

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual Meeting
January 4, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. All members of Council were present. Councillor B. MacLellan joined the meeting at 9:05 AM.

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

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil shared an appreciation note that was sent to staff on behalf of the County Council in regard the winter storm that occurred over holidays.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for January 4, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor D. Harding declared a pecuniary interest with Item 8.2 (c) as his son and daughter-in-law are the owners of the property that was granted undisputed consent.

Councillor P. Klopp declared a pecuniary interest with Item 9.1 - Consent file C94 -2022 as his farm operation has a financial agreement with the applicant.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor A. McLellan and Seconded by: Councillor T. Bazinet

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 and 2 Combined meeting of December 21, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

7. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor G. Finch raised a concern regarding the scheduled Grand Bend bridge construction and the possible impact on Huron County roads due to the increased traffic.

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor P. Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request a staff report on the impact of the County road system affected due to the construction of the bridge in Grand Bend.

CARRIED

Councillor G. Finch pointed out to a letter received regarding the Medical Cannabis Register Licensing. CAO Wark confirmed that this correspondence will be placed on future agenda for further discussion.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.6:

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor B. Vanstone

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.6 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

- 9.1 Consent File C94-2022, Rudolph Zimmer (Zimmer, Zimmer, Smart, Huston, O'Neil) Concession 16, Part Lot 10 and Part Lot 11, 22R-447, Part 1 and Part 2, Hay East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater (presented by Sarah Smith)

Rudy Zimmer addressed County Council and spoke in favour of the application. Councillor J. Becker spoke in favour of the application and recommended that the Council grants the approval with the conditions.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve Consent Application C94-2022 by Rudolf Zimmer on behalf of Rudolf Andrew Zimmer, Michelle Smart, Bridget Huston and Cecile O'Neil requesting the severance of a surplus farm dwelling, described as Concession 16, Part Lot 10 and Part Lot 11, 22R-447, Part 1 and Part 2, Hay East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater, with presented conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

Consent File C94-2022 by Rudolf Zimmer on behalf of Rudolf Andrew Zimmer, Michelle Smart, Bridget Huston and Cecile O'Neil requesting the severance of a surplus farm dwelling, described as Concession 16, Part Lot 10 and Part Lot 11, 22R-447, Part 1 and Part 2, Hay East Ward, Municipality of Bluewater. No public comments were received on the application so there was no effect on the decision.

Comments were received from agencies identifying the issue of the dwelling not considered surplus and of concern that portions of the parcel are within Environmentally Sensitive Area. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the decision.

CARRIED

- 9.2 Consent File 056-2022, William (Bill) Steenstra (owner), Part Lot 27, Concession 11, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron (presented by Nathan Garland)

Larry Rutledge spoke in opposition to the application. Kenneth Brindley also spoke in opposition to the application.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Nathan Garland, Planner, that Consent application C56-2022 by William Steenstra requesting severance of a parcel of land for future residential development, described as Part Lot 27, Concession 11, West Ward, Central Huron; be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor M. Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

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Consent File C56-2022 by William Steenstra requesting severance of a parcel of land for future residential development, described as Part Lot 27, Concession 11, West Ward, Central Huron. Public comments were raised on the issues of septic on the retained parcel. The comments were addressed through the addition of Conditions to approval. Public comments were raised on the issues of road entrances and sewage disposal on the severed parcel. The comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were raised on the issues of lot sizes for sewage disposal on the retained parcel. The comments were addressed through the addition of Conditions to approval.

CARRIED

9.3 Bill 23 Implementation - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report submitted by Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning, dated January 4, 2023 titled Bill 23 Implementation - More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron concur with the recommendation to discontinue the practice of assigning a County Council representative for applications for Plans of Subdivision/Condominium public meetings at the local level, as a public meeting is no longer a requirement under the Planning Act.

CARRIED

9.4 Electric Vehicle Charger Fee (presented by Derry Wallis)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Derry Wallis, Climate Change and Energy Specialist, dated January 4, 2023 titled Electric Vehicle Charger Fee, as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve Option #3 for an electric vehicle charger fee to be implemented in January 2023.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Fee By-law be updated to reflect the recommendation of the Council of the County of Huron.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Electric Vehicle Charger Fee be reviewed as part of the County Fee By-law annual review at the end of 2023.

CARRIED

9.5 Planning and Development Department Council Orientation 2023 (presented by Sandra Weber)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Sandra Weber, Director, titled Planning and Development Department Council Orientation 2023 dated January 4th, 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services: None.

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1 Flag Flying Protocol (presented by Susan Cronin)

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the report by Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk dated January 4, 2023 titled Flag Flying Protocol as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted approving the County of Huron follow the Canadian Federal Flag Flying Protocol on County owned facilities and delegation be given to the Warden and/or CAO to authorize any requests to half mast flags on County of Huron facilities not identified within the Federal Flag Flying Protocol.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:25 AM and resumed at 10:30 AM.

11.2 2023 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations

- Consolidated (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
- Corporate (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
- Human Resources (presented by Lara Vanstone)
- Planning and Development (presented by Sandra Weber)
- Library and Cultural Services (presented by Beth Rumble)

Moved by: Councillor P. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor M. Murdock

THAT:

The County of Huron receives the 2023 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations, dated January 4, 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests a staff report on the Request for Basic Income Support as submitted by Wayne Clausius.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor B. Vanstone

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 Economic Development Dept December 2022 Report (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor J. Becker

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated January 4, 2023, titled Economic Development Department December 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor D. Harding

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-001, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to appoint a Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

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:

Moved by: Councillor P. Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 12:48 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - EMS and CUPE 4513;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Director of Legislative Services/County 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 Chief/Emergency Services Jeff Horseman, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 12:49 PM and resumed at 12:55 PM.

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 1:10 PM
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 EMS and CUPE 4513.

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests staff to proceed as per direction given in the Closed to the Public Session of January 4, 2023.

CARRIED

17. Upcoming Meetings:

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Huron County Economic Development Board - Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Huron County Library Board - Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Special Council Orientation - Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct - Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, January 30, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-002, 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, 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

19. 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 1:17 PM to meet again on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin