

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
February 2, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. All members of Council were present except for Councillor Klopp. Councillor Grace arrived at 9:31 AM.

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

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil extended congratulations to all municipal delegations attending the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) 2022 Conference.

He also congratulated Director of Planning and Development Sandra Weber who represented Huron County for the 5th year on the Smithers Question Box Panel at ROMA.

Warden McNeil represented the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) in a delegation to the Minister on Affordable Housing at ROMA. He indicated that comments were well received.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Warden McNeil stated that there was a revision to the agenda:

- Agenda item 9.5 Request for Member of Council to Attend Public Meeting - Plan of Subdivision 40T22001. The public meeting date for this application has been changed from Tuesday, March 1, 2022 to Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for February 2, 2022 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting of January 19, 2022 and the Special Council meeting of January 20, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1 Huron Clean Water Project

Councillor Heffer, Chair of the Huron Clean Water Review Committee, introduced Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship and Lands Manager, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) and Ben Van Dieten, Stewardship Projects Lead, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA). They provided Council with information on the Huron Clean Water Project Annual Report.

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship and Lands Manager, ABCA and Ben Van Dieten, Stewardship Projects Lead, MVCA, dated February 2, 2022, titled Huron Clean Water Project, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Sandra Weber, Director of Planning and Development, indicated that the Citizen Appointee position on the Committee is currently vacant as Duncan Jewell has recently retired.

7. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor MacLellan attended a ROMA panel discussion on the current state of electric vehicle (EV) technology. This panel indicated that the technology for electric vehicles for snowplows, graders etc. is not available at this time.

Councillor MacLellan indicated that he would prefer Council determine how to achieve any levy increase/decrease in the annual budget rather than directing staff to figure out how to reach a goal set by Council.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.8:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.8 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1 Huron Clean Water Project Category Update (presented by Marcus Maddalena)

Updating Grant Category requirements for the Huron Clean Water Project in response to An annual review by the Review Committee and support staff to continually improve the project.

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Marcus Maddalena, Biologist/Stewardship Coordinator, dated February 2, 2022, titled Huron Clean Water Project Categories Update, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the proposed changes to the Clean Water Project categories as outlined in the report by Marcus Maddalena, Biologist/Stewardship Coordinator, dated February 2, 2022, titled Huron Clean Water Project Category Update.

CARRIED

9.2 C101-21 Seaforth Golf Course (1996) Ltd. (Owner) Baker Planning Group (Applicant) - Con 2, Part Lots 8 & 9, Tuckersmith Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Laura Simpson)

The purpose of this application is to sever a vacant parcel from the Seaforth Golf Course. The application will create a Recreational parcel and was reviewed against the policies for lot creation in the Recreational designation with recreation land uses. The applicant has

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identified that the long-term consideration of the severed parcel is the redevelopment of the lands for a residential condominium development to provide accessible housing for older adults, but this development was not part of the review of this application. The severed parcel is approximately 3 hectares (7.4 acres) and the retained lands are approximately 37.2 hectares (91.9 acres). 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 concern that the severance to divide land from the golf course for future residential development will have a negative impact on the beauty and green space of the area. The Municipality of Huron East has recommended that the application be approved with conditions.

Planner Laura Simpson verbally amended her recommendation and requested that Council defer the application as new correspondence with objections has been received from Brendan Ruddick, lawyer for 1491235 Ontario Inc. and MacPherson Builders (Seaforth) Limited, since the Municipality of Huron East recommended approval of the application. A deferral would allow for discussion and for the application to go back to Huron East Council in February, if necessary. Caroline Baker (the applicant) stated she and her client are agreeable to a deferral.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent application C101-2021 by Seaforth Golf Course (1996) Ltd. (Baker Planning Group c/o Caroline Baker) requesting the severance of a parcel of land, described as Con 2, Part Lots 8 & 9, Tuckersmith Ward, Municipality of Huron East, with conditions.

WITHDRAWN

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Laura Simpson, Planner, that Consent application C101-2021 by Seaforth Golf Course (1996) Ltd. (Baker Planning Group c/o Caroline Baker) requesting the severance of a parcel of land, described as Con 2, Part Lots 8 & 9, Tuckersmith Ward, Municipality of Huron East, be deferred until the March 9, 2022 Council meeting.

CARRIED

9.3 C104-21 Reuben Van Den Assem (Owner/Applicant) - Con 1, Part Lot 25 as RP 22R978, Part 1 & Part 4, Seaforth Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Laura Simpson)

The purpose of this application is to sever a residential parcel and retain two vacant parcels on either side of the severed lands for future development. The application would result in the creation of three residential parcels which will all front onto Main Street North. 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 identifying concerns over disruption to their home business during the construction process of the two new proposed houses. 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. Reuben Van Den Assem (the applicant) spoke in favour of the application.

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

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The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Laura Simpson, Planner, that Consent application C104-2021 by Reuben Van Den Assem requesting the severance of a parcel of land, described as Con 1, Part Lot 25 as RP 22R978, Part 1 & Part 4, Seaforth Ward, Municipality of Huron East, be approved with conditions.
CARRIED

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

Consent File C104-21 by Reuben Van Den Assem (Owner/Applicant) requesting a severance for the land described as Con 1, Part Lot 25 as RP 22R978, Part 1 & Part 4, Seaforth Ward, Municipality of Huron East. Public comments were received with the concern of a negative impact from construction on the retained lands 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 in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application. Agency comments were received from agencies on the issue of entrance permits for the retained lands onto a County Road. These comments were addressed through attached conditions of approval.
CARRIED

9.4 Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal Update Report (presented by Sandra Weber)

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

The Council of the County of Huron requests staff to prepare a report on the options for recovery costs when an appeal is filed with the Ontario Land Tribunal.
CARRIED

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Sandra Weber, Director, titled Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals Update Report, dated February 2, 2022, for information.
CARRIED

9.5 Request for Member of Council to Attend Public Meeting - Plan of Subdivision 40T22001 (presented by Laura Simpson)

A member of Council is required to attend a joint public meeting of the County of Huron and the Municipality of Huron East for a Plan of Subdivision application. The application proposes to apply a Plan of Subdivision to the former Seaforth Public School lands and proposes the creation of 18 lots and 4 blocks, with 10 single lots, 8 lots for semi-detached dwellings, and 4 multi-unit residential blocks. The public meeting for this application is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 at 7:00pm. The meeting is proposed to be held virtually over Zoom but this may be subject to change as per public health protocols.

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

Councillor Finch be appointed to represent County Council at the public meeting for Plan of Subdivision File 40T22001, Municipality of Huron East.
CARRIED

10. Cultural Services: None.

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 Strategic Priorities Chart – January 2022 (presented by Meighan Wark)

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated February 2, 2022, titled Strategic Priorities Chart – January 2022, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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 L-SAA Schedule E - Form of Compliance Declaration (presented by Angela Steadman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Angela Steadman, Acting Director of Homes for the Aged, dated February 2, 2022, titled L-SAA Schedule E - Form of Compliance Declaration, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Warden and the Clerk be authorized to sign the required declaration known as Schedule E of the L-SAA Agreements for Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The signed Schedule E be forwarded to the Southwest LHIN (Local Health Integration Network).

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2022-008, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Demers Ambulances of Beloeil, Quebec and Delegation of Authority.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-008, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-008, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

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Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-008, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 14 of the Procedural Bylaw for the County of Huron, Section 1, Subsection 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-008, 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 10:19 AM and resumed at 10:25 AM.

16. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:18 AM 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 Security;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, Senior Manager of Business Technology Solutions Kim Reid, Manager of IT Infrastructure and Operations Jason Geberdt, and Network and Security Architect Mike Mason, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 10:42 AM.

CARRIED

- CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss the security of the property of the municipality of local Board - Cyber Security

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

Special Session - Council Budget - Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM – Virtual Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting

Special Council - Audit Committee Meeting - Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, February 16, 2022 immediately following the Audit Committee Meeting at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

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By-Law No. 2022-009, 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. 2022-009, 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 11:44 AM to meet again on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin