

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual  
March 23, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. All members of Council were present.

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

Warden McNeil indicated that the Huron County Library and the Immigration Partnership will be hosting a virtual community meeting to discuss coordinating local opportunities to support the people of Ukraine.

The Sunset Community Foundation in Grand Bend has created the Ukraine Resettlement Fund to support organizations helping local newcomers from the war torn country. Donations will be matched up to \$10,000 and donors will receive an official tax receipt.

Donations to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal can also be made through the Canadian Red Cross.

The Warden applauded the community efforts that we have witnessed so far.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Warden McNeil stated that there was an amendment to the agenda:

13.1 County Council Hybrid Meeting Options – Report

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for March 23, 2022 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations stated.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of March 9, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:**

**6. Councillor's Issues:**

Councillor Jewitt, on behalf of Central Huron, accepted the friendly challenge by Huron East issued by Councillor Fisher regarding Clinton/Seaforth senior hockey.

Councillor Grace indicated that the Goderich Lions Club in conjunction with Lions International, is accepting donations with a tax receipt for the Ukrainian relief effort. Over \$11,000 has already been sent to Lions International for refugees in Poland and Romania.

**7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.4:**

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt  
THAT:  
Items 7.1 through 7.4 be approved with the actions as noted.  
CARRIED

**8. Social and Property Services: None.**

**9. Homes for the Aged:**

9.1 2022-2023 L-SAA Notice and Extension of Long-Term Care Home Service  
(presented by Angela Steadman)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Angela Steadman, Interim Director of Homes for the Aged, dated March 23, 2022, titled 2022-2023 L-SAA Notice and Extension of Long-Term Care Home Service, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the 2022-2023 L-SAA Notice and Extension of Long-Term Care Home Service agreement and all other required documents;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The signed Notice and Extension of Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement-Multi-Homes (“Extending Letter”), April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023 be forwarded to the South West Local Health Integration Network.

CARRIED

9.2 Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase of Resident Transfer Lifts - Homes for the Aged (presented by Angela Steadman)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Interim Director of Homes for the Aged, Angela Steadman dated March 23, 2022, titled Request for Sole Sourcing for the Purchase and Installation of Resident Transfer Lifts - Homes for the Aged, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves sole sourcing procurement method for the purchase of 21 resident transfer lifts for Huronview Home and 14 resident transfer lifts for Huronlea Home from Arjo under HL03 21;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to execute all required documentation for this project to the Director of Homes for the Aged.

CARRIED

**10. Emergency Services:**

10.1 Community Paramedicine Remote Patient Monitoring (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock  
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated March 23, 2022, titled Community Paramedicine Remote Patient Monitoring (CPRPM), as presented for information;

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AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into an agreement with Future Health Services Inc. (FHS) to allow Huron County Paramedic Services to offer Remote Patient Monitoring equipment and services to clients in Huron County;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the agreement and all other required document for the Community Paramedicine Remote Patient Monitoring (CRPPM) program.

CARRIED

10.2 Single Source Purchase of Community Paramedicine Vehicles (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated March 23, 2022, titled Single Source Purchasing of Community Paramedicine Vehicles, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the purchase of three (3) 2022 Chevrolet Equinox AWD vehicles from Huron Motor Products (HMP) for the quoted price of \$108,418.98 (including HST);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Chief Emergency Services to execute all required documents for the purchase of these vehicles.

CARRIED

**11. Public Works:**

11.1 Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-501 for the Replacement of Culvert 17-06.1 (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works dated March 23, 2022 titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-501 for the Replacement of Culvert 17-06.1;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the tender submitted by Lavis Contracting Co. Limited in the amount of \$369,787.32 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work for HC 22-501;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documents for HC 22-501;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project surplus totaling \$55,212.68 be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.2 Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-502 for the Replacement of Culvert 08-14.0 (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, dated March 23, 2022 titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-502

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for the Replacement of Culvert 08-14.0, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the tender for HC 22-502 submitted by Lavis Contracting Co. Limited in the amount of \$156,772.27 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for HC 22-502;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project surplus totaling \$36,727.73 be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.3 Recommendation to Award RFP HC 22-503 Detailed Design for the Replacement of Boundary Bridge 23 (BB23) and Culvert 86-02.4 in the County of Huron (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, dated March 23, 2022 titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 22-503 Detailed Design for the Replacement of Boundary Bridge 23 (BB23) and Culvert 86-02.4 in the County of Huron, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards Contract HC 22-503 to RJ Burnside and Associates Ltd for a total price of \$177,325.06 including provisional site inspection and contract administration. (Including Net Applicable Taxes);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for contract HC 22-503;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project surplus totaling \$51,337.47 be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.4 Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-504 for the Rehabilitation of Zetland Bridge (86-32.8) (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, dated March 23, 2022 titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-504 for the Rehabilitation of Zetland Bridge (86-32.8) as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the tender price for HC 22-504 submitted by VanDriel Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$1,846,238.47 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for HC 22-504 with VanDriel Excavating Inc.;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project shortfall totaling \$46,238.47 be funded from an accumulated surplus from other 2022 capital projects.

CARRIED

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11.5 Recommendation to Award HC 22-302 for Resurfacing County Road 30 (presented by Amanda Brown)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Amanda Brown, Project Manager - Roads, dated March 23, 2022 titled Recommendation to Award HC 22-302 for the Resurfacing of County Road 30 from County Road 87 to the Huron-Wellington Boundary, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards tender HC 22-302 to The Murray Group Ltd. for the tendered price of \$2,753,675.82 (including contingencies and net HST);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for HC22-302;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The HC22-302 project surplus totaling \$96,324.18 be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.6 Recommendation to Award HC 22-311 for Microsurfacing in Three (3) Locations (presented by Amanda Brown)

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Amanda Brown, Project Manager – Roads dated March 23, 2022, titled Recommendation to Award HC 22-311 for Microsurfacing in Three (3) Locations: County Road 5 from Airport Line to Highway 4 (2.05km), County Road 21 from Huron Park Road to County Road 10 (1.74km), and County Road 31 from County Road 84 to Kippen Road (4.09km), as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards the contract HC 22-311 to MSO Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of \$430,557.29 including contingencies and net applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for contract HC 22-311;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project surplus totaling \$123,185.35 be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to the favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.7 Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-301 for Urban Zurich Resurfacing and Rural County Road 84 Asphalt Rehabilitation (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, dated March 23, 2022 titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22- 301 for Urban Zurich Resurfacing and Rural County Road 84 Asphalt Rehabilitation, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the award of the Huron County portion of Contract HC 22-301 in the amount of \$3,769,160.65 (including contingencies and net

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HST) to Birnam Excavating Limited, subject to Bluewater Council approval on March 21, 2022 for their share of the project;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for HC 22-301;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project deficit for HC 22-301 be funded by other Public Works projects that come in under budget, subject to favourable year end results.

CARRIED

**12. Economic Development:**

12.1 The Leaky Bucket Theory of Economic Development In Huron County (presented by Alexander Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron County receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated March 23, 2022, titled The Leaky Bucket Theory of Economic Development in Huron County, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Huron County Economic Development Department Overview (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated March 23, 2022, titled Huron County Economic Development Department Overview, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3 Small Business Enterprise Centre Transfer Payment Agreement Renewal (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated March 23, 2022, titled Small Business Enterprise Centre Transfer Payment Agreement Renewal, April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2024 plus a 1 year extension to March 31, 2025, 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 Small Business Enterprise Transfer Payment Agreement Renewal, April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2024 plus a 1 year extension to March 31, 2025, with a budget impact of up to \$204,000.00 from Economic Development budget annually for up to 3 years;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the funding agreement and any other required documents for the Small Business Enterprise Centre Contract Renewal 2022-2025.

CARRIED

12.4 Status of Broadband Projects (presented by Alex Ripley)

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated March 23, 2022 titled Status of Broadband Projects, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 11:08 AM and resumed at 11:13 AM.

**13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:**

13.1 County Council Hybrid Meeting Options (presented by Susan Cronin, Michael Blumhagen, Kim Reid)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, Michael Blumhagen, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, Kim Reid, Senior Manager of Business Technology Solutions dated March 23, 2022, titled County Council Hybrid Meeting Options, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports Option 3 to use existing technology in the Council Chambers to permit hybrid participation of members, delegations, presenters and public for meetings for Council, Boards and Committees;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to present a report on Option 1 and Option 2 after further investigation for technology upgrades in Council Chambers as outlined.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed with Option 3 to use existing technology in Council Chambers for a hybrid Council Day 1 meeting on May 11, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Wark, Clerk Cronin and Councillors will attend in person at the Council Chambers on May 11, 2022.

CARRIED

13.2 Devices for New Council 2022 (presented by Kim Reid)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Kim Reid, Senior Manager of Business Technology Solutions, dated March, 23, 2022 titled Devices for New Council 2022 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the procurement of mobile devices that meet the corporate standard for the new term of County Council.

CARRIED

13.3 Human Resources COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (presented by Meighan Wark))

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated March 23, 2022 titled Human Resources COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources that the Human Resources On the Job COVID-19 Vaccination Policy be rescinded as of March 23, 2022.

CARRIED

13.4 2021 Annual Report (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Meighan Wark, Chief Administrative Officer, dated March 23, 2022, titled 2021 Annual Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**14. Correspondence:**

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.2 Township of Lake of Bays resolution re: Hospital Capital Funding.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the request by HM Aero Inc. (HM Aero) Aviation Consulting to use the Huron County tagline "Ontario's West Coast" for the Town of Goderich airport.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report that reviews the Huron County Brand Standards and the application process.

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.

**16. Notice of Motion:** None.

**17. By-laws:**



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Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2022-015, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Regional Tourism Organization 4 (RTO4);

By-law No. 2022-016, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron authorizing the execution of a program agreement with Future Health Services Inc.;

By-law No. 2022-017, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a service accountability agreement extension with Ontario Health West (OH) on behalf of Huronview Home for the Aged and Huronlea Home for the Aged;

By-law No. 2022-018, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron authorizing the execution of a transfer payment agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-015, 2022-016, 2022-017, and 2022-018 be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-015, 2022-016, 2022-017, and 2022-018 as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-015, 2022-016, 2022-017, and 2022-018 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. 2022-015, 2022-016, 2022-017, and 2022-018 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 12:33 PM and resumed at 12:38 PM.

**18. Closed to the Public Session:**

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:38 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them – Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Home For Good and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, and Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 12:45 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them – Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Home For Good and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program.

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of March 23, 2022.

CARRIED

**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, April 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:00 PM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Library Board – Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

**20. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-Law No. 2022-019, 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. 2022-019, 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 12:47 PM to meet again on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

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Warden Glen McNeil

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Clerk Susan Cronin