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, dated October 20, 2021, titled Public Works Facility Review Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3 Recommendation to Adjust Speed Limits and Move Speed Zones at Four Identified Locations Throughout the County (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, dated October 20, 2021, titled Recommendation to Adjust Speed Limits and Move Speed Zones at Four Identified Locations Throughout the County, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron approves a reduction of the posted speed limit and adjustments to posted speed zones as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared to amend By-law 2021-026, a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize speed limits to reflect this change.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:12 AM and resumed at 11:18 AM.

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Economic Development Department September 2021 Update (presented by Sandra Weber)

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 October 20, 2021, titled Economic Development Department September 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 County of Huron Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Framework (presented by Kristin Crane and Amy Zoethout)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Kristin Crane, Immigration Partnership Coordinator, and Amy Zoethout, Marketing and Branding Coordinator, Cultural Services, dated October 20, 2021, titled County of Huron Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Framework, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3 Construction Activity in Huron County, 2016-2020 (presented by Alex Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alex Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated October 20, 2021, titled Construction Activity in Huron County 2016-2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.4 Huron County Immigration Partnership Newcomer Welcoming Week Update (presented by Mark Nonkes and Kristin Crane)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Mark Nonkes, Immigration Partnership Support Officer and Kristin Crane, Immigration Partnership Co-ordinator, dated October 20, 2021, titled Huron County Immigration Partnership Newcomer Welcoming Week Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1 2022 Huron County Council Calendar - Notice of Meetings (presented by Susan Cronin)

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Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated October 20, 2021, titled 2022 Huron County Council Calendar - Notice of Meetings, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The 2022 Huron County Council Calendar be approved as presented.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.6 Township of Enniskillen resolution re: Cannabis Act.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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.

16. Notice of Motion: None.

17. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-070, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to Authorize a Franchise Agreement Between the County of Huron and Enbridge Gas Inc.;

By-law No. 2021-071, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to Delegate the Authority for Certain Acts Regarding Supportive and Affordable Housing

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-070 and 2021-071, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-070 and 2021-071, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-071, 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:

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By-law No. 2021-071, 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 Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:19 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

- The security of the property of the municipality or local Board-Cyber Insurance Update

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen and Senior Manager of Business Technology Solutions Kim Reid, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

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

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:44 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session– CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss the security of the property of the municipality or local Board-Cyber Insurance Update

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, November 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM – Virtual Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, November 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

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

By-Law No. 2021-072, 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,

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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. 2021-072; 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 Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:46 PM to meet again on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin