

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
January 5, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. All members of Council were present. Councillor Grace arrived at 9:07 AM.

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

1. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil extended New Year's greetings to Council and staff. He also stated that Minister Lisa Thompson reached out to offering support to Huron County and all the local municipalities.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for January 5, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting of December 15, 2021 and the Special Code of Conduct meeting of December 16, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor Bailey requested a follow-up to a previous Closed Session. This will be added to the next Closed Session.

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1 Project Sinkhouse by Cabinscape Inc. / RAW Design

John Loerchner, CEO, Cabinscape, and Jon Jeronimus, Project Architect, RAW Design, invited Council to consider becoming lead Municipal applicant, partnering with Cabinscape and RAW Design (and affiliates) on a Green Municipal Fund application for a pilot project of a carbon net negative, affordable small home.

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the delegation of John Loerchner and Jon Jeronimus titled Project Sinkhouse by Cabinscape Inc. / RAW Design, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the request for Huron County to consider becoming lead Municipal applicant, partnering with John Loerchner, CEO Cabinscape and Jon Jeronimus, Project Architect, RAW Design on Project Sinkhouse for a Green Municipal Fund application for a pilot project of a carbon net negative, affordable small home;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests this presentation be forwarded to the Economic Development Board for comment to Huron County Council.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Issues:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to request information from the County of Bruce administration on the third party review of the service reductions to the emergency departments at the Walkerton and Chesley hospitals.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.8:

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests a presentation by the Cultural Services Department on the history of salt in Huron County.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.8 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:08 AM and resumed at 10:13 AM.

8. Planning and Development:

8.1 Consent File C88-2021, Collin Martin for C&G Cabinetry, Lot 15, Concession 9, Township of Howick (presented by Jenn Burns)

This application proposes to sever an existing residence and shed from the remainder of the farmland and natural environment features. The proposed severed parcel is 1.2 hectares (3 acres) and contains a residence and storage shed. The proposed retained parcel is 39 hectares (97 acres). The subject residence is not deemed to be surplus to the current owner/applicant. The owner does not have another farm with a house and does not intend to sell the farmland to another farmer who would qualify the subject house as surplus. The Department is recommending denial as the application is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and does not conform to the Huron County or Howick Official Plan. The Township of Howick has recommended approval with conditions. Collin Martin (the applicant) spoke in favour of the application.

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent Application C88-21 by Collin Martin on behalf of C&G Cabinetry requesting the severance of a surplus farm residence from property described as Lot 15, Concession 9, Township of Howick, with presented amended conditions.

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CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

Consent File C88-2021 by Collin Martin for C&G Cabinetry, requesting a severance of an existing residence and shed from a farm described as Lot 15, Concession 9, Township of Howick Ward, Municipality of South Huron. No public comments were received on the application so there was no effect on the decision. Comments were received from agencies identifying the issue of the owner/applicant not qualifying under the surplus farmhouse severance policies. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

8.2 Consent File C91-2021, Leroy Martin for Laurlee Farms Inc., PT Lot 19, Concession 7, Township of Howick (presented by Jenn Burns)

This application proposes to sever a surplus house, shed and bank barn containing 25 head of cattle, from the remaining farmland and natural environment features. The proposed retained farmland contains a 2000 head hog (weaner) barn. The proposed severed parcel is just over 4 acres (1.6 hectares) and the proposed retained parcel is 90 acres (36 hectares). This application also proposes a right of way over the existing farm driveway to provide access to the hog barn at the rear of the property. The Department is recommending denial as the application is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and does not conform to the Huron County or Howick Official Plan. The Township of Howick has recommended approval with conditions. Leroy Martin (applicant) spoke in favour of the application.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent Application C91-2021 by Leroy Martin on behalf of Laurlee Farms, requesting the severance of a surplus farm residence from property described as PT Lot 19, Concession 7, Township of Howick, with presented amended conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

Consent File C91-2021, Leroy Martin for Laurlee Farms Inc., requesting a severance of a surplus house, shed and bank barn from a farm described as PT Lot 19, Concession 7, Township of Howick. No public comments were received on the application so there was no effect on the decision. Comments were received from agencies identifying the issue of MDS deficiency, road frontage, livestock & future settlement area expansion challenges. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

8.3 Public Meeting for Plan of Subdivision Application 40T21003, Saltford Heights Holdings Ltd c/o MHBC Planning, Con 1 WD PT Lot 1 PT Road Allowance (81323 Westmount Line), Colborne Con WD BLKS C and E PT Road Allowance RP 22R420 PT Part 1, PT BLK C TWP of Colborne as RP 22R916 Part 3 Except RP 22R2792 Part 1 S/T PT BLK C TWP of Colborne as RP 22R916 Part 3 Except RP 22R2792 Part 1 S/T ROW (Colborne), Township of Ashfield-Colborne- Wawanosh (presented by Sandra Weber)

A member of Council is required to attend a joint public meeting of the County of Huron and the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh for a Plan of Subdivision application. The application proposes the creation of 66 lots for single detached residences and two

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new roads. The public meeting for this application is scheduled to be held virtually on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 9 am.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

Councillor Ginn be appointed to represent County Council at the public meeting for Plan of Subdivision 40T21003, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

CARRIED

Councillor Murdock indicated that he will be declaring a Pecuniary Interest when this Plan of Subdivision Application is presented to Council.

9. Cultural Services: None.

10. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

10.1 Strategic Priorities Chart – December 2021 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated January 5, 2022, titled Strategic Priorities Chart - December 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:05 AM and resumed at 11:10 AM.

10.2 2022 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations

Consolidated (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Corporate (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Human Resources (presented by Lara Vanstone)

Planning and Development (presented by Sandra Weber)

Library and Cultural Services (presented by Beth Rumble)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The County of Huron receives the 2022 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations, dated January 5, 2022, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence:

Councillor Bailey requested information on truth and reconciliation policies at Huron County. CAO Wark stated that the Huron County Land Acknowledgement Policy was approved at the June 23, 2021 meeting will be included in the Council Day 2 Consent agenda.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports agenda item 11.2 Fort Erie resolution re: City of St. Catharines' resolution – National Childcare Program.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron invites staff from the Municipality of South Bruce to attend a Council meeting to present an Update on South Bruce participation in the site selection process for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Project.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports agenda item 11.9 Town of Penetanguishene Police Services Board re: Concerning rates of Recidivism by sending correspondence to the Provincial and Federal Governments.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

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

CARRIED

12. 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.

12.1 Huron County Business Retention & Expansion Project Status Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated January 5, 2022, titled Huron County Business Retention & Expansion Project Status Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Notice of Motion:

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report to amend the "County of Huron Code of Conduct For Members of Council & Local Boards" regarding the definition of "Immediate Relative" as follows:

"immediate relative" means a Member's spouse, parent (including step-parent and legal guardian), child (including step-child), grandchild, sibling, ~~aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin,~~ and in-law (including mother- and father-in-law, sister- and brother-in-law, daughter- and son-in-law);

14. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2022-001, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the County of Huron (The "Municipality");

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By-law No. 2022-002, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with YMCA of Southwestern Ontario for the Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program 2022;

By-law No. 2022-003, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to execute funding agreements with Huron County Partner Municipalities for COVID Clinic funding support.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-0, 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. 2022-0, 2022-0 and 2022-003, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

15. Closed to the Public Session: None.

16. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Special Council Leadership, Training and Coaching Session - Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

17. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

By-Law No. 2022-004, 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. 2022-004, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

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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. 2022-004 as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

18. 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 12:52 PM to meet again on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin