

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual Meeting
February 15, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. All members of Council were present. Councillor M. Murdock left at 10:45 AM, and Councillor P. Klopp left at 11:25 AM.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:21 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil informed Council of the new media release that the Federal riding boundary is to remain the same in Huron-Bruce following a review by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for February 15, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of February 1, 2023, and Special Council Budget Session of February 8, 2023 be adopted as circulated..

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1. Huron and Area Search and Rescue (HASAR) - Presentation

Patrick Armstrong, Co-Founder made a presentation to provide an overview of the HASAR's activities for 2022 and made a request for funding of \$5,000 - \$9,000.

Moved by: Councillor J. Becker and Seconded by: Councillor P. Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the Huron and Area Search and Rescue presentation dated February 15, 2023 by Patrick Armstrong, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report on the financial request by Huron and Area Search and Rescue.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor B. MacLellan raised concerns regarding the financial portions to be paid into the Huron Perth Public Health by neighboring counties.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report on municipal funding by Health Units within Southwestern Ontario.

CARRIED

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.5:

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

9. Social and Property Services:

9.1. Home Child Care Parental Fees (presented by Cheryl Patience)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Cheryl Patience, titled Home Child Care Parent Fees, dated February 15, 2023 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

By-law 2022-081, a by-law to Establish User Fees and Service Charges be amended to reflect the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care system fee reductions to parents as mandated through the Federal-Provincial childcare program.

CARRIED

9.2. Rapid Housing Initiative Phase 3 - Integrity Declaration and Cost-Share Contribution (presented by Barbara Hall)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated February 15, 2023, titled Rapid Housing Initiative Phase 3- Integrity Declaration and Cost-Share Contribution, as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Integrity Declaration and all other required documents for the County's application for the Rapid Housing Initiative Phase 3;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The County's expenses in the amount of \$602,713 incurred for the development of the previous Rapid Housing Initiative applications be applied as the County's cost share contribution towards this project, along with any further expenses incurred between the date of this report and the application submission deadline of February 28, 2023.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) for the rapid construction of new permanent affordable housing units located at Sanders Street, Exeter for people and populations who are vulnerable and targeted under the National Housing Strategy (NHS) and is committed to:

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- 1) Cover operating and support/wrap-around services for a minimum of 20 years or the duration of the affordability commitment whichever is greater
 - 2) Confirm the affordability of the project will be maintained for 40 plus years.
- CARRIED

10. Homes for the Aged:

- 10.1. L-SAA Agreement Schedule E Form of Compliance Declaration (presented by Dana Mellor)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Dana Mellor, Administrator of the Homes for the Aged, dated February 15, 2023 titled L-SAA Schedule E- Form of Compliance Declaration, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Warden and the Clerk be authorized to sign the required declaration known as Schedule E of the L-SAA Agreement for Huronview and Huronlea Home for the aged;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The signed schedule E be forwarded to the South West HCCSS (Home and Community Care Support Service)

CARRIED

11. Emergency Services: None.

12. Public Works:

- 12.1 CR 83/ Airport Line Intersection Improvement Study and Environmental Assessment Completion (presented by Steve Lund)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Steve Lund, County Engineer, dated February 15, 2023, titled CR 83/Airport Line Intersection Improvement Study and Environmental Assessment Completion, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of BM Ross for the preferred alternative-installation of Traffic Roundabout at the intersection of Huron County Road 83 and Airport Line;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the CR83/Airport Line Roundabout project be included in the 2023 budget for consideration.

CARRIED

Recorded vote was requested by Councillor G. Finch prior to the vote:

Yea: Councillor B. Vanstone,
Councillor G. Finch
Councillor M. Anderson
Councillor J. Heffer
Councillor T. Bazinet
Councillor D. Harding
Councillor P. Klopp
Councillor A. McLellan
Warden G. McNeil
Councillor P. Heffer
Councillor J. Dietrich

Councillor J. Becker

Nay: Councillor M. Murdock
Councillor J. Ginn
Councillor B. McLellan

13. Economic Development:

13.1 Economic Development Monthly Report January 2023

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated February 1, 2023, titled Economic Development Department January 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2 RED Funding Application (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report from Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development dated February 15, 2023 titled Rural Economic Development (RED) cost share funding application proposal for the Economic Development Department as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the submission by the Economic Development department for the Rural Economic Development (RED) cost share funding program as presented.

CARRIED

13.3 Economic Development Dept Strategic Plan - 2022 -2025 (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Huron County Council accepts the report from Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated February 15, 2023 titled Economic Development Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.4 Department Overview (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Vicki Lass, Director, titled Economic Development Department Council Orientation 2023 dated February 15th, 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.5 Support for Small Business Enterprise Centre Additional Provincial Funding
(presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated February 15, 2023 titled Support for Small Business Enterprise Centre Additional Provincial Funding for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the submission of a letter of support on behalf of Small Business Centres Ontario for additional Provincial funding for Small Business Enterprise Centres across the Province;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request support from Western Ontario Warden's Caucus for Small Business Centres Ontario for additional Provincial funding for Small Business Enterprise Centres across the Province.

CARRIED

14. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

14.1 Insurance Coverage – Huron County Housing Corporation (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Insurance Coverage – Huron County Housing Corporation, dated February 15, 2023 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approves the quote by Marsh through the HSC Group Insurance Program in the amount of \$161,751.45 plus provincial sales tax with a \$25,000 deductible for the policy period November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer to execute the agreement and all other required documents with Marsh through the HSC Group Insurance Program for the provision of insurance coverage for the Huron County Housing Corporation;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron directs staff to cancel the current Huron County Housing Corporation insurance policy with Intact Public Entities effective March 1, 2023.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence:

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

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.

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18. **By-laws:** None.

19. **Closed to the Public Session:** None.

20. **Upcoming Meetings:**

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

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Special Council Orientation - DISC - Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Library Board - Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Special Council Budget Session - Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM - Hybrid Meeting

Economic Development Board - Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Special Council Orientation - Media Training & Cyber Awareness - March 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

21. **Confirmatory By-law:**

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-013, 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 11:46 AM to meet again on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin