

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual Meeting
March 22, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. All members of Council were present, except for Councillor Klopp.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil reported attending the opening ceremony of the Young Canada Hockey Week in Goderich, including recognizing 4 NHL Alumni players: Larry Jeffrey, Gary Doak, Jack Price and Al Dewsbury. Warden McNeil also attended the Maplemania event initiated by Economic Development, and the Celebration of Life for past Warden of Elgin County Duncan McPhail with CAO Wark.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor D. Harding
THAT:
The Council Day 2 agenda for March 22, 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 G. Finch
THAT:
The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of March 1, 2023, Special Council – DISC Training of March 2, 2023, and Special Council Budget Session of March 8, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1. Social Research and Planning Council and Huron Perth Public Health - Food Insecurity Presentation

A joint presentation on Food Insecurity was given by Kristin Crane, Director of Social Research and Planning Council with United Way, and Candace Cunningham, Dietician with Huron Perth Public Health.

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the Food Insecurity presentation dated March 22, 2023 by Kristin Crane, Director of Social Research and Planning Council with United Way, and Candace Cunningham, Dietician with Huron Perth Public Health, as presented for information.
CARRIED

7. Councillor's Comments:

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Councillor G. Finch complimented Economic Development staff for exceptional work at the public meeting for the South Huron Mural design presentation on March 16, 2023.

Councillor A. McLellan questioned as to whether Council should make a presentation at the upcoming AMO Conference on the homelessness crisis. Warden McNeil stated that there is a coordinated effort by municipalities and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus by making a presentation on April 14, 2023 to Ministers on various topics, homelessness included.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.4:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch
THAT:
Items 8.1 through 8.4 be approved with the actions as noted.
CARRIED

9. Social and Property Services:

9.1. Disaster Response Agreement with the Canadian Red Cross Society (presented by Erin Schooley)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Erin Schooley, Homelessness Programs Supervisor, dated March 22, 2023, titled Disaster Response Agreement-Amendment #3 with the Canadian Red Cross Society - Extension as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Disaster Response Agreement - Extension with the Canadian Red Cross Society and any other required documents.

CARRIED

9.2. Huron Youth Recreation and Sport Program 2023 (YRASP) (presented by Cheryl Patience)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated March 22, 2023, titled Huron Youth Recreation, Arts and Sports Program 2023 (Huron RASP) as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into an agreement with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario for their services in determining eligibility and administering funds to Huron County families that qualify for this assistance to allow their child's participation in sports, arts and recreation;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documents with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario for the Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program (Huron RASP).

CARRIED

10. Homes for the Aged:

10.1. RFT 2023-01 DHW upgrade Huronlea (presented by Dana Mellor)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brad McLaughlin, Environmental Services Manager, Homes for the Aged, and Connie Townsend, Homes Director, Homes for the Aged, dated March 22, 2023, titled RFT(HA) 2023-01 – Huronlea Domestic Hot Water Upgrades 2023, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the RFT(HA) 2023-01 – Huronlea Domestic Hot Water Upgrades 2023 be awarded to Clark Multi-Trade for the amount of \$140,000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Clark Multi for RFT(HA) 2023-01 – Huronlea Domestic Hot Water Upgrades 2023.

CARRIED

10.2 Request for Sole Sourcing (presented by Dana Mellor)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brad McLaughlin, Environmental Services Manager, Homes for the Aged and Connie Townsend, Homes Director, and Dana Mellor, Administrator, Huronlea Home for the Aged, dated March 22, 2023, titled Request for Sole Sourcing Resident Transfer Lifts-Homes for the Aged;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the request for Sole Sourcing Resident Transfer Lifts-Homes for the Aged be awarded to Arjo for the amount of \$174,524.00.

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute any required documentation for the purchasing of the resident transfer lifts with Arjo.

CARRIED

11. Emergency Services:

11.1 Brussels Paramedic Base Design Approval (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated March 22, 2023, titled Brussels Paramedic Base Design, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct Huron County staff to proceed with the Municipality of Huron East in the RFP and construction of the Brussels Fire Hall expansion and Paramedic Base.

CARRIED

11.2 Community Paramedicine - Expanded Program Extension (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated March 22, 2023 titled Community Paramedicine - Expanded Program Extension, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the extension of the Community Paramedicine - Expanded Program for a period of not longer than four months (July 31, 2023).
CARRIED

12. Public Works:

- 12.1 Recommendation to Award Tender HC23-301: Rehabilitation of CR 83 (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Amanda Brown, Project Manager Roads dated March 22, 2023 titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC23-301:

Rehabilitation of CR 83 as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award the tender to Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for Contract HC 23-301 for the tendered price of \$4,507,617.58 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance and net applicable taxes), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for Contract HC 23-301.

CARRIED

- 12.2. Recommendation to Award Tender HC 23-503: Rehabilitation of Robert Edgar Bridge (15-03.6) (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report dated March 22, 2023 by Will Williams Project Manager, Bridges titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 23-503: Rehabilitation of Robert Edgar Bridge (15-03.6) as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the tender submitted by VanDriel Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$870,449.97 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance, and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Van Driel Excavating Inc. for HC 23-503.

CARRIED

13. Economic Development:

- 13.1 Economic Development Dept February 2023 Report

Moved by: Councillor J. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor T. Bazinet
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated March 22, 2023, titled Economic Development Department February 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

- 14.1 Public Sector Salary Disclosure and Member of Council Remuneration (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Public Sector Salary Disclosure and Member of Council Remuneration, dated March 22, 2023 as presented for information.

CARRIED

14.2. Provincial Offences – Fine Write-offs (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Provincial Offences - Fine Write-offs, dated March 22, 2023 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approves the write off of outstanding Provincial Offences fine underpayments in the amount of \$16,601.99.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report on the delegation of authority to write-off provincial offenses fines that were mailed on time, as per the Treasurer's discretion.

CARRIED

14.3 County of Huron Draft 2023 Budget (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated March 22, 2023, titled County of Huron Draft 2023 Budget, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the 2023 County of Huron Draft Budget as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be directed to prepare a by-law for consideration on March 22, 2023 to establish tax rates and the general County Levy for 2023 at \$50,052,161.

CARRIED

14.4 Appointment to AMO Board County Caucus (presented by Meighan Wark)

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

The Council of the County of Huron endorses Meighan Wark, Chief Administrative Officer for the County Caucus on the AMO Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2022-2024 term (term ending August 2024).

CARRIED

15. Correspondence:

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

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The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to prepare a report outlining recommendations regarding declarations of emergency for homelessness, mental health, and opioid addiction.
CARRIED

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

Notice of Motion brought forward by Councillor MacLellan:

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests staff to bring back all information that would detail Council's options for bringing the following to shovel-ready condition only:

- Airport Line and County Road 83 roundabout,
- County Road #4 and County Road #25 traffic lights and
- the Gibbons Street 39 unit complex

Intent is to not have the property taxes pay 100% of new projects before exhausting all avenues of funding from other levels of government or potential public private partnerships.

This motion will be included on a future Council agenda for consideration by Council.

18. By-laws:

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

By-law No. 2023-019, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to adopt estimates, to establish Tax Rates for the County and to establish the General County Levy for the year 2023.

By-law No. 2023-020, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-law 2021-060, a By-law to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a Service Agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team Program.

By-law No. 2023-021, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-law 2021-061, a By-law to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a Service Agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program.

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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:

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn 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 10:36 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them - COCHI reallocation funds

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen and Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:36 AM, and resumed at 10:45 AM.

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

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:02 AM.

CARRIED

- CAO Wark reported that the Council of the County of Huron met in the Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them – COCHI reallocation funds.

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

The Council of the County of Huron requests staff to proceed as per direction given in the Closed to the Public Session of March 22, 2023.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve an allocation in the amount of \$2,985,831 to support the Sanders Street rental build and that this funding come from reserves.

CARRIED

20. Upcoming Meetings:

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

Special Council Meeting Tour of Ontario Power Generation and Nuclear Waste Management Facility – March 29, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

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Economic Development Board - Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

Library Board - Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting
Special Council Orientation - Drainage - April 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Virtual

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Hybrid Meeting

21. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor M. Anderson and Seconded by: Councillor J. Becker
THAT:

By-law No. 2023-022, 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 11:07 AM to meet again on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin