

**INAUGURAL SESSION MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting
November 30, 2022

The Council of the County of Huron met in person on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 1:01 PM.

1. CAO Meighan Wark called the Inaugural Session to order and welcomed members of Huron County Council and members of the public.

2. Order of Business:

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2.1 CAO Wark verified with Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Cronin that the Certificates of Election were received for each elected member of County Council for the Term of Council 2022-2026.

Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Cronin confirmed that the Certificates of Election were received for each elected member of County Council.

2.2 CAO Wark administered the Declaration of Office to the elected members of County Council for the Term of Council 2022-2026.

2.3 CAO Wark called for a Motion to declare duly elected Warden for Huron County for 2022-2024. As per Procedural By-law No. 2022-060 candidates wishing to run for the position of Warden must submit their intention to the Clerk seven (7) days prior to the Inaugural meeting. One (1) submission was received.

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor J. Heffer

THAT:

Glen McNeil, County Councillor from the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, be declared appointed as Warden of the County of Huron for 2022-2024 until his successor is appointed.

CARRIED.

2.4 CAO Wark administered the Declaration of Office to the newly appointed Warden for 2022-2024.

2.5 The newly appointed Warden sat in the Warden's chair between CAO Wark and Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Cronin.

2.6 The Warden welcomed the past wardens in attendance and the new Councillors. He thanked the members of County Council for the honour of being appointed Warden of Huron County for 2022-2024.

2.7 The Warden thanked his family, friends and members of his local Municipality.

2.8 Representing Huron-Bruce M.P. Ben Lobb, Bill Strong brought greetings from the Government of Canada and congratulations to Warden McNeil. Minister of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson sent regrets.

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2.9 Appointment of Striking Committee: According to Procedural By-law No. 2022-060 the Striking Committee will consist of the following:

- Warden
- Immediate Past Warden
- One Councillor – Appointee of the Warden
- CAO Meighan Wark

2.10 The Warden called for a Motion appointing the Striking Committee.

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor P. Klopp

THAT:

The 2022-2024 Striking Committee consisting of Warden G. McNeil, Immediate Past Warden J. Ginn, Councillor J. Dietrich, and CAO Wark, be approved.

CARRIED

2.11 The Warden announced:

1) Members of Council were requested to stay close to the Council Chambers so that Council may resume sitting as soon as the Striking Committee has their Report ready. Everyone else is welcome to wait for the Striking Committee Report. There will be a reception at The Beach Street Station that commences at 3:00 PM.

2) The Striking Committee met in the Committee Room.

2.12 Report of the Striking Committee was read by CAO Wark.

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor J. Ginn

THAT:

The Report of the Striking Committee be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor P. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor D. Harding

THAT:

By-law No. 2022-086, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint members to various Committees and Boards.

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

4. Upcoming Meetings and Confirmatory By-law:

Special Council Orientation - Monday, December 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Huron County Museum

Special Council Orientation - Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Huron County Museum

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

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Huron County Economic Development Board - Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 1 and Day 2 - Wednesday, December 21 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Murdock

THAT:

By-Law No. 2020-073, 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. 2020-073, as read a third time; be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor J. Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 2:23 PM to meet again on Wednesday, December 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED

Warden Glen McNeil

County Clerk Susan Cronin