

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
February 16, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. All members of Council were present.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Warden McNeil stated that there were additions to the agenda:

- Agenda Item 10.1 Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care Funding report
- Agenda Item 17 By-laws – By-law 2022-012 to ratify the above report

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for February 16, 2022 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of February 2, 2022 and the Special Council Budget meeting of February 9, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1 Huron County Climate Action Groups

Susan Hundertmark, C4th Climate Action and Betty Durst, Blue Bayfield representing Huron County climate action groups have joined together to collect signatures for a national Council of Canadians petition asking the federal government for action on Just Transition legislation. Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb has tabled their first 25-signature petition in parliament. They are continuing to collect signatures to add to the 250 gathered so far, to urge the federal government to act quickly to combat climate change. They are seeking the County's support with an endorsement of this petition.

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the delegation by Susan Hundertmark, C4th Climate Action and Betty Durst, Blue Bayfield, titled Huron County Climate Action Groups, dated February 16, 2022, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron supports the following petition presented by Susan Hundertmark, C4th Climate Action and Betty Durst, Blue Bayfield representing Huron County climate action groups:

WHEREAS Canada must address the climate emergency, we the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada call on the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada to enact just transition legislation that:

- Reduces emissions by at least 60% below 2005 levels by 2030, and makes significant contributions to emissions reductions in countries in the Global South
- Winds down the fossil fuel industry and related infrastructure, ends fossil fuel subsidies, and transitions to a decarbonized economy
- Creates new public economic institutions and expands public ownership of services and utilities across the economy to implement the transition
- Creates good green jobs and drives inclusive workforce development, led by and including affected workers and communities, and ensures decent, low-carbon work for all workers
- Protects and strengthens human rights and worker rights, respects Indigenous rights, sovereignty, and knowledge by including them in creating and implementing this legislation, ensures migrant justice, and emphasizes support for historically marginalized communities
- Expands the social safety net through new income supports, decarbonized public housing, and operational funding for affordable and accessible public transit countrywide
- Pays for the transition by increasing taxes on the wealthiest and corporations and financing through a public national bank.

AND FURTHER THAT:

This motion of support be circulated to Prime Minister Trudeau, Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb, and Huron County Local municipalities.

DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests that the Federal Government have consideration to the following items when crafting policies:

WHEREAS Canada must address the climate emergency, we the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada call on the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada to enact just transition legislation that:

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- Winds down the fossil fuel industry and related infrastructure, ends fossil fuel subsidies, and transitions to a decarbonized economy
- Creates new public economic institutions and expands public ownership of services and utilities across the economy to implement the transition
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- Expands the social safety net through new income supports, decarbonized public housing, and operational funding for affordable and accessible public transit countrywide
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This request be sent to Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb, the Finance Minister and the Prime Minister.

WITHDRAWN as no seconder to the presented motion.

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support the following:

WHEREAS Canada must address the climate emergency, we the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada call on the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada to enact just transition legislation that:

- Reduces emissions by at least 60% below 2005 levels by 2030, and makes significant contributions to emissions reductions in countries in the Global South
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- Creates good green jobs and drives inclusive workforce development, led by and including affected workers and communities, and ensures decent, low-carbon work for all workers

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Grace.

YEAS: Councillors Bailey, Finch, Ginn, Grace, Jewitt, Klopp, MacLellan, Murdock, Watt, Warden McNeil

NAYS: Councillors Dietrich, Fergusson, Harding, Heffer

ABSENT: Councillor Fisher

YEAS: 10 NAYS: 4

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Issues:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the private members' bill C-234 titled Fairness to Farmers tabled by Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.3:

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.3 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1 Everyone Counts, Huron 2021 Homelessness Enumeration Report (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated February 16, 2022, titled Everyone Counts, 2021 Huron County Homelessness Enumeration Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services:

10.1 Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care Funding (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated February 16, 2022 titled Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care Funding, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care Program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted directing the Warden and Clerk execute the Transfer Payment Agreement and all other required documentation with the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care for the Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care program.

CARRIED

11. Public Works:

11.1 Completion of Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Traffic Improvements at County Road 4 and County Road 25 in Blyth (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from the Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works dated February 16, 2022 titled Completion of Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Traffic Improvements at County Road 4 and County Road 25 in Blyth, as presented for information:

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for engineering services for detailed design and construction subject to requests made as part of the Notice of Study Completion, and present a recommendation to Council to award the RFP for the Traffic Improvements at County Road 4 and County Road 25 in Blyth project.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Economic Development Department January 2022 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated February 16, 2022, titled Economic Development Department January 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Rural Economic Development Cost Share Funding Program (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Vicki Lass, Director of Economic

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Development, dated February 16, 2022, titled Rural Economic Development (RED) Program Cost Share Funding proposal, as presented for information;
 AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the submission by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, for the Rural Economic Development Program Cost Share Funding Application with a budget impact of up to \$65,000 from Economic Development budget for the hiring of one full time contract position and for project costs;
 AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Warden and Clerk to execute the funding agreement and any other required documents for the Rural Economic Development Program Cost Share Funding, if successful.
 CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:43 AM and resumed at 10:50 AM.

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1 2022 Draft Budget – Additional Information (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

The following scenarios were presented:

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|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2021 Levy | \$44,648,115 | |
| Initial Draft 2022 Increase (@ 4.40%) | \$1,964,580 | 4.40% |
| | Adjustments | Levy Impact |
| Scenario 1 | | |
| Staffing | | |
| SS - Housing salary adjustment | (\$8,900) | -0.02% |
| SS - Housing manager deferral | (\$66,900) | -0.15% |
| Museum Program Coordinator adj | (\$36,800) | -0.08% |
| Operating/Capital Expenses | | |
| Homes for the Aged - Heating costs | (\$26,660) | -0.06% |
| Revised 2022 Levy Increase | \$1,825,320 | 4.09% |
| Total 2022 Levy | \$46,473,435 | |
| Scenario 2 (in addition to Scenario 1) | | |
| Operating/Capital Expenses | | |
| Property Services – Housing sustainability | (\$310,000) | -0.69% |
| Revised 2022 Levy Increase | \$1,515,320 | 3.39% |
| Total 2022 Levy | \$46,163,435 | |
| Scenario 3 (in addition to Scenario 1,2) | | |
| Operating/Capital Expenses | | |
| Mileage Reductions | (\$75,000) | -0.17% |
| Conference Reductions | (\$75,000) | -0.17% |
| Revised 2022 Levy Increase | \$1,365,320 | 3.06% |
| Total 2022 Levy | \$46,013,435 | |

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| Scenario 4 (in addition to Scenario 1,2,3) | | |
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| Potential Revenue | | |
| Fee for Service for the following positions: | | |
| Communications Coordinator | (\$15,000) | -0.03% |
| Climate Change Coordinator | (\$15,000) | -0.03% |
| Equity Diversity Inclusion Officer | (\$15,000) | -0.03% |
| Revised 2022 Levy Increase | \$1,320,320 | 2.96% |
| Total 2022 Levy | \$45,968,435 | |
| Scenario 5 (in addition to Scenario 1,2,3,4) | | |
| Operating/Capital Expenses | | |
| Homes for the Aged - Basic Needs | (\$26,000) | -0.06% |
| Homes for the Aged - Medical Supplies | (\$69,900) | -0.16% |
| Service Enhancements | | |
| EMS Goderich Base - upstaffing salaries | (\$264,000) | -0.59% |
| EMS Goderich Base - upstaffing operating/vehicle costs | (\$76,565) | -0.17% |
| Water Source Protection | (\$50,000) | -0.11% |
| Revised 2022 Levy Increase | \$833,855 | 1.87% |
| Total 2022 Levy | \$45,481,970 | |

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the presented 2022 Draft Budget scenarios 1, 2 and 3 with an annual increase of 3.06% with 2% increase on the levy and 1.06% taken from reserves.

DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the presented 2022 Draft Budget scenarios 1, 2 and 3 with a levy increase of 3.06%.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt 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 February 16, 2022, titled 2022 Draft Budget – Additional Information, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Harding 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:

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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 Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Law:

By-law No. 2022-012, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Long-Term Care for the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Program.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-012, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-012, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2021-070, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to Authorize a Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc., and By-law 2022-012, 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. 2021-070 and By-law 2022-012, 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: None.

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, March 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

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

Huron County Library Board - Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

By-Law No. 2022-011, 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. 2022-011, 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 12:13 PM to meet again on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin