

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid
November 2, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. All members of Council were present except for Councillor Klopp.

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

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil represented Huron County Council at a number of events during the past month, including a Goderich District Collegiate Institute (GDCI) Civics class, the 100th anniversary of the Goderich Lions Club, Public Works yards training events in Wroxeter, Auburn and Zurich along with CAO Wark, an Early Childhood Education appreciation event in Varna, the 75th anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary Branch 109, Huron-Perth District 8 Agriculture Event, the Huron County Federation of Agriculture (HCFA) meeting in Holmesville, the 2022 Rural Talks to Rural (R2R) Conference in Brussels and the Fanshawe graduation ceremonies in Clinton along with CAO Wark and Councillor Ginn. Warden McNeil also presented at the Electoral Boundaries Commission in London regarding support to maintain the existing boundaries on behalf of the Western Wardens of Ontario and Huron County.

The Warden thanked Executive/Creative Director for the Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity Peter Smith and the Huron County Economic Development Department for their commitment to the R2R Conference.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for November 2, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Finch declared a pecuniary interest for agenda item 8.2 Zoning By-law Report as he owns rental property within 120 metres of a subject property in this report.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting of October 19, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

7. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor Finch introduced his niece Megan Finch who was in attendance as "bring your kid to work today".

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Councillor Finch also brought forth safety concerns at intersection on road 83 and 11 due to an accident that occurred at this location on thanksgiving weekend.

Moved by Councillor Finch and Seconded by Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to prepare a report that outlines the safety measures at the intersection of road 83 and 11.

CARRIED

Councillor Fisher stated that the 2022 Rural Talks to Rural (R2R) conference was excellent and recommended attendance at future events.

Councillor Fisher expressed concern regarding Bills 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 and Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

CAO Wark indicated that the Planning Department will be presenting a report at the next Council meeting.

Councillor Hansen indicated that she will be unable to attend the next Council meeting. She thanked the Warden and County staff for their support and assistance during her time on County Council.

Councillor Murdock echoed Councillor Fisher's concerns regarding Bills 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 and Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

Councillor Murdock thanked Council, Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall and Planning Manager Denise Van Amersfoort for their participation in the Public Meeting regarding Gibbons Street, Goderich supportive housing project.

Councillor MacLellan suggested looking for ways to engage public interest in municipal government. CAO Wark suggested that the Elections Task Force review suggestions and provide a series of public engagement recommendations to present to Council. Councillor Hansen will forward an article on voter turnout in Grey Highlands to Clerk Cronin for information.

Warden McNeil thanked staff, Council, the Senior Management Team, CAO Wark and Executive Assistant Kate Puska for their work during his past two years as Warden.

Warden McNeil declared that he is running for a second term as Huron County Warden for 2023-2024.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.7:

Moved by: Councillor Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor Dietrich

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.7 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1 Town of Goderich Official Plan Amendment No. 11 (presented by Victor Kloeze)

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Victor Kloeze, Senior Planner, that Amendment No. 11 to the Town of Goderich Official as adopted by the Town of Goderich be approved;

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AND FURTHER THAT:

The Notice of Decision be circulated;
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Hansen and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

Application for Official Plan Amendment to Town of Goderich Official Plan (GOD OPA 11), GSP Group Inc. (Amanda Stellings and Hugh Handy) for 2399108 Ontario Inc. (Arif Ismail owner) requesting an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment for the lands municipally known as 191 Suncoast Drive East, Goderich. Public comments were received with concerns about noise compatibility with neighboring business, shadow impacts, building height, loss of privacy, property values, high current taxes, and generally the change from commercial to residential. Comments were thoroughly considered; and shadow and noise were addressed by studies; 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 the comments resulted in a decision to approve the application.
CARRIED

9.2 Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan Annual Update (presented by Derry Wallis)

Moved by: Councillor Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on climate ready, energy efficient building guidelines including carbon reduction.
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report of Derry Wallis, Climate Change and Energy Specialist dated November 2, 2022 titled Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan Annual Update, as presented for information.
CARRIED

9.3 Planning Application Fee Refunds: Bill 109 - More Homes for Everyone Act (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning, dated November 2, 2022 titled Planning Application Fee Refunds: Bill 109 - More Homes for Everyone Act, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The report be circulated to local municipalities for information.
CARRIED

9.4 Residential Growth Report (presented by Sandra Weber, Victor Kloeze and Denise Van Amersfoort)

Councillor Hansen thanked staff for providing this report and asked that it be circulated to the new Council and to local municipalities.

Moved by: Councillor Hansen and Seconded by: Councillor Murdock

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Sandra Weber, Director, dated November 2, 2022 titled Residential Growth Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services: None.

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 2023 Borrowing By-Law (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated November 2, 2022, titled 2023 Borrowing By-Law, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves that a by-law be prepared to authorize the County of Huron to borrow up to the amount of \$4,000,000 to meet current expenditures for the Municipality in 2023.

CARRIED

11.2 Strategic Priorities - October 2022 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor Harding and Seconded by: Councillor Watt

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated November 2, 2022, titled Strategic Priorities - October 2022, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Councillor Finch requested that item 12.7 Correspondence from South Huron resident D. Marshall to Mayor George Finch re: paving the shoulders of County road 83 east of Exeter to the Suntastic Greenhouse, be a consideration during the 2023 budget discussions.

Moved by: Councillor Finch and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

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.

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor Jewitt and Seconded by: Councillor Fergusson

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-Laws:

By-law No. 2022-078, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Green PI Inc. RFP (HPS) 2022-01;

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By-law No. 2022-079, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Player Carpentry RFQ (HPS) 2022-08;

By-law No. 2022-080, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with Lifemark Seniors Wellness;

By-law No. 2022-081, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to establish User Fees and Service Charges;

By-law No. 2022-082, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to establish the rates of remuneration for the Warden and members of Council;
Be introduced, be given a first, second and third reading, be passed, signed by the Warden and 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

16. Closed to the Public Session:

Council recessed at 10:45 AM and resumed at 10:50 AM.

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

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:50 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged;
2. Labour relations or employee negotiations - County of Huron Non-union employees;

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, and Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson remain in attendance.

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

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:54 AM.

CARRIED

- CAO Wark reported that the Council of the County of Huron met in the Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations connected to Service Employee International Union for Huronview and Huronlea homes for the Aged, as well as County of Huron Non-union employees.

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

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed as per direction given in the Closed to the Public Session of November 2, 2022.

CARRIED

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17. Upcoming Meetings:

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

Joint Orientation Forum - Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 8:30 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

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Fisher and Seconded by: Councillor Finch

THAT:

By-Law No. 2022-083, 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;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law No. 2022-083, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

19. 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 11:58 AM to meet again on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

Clerk Susan Cronin