

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting
June 21, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. All members of Council were present except for Councillor J. Dietrich.

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

Warden McNeil recognized June 21st as National Indigenous Peoples Day and opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for June 21, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of June 7, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Bruce Power Cheque Presentation

John Peevers, the Director of Community, Media Relations & Economic Development for Bruce Power presented Council with a \$55,000 cheque for their contribution to the Electric Vehicle Charging Station installation project with the County, Huron East and Goderich.

Moved by: Councillor M. Murdock and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Bruce Power cheque presentation be received as presented.

CARRIED

5.2. Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Overview and the 2023-24 Strategic Priorities Presentation

Kate Burns Gallagher, Executive Director with Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus presented an overview of the WOWC and their 2023-24 Strategic Priorities.

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

THAT:

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Overview and the 2023-24 Strategic Priorities Presentation by Kate Burns Gallagher be received as presented.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor B. MacLellan requested a status update on the finance report. CAO Wark confirmed that this report is deferred to the Council meeting in August. Councillor B. MacLellan further indicated the importance of reserves levels discussion to take place prior to starting the Budget process.

Councillor P. Heffer thanked the attendees for joining the Breakfast on the Farm events in Huron East and North Huron.

7. Consent Agenda - Items 7.1 through 7.5:

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and may require discussion but no action on the part of Council. Consent Agenda items are received in one motion. Council members may request that one or more items be removed for further action.

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

- 8.1. Revision to Social Housing Policy No. 4 - Maximum Household Limits (presented by Christine Hoffman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from the Housing Services Manager, Christine Hoffman, dated June 21, 2023, titled Revision to Social Housing Policy No. 4 - Maximum Household Assets, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the revisions to the Social Housing: Maximum Household Assets policy and that the Warden and Clerk are authorized to sign the revised policy.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged:

- 9.1. Request for Contract Extension for Pharmacy Services – Care RX for the Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director-Homes for the Aged dated June 21, 2023, titled Request for Contract Extension for Pharmacy Services – Care RX for the Homes for the Aged, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the six (6) month extension with Care Rx for pharmacy services;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documents for the pharmacy services six (6) month extension with Care RX for Huronlea and Huronview Homes for the Aged.

CARRIED

10. Emergency Services:

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10.1. ES 2023-01 Tender Results - 2023 Replacement Rapid Response Unit (presented by Jeff Horseman)

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor B. MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated June 21, 2023, titled ES #2023-01 Tender Results – 2023 Rapid Response Unit Replacement presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve that Tender ES #2023 – 01 be awarded to Huron Motor Products (HMP) of South Huron Ontario for the tendered price of \$72,453.00 (excluding HST);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Chief Emergency Services to execute all required documents for the purchase of the 2023 Rapid Response Unit from Huron Motor Products (HMP) of South Huron Ontario.

CARRIED

10.2. Community Paramedicine - Expanded Program Funding Update (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated June 21, 2023 titled Community Paramedicine - Expanded Program Funding Update, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the continued operation of the Community Paramedicine - Expanded Program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Ontario Health Funding Agreement, once received, be received by Huron County Council for consideration.

CARRIED

10.3. Harm Reduction Services Agreement (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated June 21, 2023 titled Harm Reduction Services Agreement as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into an agreement with Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) to allow Huron County Paramedic Services to distribute Naloxone kits to vulnerable individuals as required;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Harm Reduction Services Agreement and all other required documents for this program with Huron Perth Public Health.

CARRIED

11. Public Works:

11.1. Recommendation to Award RFP HC 23-167 Consulting Engineering Services Detail Design, Contract Administration and Site Inspection for Roundabout Installation (presented to Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 23-167 Detail Design, Contract Administration and Site Inspection for Roundabout Installation dated June 21, 2023 by Imran Khalid, Manager of Public Works, as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award RFP HC 23-167 to B.M. Ross and Associates for a total price of \$174,095.08 (*including net applicable taxes*), including provisional site inspection and contract administration:

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with B.M. Ross for RFP HC 23-167;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the project deficit of \$17,273.08 be funded from Highway Reserves subject to favorable year end results and other projects that came in under budget.

CARRIED

- 11.2. Recommendation to Award RFP HC 23-513 Detailed Design for the Rehabilitation of Fitch's Bridge, Lower Maitland Bridge, and Wroxeter Bridge in the County of Huron (presented by Will Williams)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 23-513 Detailed Design for the Rehabilitation of Fitch's Bridge, Lower Maitland Bridge, and Wroxeter Bridge in the County of Huron dated June 21, 2023 by Will Williams, Project Manager (Bridges);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award Contract HC 23-513 to B.M. Ross & Associates Limited for a total price of \$111,529 (inclusive of provisional site inspection, contract administration, 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 B.M. Ross & Associates Limited for RFP HC 23-513;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the transfer of the project surplus totaling \$48,471 to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

- 11.3. HC 23-1206 One Rubber Tired Backhoe Loader (presented by Donald Hastings)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive this report by Donald Hastings, Fleet Supervisor, dated June 21, 2023 titled Tender Results for Tender HC 23-1206 One Rubber Tired Backhoe Loader as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the recommendation to award HC 23-1206 to Advanced Construction Equipment Ltd. For \$198,126.72 including net applicable taxes (1.76%) for One 4 Wheel Drive Rubber Tired Backhoe Loader;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Fleet Supervisor to execute the required documentation for the delivery of the unit purchased through tender HC 23-1206 including related invoices.

CARRIED

11.4. HC 23-1207 – Three Roadside Tractors (presented by Donald Hastings)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Donald Hastings Fleet Supervisor dated June 21, 2023 titled HC-23-1207 Three (4X4) Roadside Tractors as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award the contract for HC-23-1207 to Robert's Farm Equipment Sales Ltd, Walton, for \$118,448.64 including net applicable taxes (1.76%) for each tractor for a total of \$355,345.92, including net applicable taxes (1.76%), for Three (4X4) Roadside Tractors;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the Fleet Supervisor the authority to endorse any required documentation for HC-23-1207.

CARRIED

11.5. HC 23-1211 Vacuum Trailer Excavator (presented by Donald Hastings)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Donald Hastings, Fleet Supervisor dated June 21, 2023 and titled HC-23-1211 Vacuum Trailer Excavator as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the tender HC-23-1211 awarding to JD Brule Equipment, for \$204,389.03 including net applicable taxes (1.76%);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Fleet Supervisor to endorse any required documentation for HC-23-1211.

CARRIED

11.6. Recommendation to Award RFP HC 23-505 Detailed Design for the Superstructure Replacement of Bannockburn Bridge in the County of Huron (presented by Will Williams)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 23-505 Detailed Design for the Superstructure Replacement of Bannockburn Bridge in the County of Huron dated June 21, 2023 by Will Williams, Project Manager (Bridges);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award Contract HC 23-505 to R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited for a total price of \$113,662 (inclusive of provisional site inspection, contract administration, 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 R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited for HC 23-505;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve transferring the project surplus totaling \$16,338 to the Highway Reserve subject to favourable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.7. Recommendation to Award Tender HC 23-504: Replacement of Culvert 15-22.1 on County Road 15 (presented by Will Williams)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 23-504: Replacement of Culvert 15-22.1 on County Road 15 by Will Williams, Project Manager (Bridges) dated June 21, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the tender submitted by VanDriel Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$439,233 (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 VanDriel Excavating Inc. for project HC 23-504;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves transferring the project surplus totaling \$16,806 to the Highway Reserve subject to favorable year-end results.

CARRIED

11.8. Recommendation to Award Tender HC23-169: Blyth Intersection Upgrades (County Road 4 & County Road 25) (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC23-169: Blyth Intersection Upgrades (County Road 4 & County Road 25)" by Imran Khalid – Manager of Public Works;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award the tender to Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for Contract HC 23-169 for the tendered price of \$2,431,582 (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 HC 23-169.

CARRIED

11.9. Staff Report - Gravel recovery from ditches along Huron County Roads (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The County of Huron Council receive and approve the report titled Staff Report: Gravel recovery from ditches along Huron County Roads by Imran Khalid, Manager of Public Works.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

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

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated June 21, 2023, titled Economic Development Department May 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Ontario's West Coast Visitor Guide 2023 (presented by Rick Sickinger)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated June 21, 2023 by Rick Sickinger, Economic Development Officer titled Ontario's West Coast Visitor Guide 2023 as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Delegation of Authority for Information Sharing/Non Disclosure Agreements
(presented by Susan Cronin)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report from Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk dated June 21, 2023 titled Delegation of Authority for Information Sharing/Non Disclosure Agreements as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to execute Information Sharing/Non Disclosure agreements for the Corporation of the County of Huron to the County Clerk, the Treasurer and the Senior Manager of Business Technology Solutions.

CARRIED

13.2. Request for Support for Grant for Accessibility Committee Education Project
(presented by Susan Cronin)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron support the application by the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility 2023-24 EnAbling Change Program for a grant for the creation of Educational Videos.

CARRIED

13.3. Service Review - Terms of Reference (presented by Meighan Wark)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report dated June 21, 2023 by Meighan Wark, CAO titled Service Review – Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

13.4. 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor B. MacLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Meighan Wark, Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 21, 2023, titled 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

15. Notice of Motion: None.

16. By-laws:

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-049, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a collaboration agreement with Canadian Wildlife Federation for the Enriching the Rural Roadside Pilot Project (Pollinator Habitat Restoration).

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

17. Closed to the Public Session:

Council recessed at 10:30 AM and resumed the meeting at 10:39 AM.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:30 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. Labour relations or employee negotiations - Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE4513) bargaining unit at Emergency Services;
2. 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 - New Build Sanders Street Exeter.

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, Director of Human Resources Lara Vanstone, Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson, Director of Public Works and Emergency Services/County Engineer Steve Lund, Emergency Services Chief Jeff Horseman and County Deputy Clerk Ljubica Blazevic remain in attendance for Item 1. CAO Meighan Wark, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, Director of Social and Property Services

Barbara Hall, Technical Service Manager Jeff Kerslake and County Deputy Clerk Ljubica Blazevic remain in attendance for Item 2.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 10:52 AM.

CARRIED

- CAO Wark reported that the Council of the County of Huron met in the Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations - Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE4513) bargaining unit at Emergency Services; and 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 relating to New Build Sanders Street Exeter.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves collective agreement with County of Huron Canadian Union of Public Employees -CUPE 4513) as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden, Clerk, CAO, Director of Human Resources, and Senior Manager of Human Resources to execute the agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees -CUPE 4513) on behalf of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

18. 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.

18.1. New Build-Sanders Street Exeter - Award of Construction Contract (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated June 21, 2023, titled New Build-Sanders Street, Exeter - Award of Construction Contract as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Tender RFT (HPS) 2023-03 be awarded to Bronnenco Construction for the amount of \$8,305,500.00 (HST included) including provisional items;

AND FURTHER THAT;

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Bronnenco Construction for RFT (HPS) 2023-03.

CARRIED

19. Upcoming Meetings:

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich – Hybrid Meeting

Economic Development Board - Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Library Board - Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich – Hybrid Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

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Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch
THAT:

By-law No. 2023-050, 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.

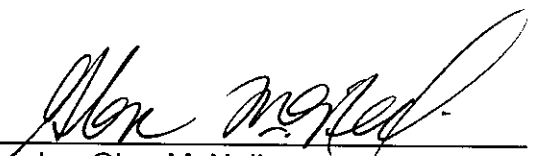
CARRIED

21. Adjournment:

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

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 10:59 AM to meet again on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin