

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Virtual
February 9, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. All members of Council were present. Councillor Grace departed at 12:26 PM.

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

2. Warden Ginn stated the purpose of the Special Session:

- To review and consider the 2022 draft Budget

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Special Council meeting agenda for February 9, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

There were no declarations stated.

5. Order of Business:

5.1 2022 Draft Budget – Parking Lot (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Treasurer Blumhagen thanked all staff for their hard work on budget reports. He then presented an overview of the Draft 2022 Budget.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled 2022 Draft Parking Lot, dated February 9, 2022, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 9:31 AM and resumed at 9:35 AM.

5.2 Closed to the Public

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 9:35 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations - Non-Union Annual Compensation Report;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services

Michael Blumhagen, Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone, and Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 9:44 AM.

CARRIED

- CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations – Non-Union Annual Compensation Report

5.3 Use of Good Forestry Practices in Huron County Woodlands (presented by Dave Pullen)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by David Pullen, Forest Conservation Officer, titled Use of Good Forestry Practices in Huron County, dated February 9, 2022 as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.4 Disposal of IT Equipment (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Harding 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, titled Disposal of IT Equipment, dated February 9, 2022 as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.5 Housing Renewal Plan (presented by Sandra Weber)

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, titled Housing Renewal Plan, dated February 9, 2022 as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.6 County Reserves (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled County Reserves, dated February 9, 2022 as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.7 Levy Stabilization and Reserves (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer

and Director of Corporate Services, titled Levy Stabilization and Reserves, dated February 9, 2022 as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.8 2022 Draft Budget - Staffing Proposals (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled 2022 Draft Budget - Staffing Proposals, dated February 9, 2022 as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a subsequent report on the following staff proposals as presented in the 2022 draft Budget:

Human Resource Information System (HRIS) Analyst, Communications Coordinator, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Specialist, Museum Program Coordinator, Climate Change and Energy Specialist, and Housing Programs Supervisor.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 12:38 PM and resumed at 12:45 PM.

Treasurer Blumhagen presented a summary of the Draft 2022 Budget.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare the 2022 Draft Budget with a levy increase of 3% or less without using funds from reserves.

DEFEATED

6. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-010, 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. 2022-010, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Special Council Budget meeting adjourn at 1:02 PM.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin