

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
April 20, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. All members of Council were present except for Councillor Murdock.

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

Warden McNeil extended condolences to Councillor Myles Murdock and his wife Cathy Murdock on the passing of Donna Young, Cathy's mother.

The Warden and Council expressed congratulations to CAO Meighan Wark on receiving her CAMA Long Service Recognition Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators for ten years of municipal service in a management capacity.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for April 20, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of March 6, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1 Huron Entrepreneur Fund

The Huron Entrepreneur Fund made its first fund transmittal to Community Futures for Huron County business improvement and development. Board members John Kiser, Libro Credit Union and Martin Vanderloo, Huron Commodities, presented the following:

- 1) Made members aware of the fund, its purpose, goals, and benefits to Huron County;
- 2) Explained how the fund functions, how donations are made and the tax benefits of those donations;
- 3) Provide examples of fund uses, community futures role and the role of the fund board;
- 4) Advised that the fund representatives will next present to the Huron County Economic Development Board to gauge interest in participating in the fund.

Moved by: Councillor Bailey and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report regarding options and recommendations for support for the Huron Entrepreneur Fund.

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Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Huron Entrepreneur Fund Board Members John Kiser and Martin Vanderloo, dated April 20, 2022, titled Huron Entrepreneur Fund, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Clerk Cronin will forward the Huron Entrepreneur Fund presenters' contact information to County Councillors.

6. Councillor's Issues:

Councillor Watt informed members that the Universal Broadband Fund Improving Connectivity for Ontario projects were announced. Hurontel Telecommunications Cooperative Limited and Tuckersmith Communications Cooperative Limited are receiving funds. Total awarded combined federal and provincial investment is \$15,118,786 (not including the providers contributions) to bring high-speed Internet access to rural households in southwestern Ontario.

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to request an update from local telecommunications companies on broadband projects in Huron County specific to the Universal Broadband Fund Improving Connectivity for Ontario projects.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report providing their interpretation of the Roger Brooks Destinations Recovery Plan presentation co-ordinated by the Huron Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the Rover artificial intelligence system technology to detect damage on County roads.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report and draft letter of support regarding the current court case by the City of Greater Sudbury regarding responsibility/obligations for construction projects.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.4:

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.4 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Homes for the Aged:

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8.1 Huronlea & Huronview Personal Hygiene Products Supply & Service Agreement
(presented by Angela Steadman)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Dana Mellor, Acting Administrator- Huronlea, Becky Jervis Business Manager-Homes for the Aged, and Angela Steadman, Interim Director-Homes for the Aged, dated April 20, 2022, titled Huronlea & Huronview Personal Hygiene Products Service & Supply Agreement as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the contract renewal dated January 1, 2022 for an additional 2 years, from Medline Canada on behalf of Homes for the Aged;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Director of Homes to execute the contract and all other required documents with Medline Canada to supply Prevail disposable hygiene products to Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged.

CARRIED

9. Emergency Services: None.

10. Public Works:

10.1 Reporting Road Conditions on Social Media (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from the Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works dated April 20, 2022 titled Reporting Road Conditions on Social Media, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Recommendation to Award Contract HC 22-901 for the Detailed Design of the Wingham Maintenance Patrol Yard in the County of Huron (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works dated April 20, 2022 titled Recommendation to Award Contract HC 22-901 for the Detailed Design of the Wingham Patrol Yard in the County of Huron, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the proposal submitted by R.J Burnside & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$386,659.51 (inclusive of provisional items and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work for Contract HC 22-901;

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 22-901;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The expected project surplus from Contract HC 22-901 totaling \$13,340.49 be transferred to the Highway Reserve Fund subject to favorable year end results.

CARRIED

10.3 Off-road Vehicles (ORV) Update Information Report (presented by Steve Lund)

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Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated April 20, 2022 titled Off-road Vehicles (ORV) Update Information Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11. Economic Development:

11.1 Economic Development Department March 2022 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated April 20, 2022, titled Economic Development Department March 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.2 SLED Funding Program Report 2020-2022 (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated April 20, 2022, titled SLED Funding Program Report 2020-2022, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3 Huron County Immigration Partnership Update (presented by Mark Nonkes and Kristin Crane)

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Mark Nonkes, Immigration Partnership Communications Officer, and Kristin Crane, Immigration Partnership Coordinator, dated April 19, 2022, titled Huron County Partnership Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.4 2021 Fall Starter Company Plus Program - Graduation Report (presented by Tamara Minns)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director, Economic Development, dated April 7, 2022, titled 2021 Fall Starter Company Plus Program – Graduation Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:24 AM and resumed at 10:30 AM.

12. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

12.1 Human Resources Policy Review (presented by Lara Vanstone)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated April 20, 2022 titled Human Resources Policy Review, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources for the changes to the Human Resources Policies as presented.

CARRIED

12.2 GIS - ESRI Agreement (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated April 20, 2022, titled GIS ESRI Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into the contract with ESRI Canada for the ESRI Small Local Government Enterprise Agreement for the three-year term ending 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documentation.

CARRIED

12.3 Updates to Use of Corporate Resources Policy (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated April 20, 2022, titled Updates to Use of Corporate Resources Policy, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Use of Corporate Resources Policy as updated April 20, 2022.

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.

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

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

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15. Notice of Motion: None.

16. By-laws:

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Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2022-30, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Ennis Paint Canada;

By-law No. 2022-031, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to repeal By-law 2020-025 which delegated the Authority for Certain Acts;

By-law No. 2022-032, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate the authority to approve planning duties to staff;

By-law No. 2022-033, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri).

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-030, 2022-031, 2022-032, and 2022-033, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-030, 2022-031, 2022-032, and 2022-033, as read a first and second time, be passed.

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-030, 2022-031, 2022-032, and 2022-033, 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. 2022-030, 2022-031, 2022-032, and 2022-033, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

17. Social and Property Services:

17.1 Community Based Service Delivery (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated April 20, 2022, titled Community Based Service Delivery, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into Memorandum of Understanding with the Avon Maitland District School Board Centres for Employment and Learning to access their space;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A bylaw be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Avon Maitland District School Board Centres for Employment and Learning to access their space and to delegate signing authority to the Director of Social and Property Services for further agreements and documents required for Ontario Works staff to access community workspaces.

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17.2 Emergency Shelter and Housing Stability/Outreach Services - 2022-2023
(presented by Barbara Hall)

This report was presented under agenda item 17.2 as well as under agenda item 18 Closed to the Public Session. A motion was considered in open session after Closed to the Public Session.

18. Closed to the Public Session:

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:40 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) Homes;
2. 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-Homelessness Prevention Program and the Social Services Relief Fund Phase 5;
3. 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 - Service System Manager for Employment Services Transformation;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark (Items 1, 2 & 3), Clerk Susan Cronin (Items 1, 2 & 3), Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen (Items 1, 2 & 3), Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone (Item 1), Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson (Item 1), Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall (Items 2 & 3), Housing Services Manager Christine Hoffman (Item 2), and Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, Cheryl Patience (Item 3), remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:25 AM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss one item on labour relations or employee negotiations, and two items on 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.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed as per direction given in Closed to the Public Session of April 20, 2022.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated April 20, 2022, titled Emergency Shelter and Housing Stability/Outreach Services - 2022-2023, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation to procure a Request for Proposal (RFP) bid process for a third party agency to operate the emergency shelter from November 15, 2022 to April 15, 2023, and the housing stability and outreach services from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves utilizing funding from Provincial and Federal housing and homelessness programs towards the emergency shelter and housing stability and outreach services;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron provides authorization to commit levy funding for cost overages not covered by the Provincial and Federal housing and homelessness programs.
CARRIED

19. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting.

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting.

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM - Hybrid Meeting.

20. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

By-Law No. 2022-034, 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.2022-034, 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 11:29 AM to meet again on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin