

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
December 15, 2021

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. All members of Council were present.

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

Warden McNeil welcomed Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development and Annette Fletcher, Deputy Treasurer.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Warden McNeil stated that there were additions to the agenda:

Agenda item 14.8 Correspondence from Mayor Finch/Tom McIntosh regarding Dashwood Road Projects

Agenda Item 18 Closed to the Public Session:

2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Homes for the Aged-COVID
3. The security of the property of the municipality or local Board - Cyber Insurance

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for December 15, 2021 be approved as amended.

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 on December 1, 2021 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1 Huron Commodities Inc.

Martin VanderLoo, President of Huron Commodities Inc. provided Council with information on the future of agriculture.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Martin VanderLoo, President of Huron Commodities Inc., dated December 15, 2021, titled Sustainable Supply, Inflation, Interest Rates - What's in Your Wallet, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report that focuses on advocacy options regarding the presentation by Martin VanderLoo, President of Huron Commodities Inc. titled Sustainable Supply, Inflation, Interest Rates – What’s in Your Wallet.

CARRIED

6. Councillor’s Issues: None.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1 Bad Debt Write-Off Report (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated December 15, 2021, titled Bad Debt Write-Off Report 2021 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation that the presented bad debts incurred by former tenants of the Huron County Housing Corporation be written off for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

CARRIED

8.2 Huron Recreation Arts and Sports Program 2022 (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated December 15, 2021, titled Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program 2022 (Huron RASP) as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into an agreement with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario for their services in determining eligibility and administering funds to Huron County families that qualify for this assistance to allow their child's participation in sports, arts and recreation;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documents with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario for the Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program 2022 (Huron RASP);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to include this program in the 2022 budget for consideration.

CARRIED

8.3 Update - Rapid Housing Initiative Phase 2 (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated December 15, 2021, titled Update - Rapid Housing Initiative Phase 2, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation that a report be prepared by Social and Property Services identifying the capital costs to construct the and identify the potential capital funding resources, along with the operational costs and supportive services costs to determine the projected amount to operate the building on an annual basis.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged:

9.1 CareRX Pharmacy Corp. - Contract Renewal with Homes for the Aged (presented by Angela Steadman)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Angela Steadman, Acting Director of Homes for the Aged dated December 15, 2021, titled CareRX Pharmacy Corp. - Contract Renewal with Homes for the Aged, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the pharmacy services contract renewal dated November 19, 2021 from CareRX Pharmacy Corp. on behalf of Homes for the Aged;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract with CareRX Pharmacy Corp. and all other required documents.

CARRIED

9.2 MLTC Increase to Direct Care Funding Allocation Report-Homes for the Aged (presented by Angela Steadman)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Angela Steadman, Acting Director of Homes for the Aged, dated December 15, 2021, titled MLTC Increase to Direct Care Funding Allocation Report- Homes for the Aged, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works: None.

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Economic Development Department November 2021 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated December 15, 2021, titled Economic Development Department November 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

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13.1 2022 Borrowing By-Law (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated December 15, 2021, titled 2022 Borrowing By-Law, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves that a by-law be prepared to authorize the County of Huron to borrow up to the amount of \$4,000,000 to meet current expenditures for the Municipality in 2022.

CARRIED

13.2 Capital and Operating Projects – Deferral to 2022 (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated December 15, 2021, 2021 titled Capital and Operating Projects – Deferral to 2022, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the carry forward of the 2021 projects listed in Appendix A into the 2022 budget.

CARRIED

13.3 COVID Vaccine Clinic Funding Support for Huron County Partner Municipalities (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated December 15, 2021 titled COVID Vaccine Clinic Funding Support for Huron County Partner Municipalities, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the use of Safe Restart Funding to support COVID Vaccine Clinic costs incurred by Huron County partner municipalities above the course of their normal operations and budgets;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the County Clerk and the Warden to enter into funding agreements with Huron County partner municipalities with respect to COVID Vaccine Clinic Funding Cost;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and County Clerk to execute the funding agreements with Huron County partner municipalities with respect to COVID Vaccine Clinic Funding Costs.

CARRIED

13.4 Spirit of Giving (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated December 15, 2021 titled Spirit of Giving, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.4 City of St. Catharines resolution re: National Childcare Program.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.1 Town of Georgina resolution re: Lack of recycling options for agricultural bale wrap and twine and boat shrink wrap.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests the Warden to acknowledge the written receipt of item 14.8 Correspondence from Mayor Finch/Tom McIntosh regarding Dashwood Road Projects.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

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.

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2021-085, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend an agreement with CareRx Pharmacy Corporation for the Pharmacy Service Agreement.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-085, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2021-085, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-085, 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. 2021-085, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:42 AM and resumed at 10:50 AM

16. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:50 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Homes for the Aged;
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees - Homes for the Aged - COVID;
3. The security of the property of the municipality or local Board - Cyber-Insurance;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1, 2 & 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2 & 3), Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen (Items 1, 2 & 3), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Items 1 & 2), and Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Item 1) remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:18 AM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees, and the security of the property of the municipality or local Board

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of December 15, 2021.

CARRIED

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

As per the County's COVID-19 response protocols, all Council and Committee meetings are being held virtually.

Special Council Code of Conduct Review - Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

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Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting
Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM
- Virtual Meeting

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, January 17, 2022 at 9:00 AM -
Virtual Meeting

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-Law No. 2021-086, 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. 2021-086; 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 11:21 AM to meet again on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin