

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual
May 11, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. All members of Council were present. Councillor Bailey arrived at 9:03 AM. Councillor Murdock arrived at 9:12 AM. Councillor Dietrich departed at 11:36 AM.

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

2. Warden's Remarks: None.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for May 11, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Klopp declared a pecuniary interest for agenda item 8.1 Delegated Consents Under the Planning Act C 17-2022 Micheal and Eme Zandwyk for the severance of their house and out buildings as his son and daughter in law are purchasing the agriculture land.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting of April 20, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1 POWER-TO-AG Consortium

Jason Van Geel, President, and Paul McCleave, Project Manager, of Carlsun Energy Solutions Inc. provided information on the POWER-TO-AG Consortium and requested that the Council of the County of Huron pass a motion to provide a letter of support to the Government of Canada, regarding an application to Natural Resources Canada for funding to conduct an engineering study as a first step towards developing nitrogen fertilizer production capacity in the region.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Jason Van Geel, President, and Paul McCleave, Project Manager, of Carlsun Energy Solutions Inc., dated May 11, 2022, titled POWER-TO-AG Consortium, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron provides a letter of support for the request by POWER-TO-AG Consortium Jason Van Geel and Paul McCleave of Carlsun Energy Solutions/ 7GFUEL for an application to the Federal Government, Ministry of Natural Resources for funding a feasibility and engineering study to advance the proposal to develop a green ammonia project in Huron County.

CARRIED

6.2 Huron County Housing Renewal Plan (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

The Huron County Housing Renewal Plan is an initiative which analyzes the existing County Housing building stock and properties to identify opportunities for intensification and redevelopment. The purpose of the Plan is to identify opportunities to create more affordable housing units, to ensure that the County maintains a series of 'shovel ready' properties for housing investment and finally, to position the Corporation to respond efficiently and effectively to opportunities relating to affordable housing.

6.3 Huron County Housing Renewal Plan (presented by Tim Welch, TWC Consulting Inc.)

Tim Welch, Principal of TWC Consulting Inc., provided Council with information on the Huron County Housing Renewal Plan.

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Tim Welch, Principal of TWC Consulting Inc., dated May 11, 2022, titled Huron County Housing Renewal Plan, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning, dated May 11, 2022, titled Huron County Housing Renewal Plan, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to consult with the partner municipalities in which the identified priority sites are located.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Grace and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the Huron County Community Improvement Program (CIP);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report that includes 3 prioritized sites and further options as presented in the Huron County Housing Renewal Plan.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Issues:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report that investigates the installation of flashing solar powered lights at the stop signs at the following intersections:

1. Babylon Line and Mount Carmel Road;

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2. Babylon Line and Crediton Road;
 3. Kinburn Line and Winthrop Road.
- CARRIED

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.6:

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch
THAT:
Items 8.1 through 8.6 be approved with the actions as noted.
CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1 Consent File C31-2022 by Stephen and Lori Howard (Kevin and Nikki Freiburger), Concession 10 ED East Part Lot 2 and North Part Lot 3, Ashfield, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (presented by Celina Whaling-Rae)

The purpose of this application is to create a new agricultural lot. The proposed severed lot is 40.5 hectares (100 acres) and contains a bank barn and outbuilding. The proposed retained lot is 40.5 hectares (100 acres) and contains a house, bank barn, and shed. One written comment of objection has been received with concerns about the impact of new lot creation on a neighbour's existing farm operation. The application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and conforms to the Huron County and Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) Official Plans. The subject application was recommended for approval with conditions by ACW Council. The Planning and Development Department recommends the application be approved with conditions.

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

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Celina Whaling-Rae, Planner, that Consent application C31-2022 by Stephen and Lori Howard (Kevin and Nikki Freiburger) requesting the severance of an agricultural parcel from property described as Concession 10 ED East Part Lot 2 and North Part Lot 3, Ashfield, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, be approved with conditions.
CARRIED

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

Consent File C31-2022 by Stephen and Lori Howard (Kevin and Nikki Freiburger), requesting a severance of the land described as Concession 10 ED East Part Lot 2 and North Part Lot 3, Ashfield, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. Public comments were received on the issue of negative impacts to nearby farming operation. 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.
CARRIED

9.2 Request for County Council Member - Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision (40T22004) Rural Management Inc. c/o Steve Michie (owner) and Ron Davidson (applicant), described as Concession B, Part Lots 6 & 7 (presented by Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk)

A member of Council is required to attend a joint public meeting of the County of Huron and the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for a Plan of Subdivision application. The application proposes 15 single detached dwellings and 2 quadruplex lots for a total of 23

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units. The public meeting for this application is on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in person at the Morris-Turnberry Municipal Office.

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

Councillor Bailey be appointed to represent Huron County Council at the public meeting for Plan of Subdivision File 40T22004, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

CARRIED

9.3 Huron Clean Water Project Terms of Reference Update (presented by Marcus Maddalena)

A proposed update to the Huron Clean Water Project Terms of Reference. This update formalize the process for appointing public members of the Review Committee, and ensure consistency with the County of Huron Procedural By-law and processes used by other County Committees.

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report and updates recommended by Marcus Maddalena, County Biologist/Stewardship Co-ordinator, dated May 11, 2022 titled Huron County Clean Water Project Terms of Reference Update.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

10.1 Huron County Cultural Services Annual Reports (presented by Beth Rumble)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services, dated May 11, 2022, titled Huron County Cultural Services Annual Reports, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report - May 2022 (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Senior Curator, dated May 11, 2022, titled Huron County Museum Collection Deaccession Report – May 2022, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report and recommendation of the Huron County Museum's Collections Committee that M991.0087.021 be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection.

CARRIED

10.3. Huron County Museum Northwest Gallery Redevelopment Report (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson,

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Senior Curator, dated May 11, 2022, titled Huron County Museum Northwest Gallery Redevelopment Report, as presented for information.
CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 Human Resources Policy Review (presented by Lara Vanstone)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Lara Vanstone, Director of Human Resources, dated May 11, 2022, titled Human Resources Policy Review, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Human Resources Right To Disconnect Policy and On Call Policy as presented.

CARRIED

11.2 Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Fergusson 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 May 11, 2022, titled Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into a Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement with Bell Canada for the provision of 9-1-1 services within the County of Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs a by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement with Bell Canada and all required documentation for the provision of the 9-1-1 Program within the County of Huron.

CARRIED

11.3 9-1-1 Service Agreement with Municipal Partners (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated May 11, 2022, titled 9-1-1 Service Agreement with Municipal Partners, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into service agreements with its Municipal Partners for the provision of the 9-1-1 program within Huron County;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs a by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute agreements and all required documents with Municipal Partners for the provision of 9-1-1 Program within the County of Huron.

CARRIED

11.4 Amendment to the Procurement Policy (presented Michael Blumhagen)

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Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer dated May 11, 2022, titled Amendment to the Procurement Policy, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves amending the Procurement Policy by adding the 3.02 (M) Where due to circumstances beyond a vendors control after Council has awarded a contract the project cost amount is \$25,000 higher than the Council approved contract. Where there is a deviation of less than \$5,000 the Department head has the authority to approve, and greater than \$5,000 but less than \$25,000 requires approval of the CAO;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted approving FN 2.01 Procurement Policy with amendment 3.02 (M);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The policy be reviewed in 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT:

When section 3.02(M) of FN 2.01 Procurement Policy is utilized, a staff report will be presented to County Council.

CARRIED

11.5 Proposed Amendment to Code of Conduct (presented by Susan Cronin)

This report is the result of a Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Ginn and seconded by Councillor Jewitt at Council Day 2 on January 19, 2022.

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report dated May 11, 2022 by Susan Cronin, County Clerk titled Amendment to Code of Conduct as presented for information:

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the amendment of the County of Huron Code of Conduct For Members of Council & Local Boards regarding the definition of "Immediate Relative" as follows:

"immediate relative" means a Member's spouse, parent (including step-parent and legal guardian), child (including step-child), grandchild, sibling, and in-law (including mother- and father-in-law, sister- and brother-in-law, daughter- and son-in-law).

CARRIED

11.6 Amended 2022 Huron County Council Calendar - Notice of Meetings (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated May 11, 2022 titled Amended 2022 Huron County Council Calendar - Notice of Meetings as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Amended 2022 Huron County Council Calendar be approved as presented.

CARRIED

11.7 Strategic Priorities Chart - April 2021 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated May 11, 2022, titled Strategic Priorities - April 2022, as presented for information.
CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

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

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 12.3 Town of Gravenhurst resolution re: Russian Sanctions and item 12.22 City of Thorold resolution re: Russian Sanctions.
CARRIED

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

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 12.15 Town of Halton Hills resolution re: Build it Right the First time.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt
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. Digital Service Squad 4.0 Funding Application Renewal 2022-2024 (presented by Vicki Lass)

Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, informed members that the funding application renewal for the Digital Transformation Grant (DTG) is \$419,000 over a 24 month period.

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated May 11, 2022, titled Digital Service Squad Funding Application Renewal, April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024, as amended for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the submission by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, for the Digital Service Squad 4.0 Funding Application Renewal, In the amount of \$419,000 for the period of April 1, 2022-March 31, 2024 for up to 2 years;
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 Digital Service Squad 4.0 Funding Contract Renewal 2022-2024.

CARRIED

13.2 Revised Price for Tender HC 21-1207 - Three (3) Pickup Trucks (presented by Donald Hastings)

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Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Donald Hastings Fleet Supervisor, dated May 11, 2022, titled Revised Price for Tender HC 21-1207 - Three (3) Pickup Trucks, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the additional expenditure for HC 21-1207 with Finch Chevrolet, for \$1,727.88 including net applicable taxes (1.76%) for each vehicle for a total of \$5,183.64, including net applicable taxes (1.76%), for Three Pickup Trucks;

AND FURTHER THAT:

As delegated under By-law 2021-054 the Fleet Supervisor has the authority to execute all required documents for Tender HC 21-1207.

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. 2022-035, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of an amendment to the Agreement with Medline Canada;

By-law No. 2022-036, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with R.J. Burnside and Associates Ltd. for HC 22-901 Detailed Design of the Wingham Patrol Yard in the County of Huron;

By-law No. 2022-037, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) for Access to Space.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-035, 2022-036 and 2022-037, be given a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-035, 2022-036 and 2022-037, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-035, 2022-036, and 2022-037, 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. 2022-035, 2022-036, and 2022-037, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

16. Closed to the Public Session: None.

17. Arrangement of Committee/Board Meetings:

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

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

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

By-Law No. 2022-038, 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. 2022-038, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

CAO Wark advised that she will not be in attendance for the Council Day 2 meeting on May 25, 2022. Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen will attend as Acting CAO for the meeting.

19. Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Grace

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 11:54 AM to meet again on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin