

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual Meeting  
February 1, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. All members of Council were present except Councillor B. MacLellan.

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

**2. Warden's Remarks:**

Warden McNeil highlighted the successful ROMA conference which was well attended and had informative sessions.

Warden McNeil, Past Warden Ginn and CAO Wark presented on behalf of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus as a delegation to the Multiple Ministers with a focus on housing, work force, addictions and mental health issues, and connectivity relating to broadband and cellular. He noted that it was very well received.

Together with the Mayor George Finch, the Warden presented Cole Heessels with the trading pins from the County. Cole is playing in the upcoming Canada Games as a member of the Junior Provincial Wheelchair Basketball Team held in PEI.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

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

CARRIED

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.**

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 2 meeting of January 18, 2023, and the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Information Session of January 19, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:**

6.1. Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association - Huronview Demonstration Farm Presentation

Presentation by Rick Kootstra of Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association and Elizabeth Balfour of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.

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

THAT:

The Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association - Huronview Demonstration Farm Presentation be received as presented.

CARRIED

**7. Councillor's Comments:**

Councillor M. Murdock thanked county staff, Warden and Councillor Bazinet on behalf of the Town of Goderich for their attendance at the grand opening of the Canadian Mental Health Association office in Goderich. He attended many informative sessions at the ROMA conference, recommending the session on Indigenous People regarding land acknowledgement and truth and reconciliation.

**8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.9:**

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

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.9 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**9. Planning and Development:**

- 9.1. Consent Application C79-2022, Joe Reinhardt, Concession B, Part Lot 10, RP 22R-6317, Lots 149-151 Part Lane, Turnberry Ward, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry (presented by Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk)

This application proposes to create two lots from one existing parcel, zoned Village Residential – Low Density (VR1) in the Settlement Area of Lowertown. The subject parcel is vacant with the exception of one shed that is proposed to be removed. This application proposes two lots, with one of the lots proposed to be used for a four-plex residential building, another lot to be utilized for a single detached dwelling. The Department is recommending approval of this application with the condition that both the retained and severed parcel be zoned VR1-Special to only permit a single detached dwelling. The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry has recommended that the application be approved with the recommended conditions. An associated Zoning Bylaw Amendment (for the four-unit residential dwelling) was denied by the Municipality and has been appealed by the applicant to the Ontario Land Tribunal. Applicant Joe Reinhardt spoke regarding the intensification of the lots, supporting a four-plex instead of a single home dwelling.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planner that the Consent Application C79-2022 by Joe Reinhardt requesting the severance of a parcel of land for residential development described as Concession B, Part Lot 10, RP 22R-6317, Lots 149-151 Pt Lane, Turnberry Ward, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

THAT:

Consent File C79-2022 by Joe Reinhardt requesting the severance of a parcel of land for residential development described as Concession B, Part Lot 10, RP 22R-6317, Lots 149-151 Pt Lane, Turnberry Ward, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry. Public comments were received on the issue of intensification of the resulting severed property. The comments were addressed through conditions to approval.

Comments were received from agencies on the issues of intensification of the resulting severed property. The comments were addressed through conditions to approval.

CARRIED

- 9.2. Huronview Demonstration Farm - University of Guelph Research (presented by David Pullen)

Moved by: Councillor P. Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor P. Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by David Pullen, Forest Conservation Officer, dated January 18, 2023 titled Huronview Demonstration Farm – University of Guelph Research, as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into an agreement with the University of Guelph for test wells and related monitoring equipment to be installed at the Huronview Demonstration Farm for research purposes.

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Warden and Clerk to execute the agreement and any other required documents for the University of Guelph research project at the Huronview Demonstration Farm.

CARRIED

9.3. Scoped Huron County Aggregate Strategy Update – Terms of Reference  
(presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning, dated February 1, 2023, titled Scoped Huron County Aggregate Strategy Update – Terms of Reference, as presented.

CARRIED

**10. Cultural Services:**

10.1. Updated Terms of Reference for Museum Collections Committee (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report of Elizabeth French-Gibson, Senior Curator, titled Updated Terms of Reference for Museum Collections Committee, dated February 1, 2023 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Council approve the revised Collections Committee Terms of Reference in order that they may be adopted and included with the Huron County Museum Terms of Reference as part of the 5-year review process.

CARRIED

10.2. Huron County Museum Collections Deaccession Report – January 2023 (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Senior Curator, dated February 1, 2023, titled Huron County Museum Collections Deaccession Report – January 2023 as presented for information

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the report and recommendation of the Huron County Museum Collections Committee that uncatalogued books and magazines from accession A998.0031 (Lloyd Atfield Collection) be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection.

CARRIED

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

11.1. # 2 Amended 2023 Huron County Council Calendar - Notice of Meetings (presented by Susan Cronin)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk, dated February 1, 2023 titled # 2 Amended 2023 Huron County Council Calendar - Notice of Meetings as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Amended 2023 Huron County Council Calendar be amended by moving the April Day 2 County Council meeting to April 26, 2023 and the amended 2023 Calendar be circulated/posted as required.

CARRIED

11.2. Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information (presented by Meighan Wark)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

All Municipalities in Ontario

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)

Premier of Ontario

Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Provincial Minister of Agriculture

Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Member of Parliament

Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

11.3. Strategic Priority Chart - January, 2023 (presented by Meighan Wark)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated February 1, 2023, titled Strategic Priorities - January 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**12. Correspondence:**

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor T. Bazinet

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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 G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor J. Ginn

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-008, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of a one-year contract agreement with the Ontario Nurses' Association - Homes.

By-law No. 2023-009, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-law 2022-082 of the Corporation of the County of Huron to establish rates of remuneration for Warden and 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:**

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

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:

1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal - ACW;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, Director of Planning and Development Sandra Weber and Municipal Solicitor Greg Stewart, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:18 AM while the meeting was secured and resumed at 10:22 AM.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 10:38 AM.

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CAO Wark reported that the Council of the County of Huron met in the Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal with ACW.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to proceed as per direction given in the Closed to the Public Session of February 1, 2023.

CARRIED

**17. Upcoming Meetings:**

Economic Development Board - Thursday, February 2, 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 Session

**18. Confirmatory By-law:**

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-010, 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:**

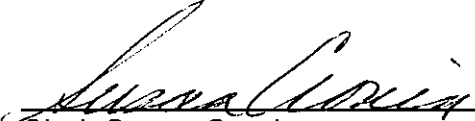
Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor J. Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 10:42 AM to meet again on Wednesday, February 8, 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