

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual Meeting
May 17, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. All members of Council were present except Councillor Murdock.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Warden McNeil indicated that the County of Huron has launched a new Human Resources Information System called VIP. This is an online, self-service portal enabling all County employees to access their personal documents and other HR services. This is a big step on the modernization path for the County.

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for May 17, 2023 be approved as amended:

1. Monthly Homes for the Age departmental report is moved under Item 7.1 through 7.5 - Consent Agenda.
2. Presentation addition to the Item 12. 2. – Immigration Partnership Updates on Community Support to Ukrainian Newcomers.
3. Under Item 8.3 – 2022 Annual Housing and Homelessness Report error correction of location (Exeter instead of Goderich).

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of May 3, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act Presentation

Valerie Terejko, representing "The Women of Ontario Say No", delivered a presentation reviewing Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

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

THAT:

Whereas Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

Whereas the Council of the County of Huron is committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

Now therefore be it resolved:

THAT:

1. The Council of the County of Huron Endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal

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Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.
2. The Council of the County of Huron Expresses its support for Bill 5 by forwarding this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's).
CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the presentation by Valeri, Terejko, representing "the Women of Ontario Say No" regarding Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act Presentation as presented for information.
CARRIED

6. Councillor's Comments: None.

7. Consent Agenda – Items 7.1 through 7.5:

Moved by: Councillor A. McLellan and Seconded by: Councillor P. Heffer

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.5 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Courthouse Basement Repair and Renovation RFT(HPS)2023-02 (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated May 17, 2023, titled Courthouse Basement Repair and Renovation RFT(HPS) 2023-02 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the Request for Tender RFT(HPS) 2023-02 be awarded to K & L Construction for the amount of \$273,131.05 including provisional items;

AND FURTHER THAT;

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts for RFT(HPS) 2023-02 and all other required documents.

CARRIED

8.2. Gibbons Street Build - Prime Consultant Selection (presented by Dallas Kernighan)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated May 17, 2023 titled "Gibbons Street Build-Prime Consultant Selection" as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve RFP (HPS) 2023-01 - Prime Consultant for Gibbons Street Build be awarded to Allan Avis Architect Incorporated for the amount of \$498,389.95 including provisional items;

AND FURTHER THAT;

A by-law be drafted for May 17, 2023 authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Allan Avis Architect Incorporated for RFP (HPS) 2023-01 - Prime Consultant for Gibbons Street Build.

CARRIED

8.3. 2022 Annual Housing and Homelessness Report (presented by Erin Schooley)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated May 17, 2023, titled 2022 Annual Housing and Homelessness Report, as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT

The Council of the County of Huron approve the submission of the 2022 Annual Housing and Homelessness Report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

8.4. Employment Services Transformation - Council Information Update - April 2023 (presented by Barbara Hall)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated May 17, 2023, titled Employment Service System Manager - Council Information Update - April 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9. **Homes for the Aged:** None.

10. **Emergency Services:** None.

11. **Public Works:**

11.1. Recommendation to Award Tender HC 23-902: Wingham Patrol Yard – Salt and Sand Storage Facility Development (presented by Steve Lund)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 23-168: Wingham Patrol Yard – Salt and Sand Storage Facility Development dated May 17, 2023 by Steve Lund, County Engineer;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the tender submitted by Domm Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$3,663,360 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance, and net applicable tax), based on the anticipated scope of work for HC 23-168;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Domm Construction Ltd. for HC 23-168.

AND FURTHER THAT:

HC 23-168 be funded with \$216,596 from County Levy from prior year for the Engineering component; and \$1,513,360 from the reserves and an additional \$2,150,000 through debentures for the Construction component.

CARRIED

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11.2. Recommendation to Award Tender HC23-168: Josephine/CR4 Intersection Improvement (presented by Wyatt Carey)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC23-168: Josephine/CR4 Intersection Improvement dated May 17, 2023 by Wyatt Carey, Traffic Technologist;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award the tender to Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for Contract HC 23-168 for the tendered price of \$456,391.00 (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. for HC 23-168.

CARRIED

11.3. Crediton Village Centre Subdivision – Pre-servicing Agreement (presented by Steve Lund)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report titled Crediton Village Centre Subdivision – Pre-servicing Agreement Report dated May 17, 2023 by Steve Lund, County Engineer; as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the Pre-Servicing Agreement between 1028094 Ontario Inc. and the County of Huron as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared for May 17, 2023 authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Pre-servicing Agreement and all other required documents with 1028094 Ontario Inc. for the Crediton Village Centre Subdivision.

CARRIED

11.4. Recommendation to Award Tender HC 23-502: Rehabilitation of Donnybrook Bridge (22-06.4) (presented by Steve Lund)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 23-502: Rehabilitation of Donnybrook Bridge (22-06.4) dated May 17, 2023 by Will Williams, Project Manager, Bridges;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the tender submitted by UrbanLink Civil Ltd. in the amount of \$935,684 (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 UrbanLink Civil Ltd. for HC 23-502;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project shortfall totaling \$139,511 for HC 23-502 be funded from the accumulated surplus from other 2023 capital projects.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Economic Development Department April 2023 Report (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated May 17, 2023, titled Economic Development Department April 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Huron County Immigration Partnership Updates on Community Support to Ukrainian Newcomers (presented by Mark Nonkes)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Mark Nonkes, Local Immigration Partnership Manager, dated May 17, 2023, titled Huron County Immigration Partnership Updates on Community Support to Ukrainian Newcomers, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3 SLED 2023 Outcomes (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Councillor P. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated May 17, 2023 titled SLED 2023 Outcomes.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Agreement of Purchase and Sale-Gibbons Street (presented by Susan Cronin)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report titled Agreement of Purchase and Sale-Gibbons Street dated May 17, 2023 by Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

15. 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.

16. Notice of Motion: None.

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17. By-laws:

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

By-law No. 2023-040, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Town of Goderich for the property legally described as Part of Lot 8, Con A, Town of Goderich, County of Huron, being Part 1 on registered Plan 22R-7241 (Gibbons Street).

By-law No. 2023-041, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into a Pre-servicing Agreement with 1028094 Ontario Inc. for the Crediton Village Centre Subdivision.

By-law No. 2023-042, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the Corporation of the County of Huron to enter into an Agreement with Allan Avis Architect Inc. for RFP (HPS) 2023-01 – Prime Consultant for Gibbons Street Build.

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

18. Closed to the Public Session: None.

19. Upcoming Meetings:

Economic Development Board - Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Economic Development Board - Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 1- Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich – Hybrid Meeting

Library Board - Thursday, June 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, June 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Goderich Library

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich – Hybrid Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

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

By-law No. 2023-043, 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.

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21. 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 10:08 AM to meet again on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin