

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid  
January 18, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. All members of Council were present in person. Councillor J. Heffer left the meeting at 11:42 AM.

**1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.**

**2. Warden's Remarks:**

Warden McNeil informed members that he attended Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Annual Meeting where he was acclaimed as Chair, and congratulated past Warden Jim Ginn on his appointment as Chair for the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Economic Development Committee, along with CAO Wark elected Secretary for the WOWC.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor M. Murdock

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for January 18, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations stated.

**5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of January 4, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

**7. Councillor's Comments:**

Councillor MacLellan stated concerns from constituents regarding the lack of communication during the 2022 blizzard from December 22-26, 2022.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests staff to send correspondence to the OPP regarding communication during weather efforts.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction; and  
Whereas FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government;

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Be it resolved that Council of the County of Huron endorse Marg Anderson to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in January 2023 and ending November 2026 or as approved by FCM; and

Be it further resolved that Council assumes all costs associated with Marg Anderson attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

CARRIED

Councillor Bazinet stated that at the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting the committee would like to review the plans for the Electric Vehicle Charger installation. Staff will organize this.

**8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.5:**

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.5 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**9. Social and Property Services: None.**

**10. Homes for the Aged:**

10.1 Huronlea Highland Apartment Repair (presented by Dana Mellor)

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

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Dana Mellor, Interim Director, titled Huronlea Highland Apartment Repair, dated January 18, 2023 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approves the quote by Wayne and Harold Smith Construction in the amount of \$43,200 plus HST for the Huronlea Highland Apartment Repair Project.

CARRIED

**11. Public Works:**

11.1. County Road 83 and County Road 11 Traffic Report (presented by Steve Lund)

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor J. Becker

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated January 18, 2023 by Steve Lund, County Engineer titled County Road 83 at County Road 11 (Hern Line) Traffic Report as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the staff recommendations contained in the report titled County Road 83 at County Road 11 (Hern Line) Traffic Report.

CARRIED

**12. Economic Development:**

12.1 New Tourism Relief Fund 2023 Project Funding (presented by Rick Sickinger)

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

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The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Rick Sickinger, Economic Officer dated January 18, 2023 titled Tourism Relief Fund 2023 Project Funding as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the amendment to the funding agreement or any other required documents for newly approved Tourism Relief Funding 2023 project.

CARRIED

**13. Emergency Services:** None.

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

14.1 Council Home Allowance (presented by Susan Cronin)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk dated January 18, 2023 titled Council Home Allowance as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law 2022-082 Establish Rates of Remuneration for Warden and Council be amended to include the Home Allowance of \$80.00/month for Councillors;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Home Allowance be included in the report to Council, to consider conducting a full audit of Council and Warden remuneration prior to the end of the next term.

CARRIED

14.2. 2023 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations

DRAFT 2023 BUDGET

Overview (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Social and Property Services (presented by Barbara Hall)

Emergency Services (presented by Steve Lund)

Public Works (presented by Steve Lund)

Homes for the Aged (presented by Dana Mellor)

Economic Development (Vicki Lass)

Summary (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

The County of Huron receives the 2023 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations, dated January 18, 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**15. Correspondence:**

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report for Council on the Federal Cannabis Legislation Review with recommendations on options for Huron County to address their concerns with this legislation.

CARRIED

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

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THAT:

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

CARRIED

**16. 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.

**17. Notice of Motion: None.**

**18. By-laws:**

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-003, being a By-law to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a Tourism Relief Fund Agreement with the Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario on behalf of His Majesty the King in Right of Canada.

By-law No. 2023-004, being a By-law to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a contract with the YMCA Southwestern Ontario for the Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program (Huron RASP).

By-law No. 2023-005, being a By-law to amend By-law 2022-081 of the Corporation of the County of Huron to establish User Fees and Service Charges.

By-law No. 2023-006, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to adopt a Flag Policy.

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. Closed to the Public Session: None.**

**20. Upcoming Meetings:**

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

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Council Budget Meeting - Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Audit Committee - Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting (preceded by Audit Committee)

Special Council Orientation - Procedural Process - Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

**20. Confirmatory By-law:**

Moved by: Councillor J. Becker and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-007, 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

**21. Adjournment:**

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

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 12:10 PM to meet again on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 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