

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid  
October 19, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. All members of Council were present. Councillor Fergusson departed at 11:00 AM. Councillor Heffer departed at 11:15 AM.

**1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.**

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for October 19, 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 Murdock

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of October 5, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

**6. Councillor's Comments:**

Councillor MacLellan requested an update on Huron County's use of Municipal 511 for road conditions and weather information.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the use of the Municipal 511 Platform for Huron County road conditions.

CARRIED

**7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:**

Councillor Jewitt requested that Item 7.4 Emergency Services October Update be removed for further discussion.

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on Emergency Services staff wearing epaulets in support of Pride.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor Hansen

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Items 7.1 through 7.5 be approved with the actions as noted.  
CARRIED

**8. Social and Property Services:**

8.1 Building Condition Assessments – Bid results (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated October 19, 2022, titled Building Condition Assessments Bid Results, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the proposal RFP(HPS) 2022-01 be awarded to Green PI Incorporated for the amount of \$74,625.70 including provisional items;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Green PI Inc. for proposal RFP(HPS) 2022-01.

CARRIED

8.2 Museum Northwest Gallery Renovation (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated October 19, 2022, titled Museum Northwest Gallery Renovation, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Request for Quotation RFQ (HPS) 2022-08 be awarded to Player Carpentry for the amount of \$113,075.26 including provisional items;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Player Construction for RFQ (HPS) 2022-08.

CARRIED

8.3 Employment Service System Manager - Information Update (presented by Barbara Hall)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated October 19, 2022, titled Employment Service System Manager - Information Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**9. Homes for the Aged:**

9.1 Updated Galvanized Plumbing Pipe Removal and Replacement Huronview (presented by Dana Mellor and Brad McLaughlin)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brad McLaughlin, E Manager, Homes for the Aged, and Dana Mellor, Interim Director, Homes for the Aged, dated

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October 19 , 2022, titled Updated Galvanized Plumbing Pipe Removal and Replacement – Huronview, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Wark approves the RFQ (HV) 2022-01 – Huronview – Waterline Replacement 2022 to be awarded to Ferguson Plumbing Heating and Electrical for the amount of \$148,281.00 + HST;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Wark has delegated authority under By-law 2022-049 to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Fergusons Plumbing Heating and Electrical for RFQ (HV) 2022-1-Huronview- Waterline Replacement 2022.

CARRIED

9.2. Request for Proposal of Physiotherapy Services for Huronview and Huronlea (presented by Dana Mellor and Dawn Smith)

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Dana Mellor, Interim Director for the Homes for the Aged and Dawn Smith, Program Manager titled Request for Proposal of Physiotherapy Services for Huronview and Huronlea dated October 19, 2022 as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve entering into a contract with Lifemark Seniors Wellness for physiotherapy services for residents for the period of five years, beginning on January 1, 2023, and upon mutual agreement, in writing, to be renewed in one year increments to a maximum of three renewals;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all required documents with Lifemark Seniors Wellness for physiotherapy services for Huronview and Huronlea residents:

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the extension of the contract for physiotherapy services for one year increments to a maximum of three renewals with Lifemark Seniors Wellness.

CARRIED

**10. Emergency Services:** None.

**11. Public Works:**

11.1 County Road 83 Paved Shoulders from Morrison Line to Hwy 4 (presented by Cameron Harper)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cameron Harper, Manager of Public Works, dated October 19, 2022, titled County Road 83 Paved Shoulders from Morrison Line to Hwy 4, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to include the cost estimate for Option 2 – Fully Paved Shoulders with painted buffer for County Road 83 from Morrison Line to Highway 4 in the 2023 draft budget for consideration.

CARRIED

**12. Economic Development:**

12.1 Economic Development Department – September 2022 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Vicki Lass informed Council that the Nuclear Innovation Institute Business Retention and Expansion Study, funded by Bruce Power is launching in October. Nuclear sector supply businesses in Huron County will be contacted by a consulting firm to participate in the survey. Economic Development will be providing local municipalities with a list of businesses that will be contacted.

Moved by: Councillor Hansen and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated October 19, 2022, titled Economic Development Department September 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Warden McNeil thanked Director of Economic Development Vicki Lass and her staff on behalf of Council for their participation in the 2022 Rural Talks to Rural (R2R) event.

12.2 Huron County Immigration Partnership Welcoming Week Update (presented by Mark Nonkes)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Mark Nonkes, Immigration Partnership Communication Officer, dated October 19, 2022, titled Huron County Immigration Partnership Welcoming Week Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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

13.1 Capital and Operating Projects – Deferral to 2023 (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated October 19, 2022, titled Capital and Operating Projects – Deferral to 2023, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

That the Council of the County of Huron approves the carryforward of the 2022 projects listed in Appendix A into the 2023 budget.

CARRIED

13.2 Approval for Early 2023 Procurement (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher 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 October 19, 2022, titled Approval for Early 2023 Procurement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves that Public Works, Emergency Services, Homes for the Aged, Information Technology, and Social and Property Services be

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authorized to procure up to 80% of their 2022 capital budgets prior to the 2023 Budget approval.  
CARRIED

13.3 Review of Council Remuneration for 2022-2026 Term (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Bailey

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk dated October 19, 2022 titled Review of Council Remuneration for 2022-2026 Term as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the rates for Council remuneration, expenses, per diems and conference expenses be adjusted annually based on the non-union compensation rate;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The following be included in the remuneration by-law "Expenses for County Promotional items can be approved by the CAO and Warden within the approved budget";

AND FURTHER THAT:

The remuneration by-law be prepared for approval at the November 2, 2022 Council Day 1 meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves staff preparing a report for the next term of Council, to consider conducting a full audit of Council and Warden remuneration prior to the end of the next term.

CARRIED

13.4 Updates to User Fees and Services Charges By-law (presented by Susan Cronin and Ljubica Blazevic)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk and Ljubica Blazevic, Deputy Clerk, dated October 19, 2022, titled Updates to User Fees and Service Charges By-law;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared with the proposed amendments for the November 2, 2022 regular meeting of County Council.

CARRIED

13.5 2023 Huron County Council Calendar - Notice of Meetings (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, County Clerk, dated October 19, 2022, titled 2023 Huron County Council Calendar - Notice of Meetings, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The 2023 Huron County Council Calendar be approved as presented.

CARRIED

13.6 2018-2022 Council Accomplishments Summary (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Hansen

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The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated October 19, 2022, titled 2018-2022 Council Accomplishments Summary, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**14. Correspondence:**

Councillor Harding extended thanks to neighbouring municipalities for correspondence supporting the County of Huron resolution regarding the Township of Howick and the Proposal for Ontario's Federal Electoral Boundaries.

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.1 Township of North Huron resolution – Proposal for Ontario's Federal Electoral Boundaries and item 14.4 Municipality of Morris-Turnberry resolution – Federal Electoral District Redistribution.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.6 Municipality of Huron Shores resolution – Streamlining Governing Legislation for Physicians in Ontario.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 14.7 Municipality of West Perth resolution – Strong Mayors Building Homes Act.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

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

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:** None.

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

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:13 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

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1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1 Canada - Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged;
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – CAO Performance Review;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone, Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson, and Acting Director for the Homes for the Aged Dana Mellor, remain in attendance for Item 1; Solicitor Greg Stewart will remain in attendance for Item 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Susan Cronin has delegated the Clerk's authorities to Solicitor Greg Stewart for Item 2.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:26 AM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that the purpose of going into closed session was to discuss an item on labour relations or employee negotiations, and to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – CAO Performance Review.

**19. Upcoming Meetings:**

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM - Hybrid Meeting

Huron County Library Board - Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

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

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, November 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Inaugural Council Meeting - Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 1:00 PM - Hybrid Meeting

**20. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

By-Law No. 2022-077, 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. 2022-077, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

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**21. Adjournment:**

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Harding

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 11:28 AM to meet again on Wednesday, November 2, 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