

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid  
September 21, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. All members of Council were present, except for Councillors MacLellan and Murdock. Councillor Bailey departed at 10:03 AM.

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

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for September 21, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest was stated.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of September 7, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:** None.

**6. Councillor's Comments:**

Councillor Dietrich stated concerns regarding bicyclists east of County Road 83 between the greenhouses and Exeter.

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the installation of a bicycle lane on County Road 83 east of Exeter to the greenhouses.

CARRIED

Councillor Klopp requested a confirmation whether the Huron County made any monetary commitments towards the Goderich Airport. Warden McNeil stated that the County has not committed any financial support to Goderich Airport.

Councillor Finch informed Council of the upcoming RCMP Musical Ride performance on September 21 and September 22, 2022 in Exeter hosted by Exeter Lions.

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

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

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

CARRIED

**8. Social and Property Services:**

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8.1 Funds to Offset Inflation for Child Care Centres (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated September 21, 2022, titled Funds to Offset Inflation for Child Care Centres, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Licensed Child Care Affordability Initiative (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience dated September 21, 2022, titled Licensed Child Care Affordability Initiative, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.3 Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) (presented by Christine Hoffman)

Moved by: Councillor Hansen and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated September 21, 2022, titled Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Clerk and Warden to execute all required documents of the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP).

CARRIED

8.4 Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) Application (presented by Dave Pullen and Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Dave Pullen, Forest Conservation Officer and Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager dated, September 21, 2022 titled Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) Application, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed with the submission of an application to the Natural Infrastructure Fund for the Huronview property.

CARRIED

8.5 Community Housing Priority Projects - Business Case (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated September 21, 2022, titled Community Housing Priority Projects - Business Case, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the submission of the Community Housing Priority Projects - Business Case for the 20 unit affordable housing project identified on Sanders Street, Exeter;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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CAO Wark has delegated authority under By-law 2022-049 to execute the business case for the Community Housing Priorities Project.  
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on a policy for shovel-ready projects to allow the County to be prepared for funding opportunities.

CARRIED

**9. Homes for the Aged: None.**

**10. Emergency Services:**

10.1 2023 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated September 21, 2022, titled 2023 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to set the 2023 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan targets to remain the same as those set in the 2022 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan.

CARRIED

**11. Public Works:**

11.1 Recommendation to Award RFP HC 22-510 for the Detailed Design of Three Structures in Huron County (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, dated September 21, 2022, titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 22-510 Detailed Design for the Rehabilitation of Bob Edgar Bridge, Donnybrook Bridge, and Replacement of Culvert 15-22.1 in the County of Huron as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron awards Contract HC 22-510 to BM Ross and Associates Ltd. for a total price of \$141,649.92 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;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project surplus totaling \$8,350.08 be transferred to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.2 Recommendation to Award RFP HC 22-303 for the Consulting Engineering Services for the Urban Reconstruction on County Road 83 through Dashwood (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 22-303 Consulting Engineering Services for the Urban Reconstruction of County Road 83 through Dashwood, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Wark has delegated authority under By-law 2022-049 to execute the contract and all other required documents and reporting requirements for RFP HC 22-303 Consulting Engineering Services for the Urban Reconstruction of County Road 83 through Dashwood;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Wark authorizes Contract HC 22-303 be awarded to B.M Ross and Associates Ltd for a total price of \$356,334.01 (including net applicable taxes), including provisional site inspection and contract administration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The County's portion of the project deficit of \$27,072.99 be funded from Highway Reserves subject to favourable year end results and other projects that came in under budget.

CARRIED

11.3 Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-1204 for New Wood Chipper (presented by Donald Hastings)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Donald Hastings, Fleet Supervisor, dated September 21, 2022, titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-1204 for New Wood Chipper, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the tender price for 22-1204 by Vermeer Canada, for \$126,589.44 including net applicable taxes (1.76%);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The budget deficit of \$26,589.44 be funded from the fleet reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to execute any required documentation for Tender HC 22-1204 to the Fleet Supervisor.

CARRIED

11.4 Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-1209 for Supply and Delivery of Various Fuel Products (presented by Donald Hastings)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Donald Hastings, Fleet Supervisor, dated September 21, 2022, titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-1209 for Supply and Delivery of Various Fuel Products, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the tender 22-1209 awarded to McDougall Energy Inc. for the estimated amount of \$772,771.05 including net applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

11.5 Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-1210 for the Supply and Delivery of Propane (presented by Donald Hastings)

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Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Donald Hastings, Fleet Supervisor dated September 21, 2022, titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 22-1210 for the Supply and Delivery of Propane, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the quotation from Parkland Corporation for the quoted price of \$ 0.63 per litre of propane for a five (5) year period for a total estimated cost of \$150,000, including net applicable taxes (1.76%);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to sign any required documentation for HC 22-1210 to the fleet supervisor.

CARRIED

11.6 Recommendation to adjust posted speed limit on County Road 20 at Brookside Public School (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works dated September 21, 2022, titled Recommendation to adjust posted speed limit on County Road 20 at Brookside Public School, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the adjustment to the posted speed zone as listed in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared to amend By-law 2022-066, a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize speed limits to reflect this change.

CARRIED

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

12.1 June 2022 Year-to-Date Financial Reporting (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer 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, dated September 21, 2022, titled June 2022 Year-to-Date Financial Reporting, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the possibility of allowing snow removal contractors to be under the County Insurance Policy.

CARRIED

12.2 County of Huron – Farmland 911 Addressing (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp 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 September 21, 2022, titled County of Huron – Farmland 911 Addressing, as presented for information.

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Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to forward the report titled County of Huron – Farmland 911 Addressing as prepared by Michael Blumhagen to all lower tier municipalities within the Huron County for information.

CARRIED

12.3 Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Finch 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 September 21, 2022, titled Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.4 Huron Perth Public Health – Early Retiree Benefit Cost (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Hansen

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated September 21, 2022, titled Huron Perth Public Health – Early Retiree Benefit Cost, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the payment to Huron Perth Public Health in the amount of \$8,622.81 for the County of Huron's share of the actual early retiree benefit costs for 2021 and 2022.

CARRIED

12.5 Homes for the Aged – Occupancy Levels and Funding Impacts (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich 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 September 21, 2022, titled Homes for the Aged – Occupancy Levels and Funding Impacts, as presented 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 Economic Development Department - August 2022 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated September 21, 2022 and titled Economic Development Department - August 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2 Taste of Huron (presented by Rick Sickinger)

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Jewitt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Rick Sickinger, Tourism Development Officer, dated September 21, 2022 titled Taste of Huron, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**14. Correspondence:**

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports agenda item 14.8 Reeve Doug Harding's Correspondence Regarding Electoral Boundaries as outlined in agenda item 14.7 Ontario Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission - Letter Regarding Proposal for Ontario's Federal Electoral Boundaries that the boundaries remain status quo.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Hansen and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

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

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron sends correspondence to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission stating the following:

The Council of the County of Huron does not support moving the Township of Howick to the proposed redistribution Perth Wellington District as outlined in the proposal of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Ontario 2022. The Township of Howick is aligned with Huron County by having common concerns, partnerships and shared services. These concerns, partnerships and shared services have been served within Huron County successfully for many years. It is not advantageous to either the Township of Howick, the County of Huron or the Huron Bruce District to change the Federal Electoral Boundary;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This motion be forwarded to all municipalities within Huron County, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Ben Lobb, MP.

CARRIED

**15. Notice of Motion: None.**

**16. By-laws:**

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-068, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for Rural Economic Development Program;

By-law No. 2022-069, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an agreement with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Multi-Program Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement (Homelessness Prevention Program);

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Be introduced, be given a first, second and third reading, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto, in accordance with Part 14 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron.

CARRIED

**17. Closed to the Public Session:** None.

**18. Upcoming Meetings:**

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

**19. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-Law No. 2022-070, 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;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-070, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

**20. 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 10:28 AM to meet again on Wednesday, October 5, 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