

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting  
August 16, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. All members of Council were present except for Councillor M. Murdock and Councillor J. Becker.

**1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.**

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

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

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for August 16, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest declared.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of July 5, 2023 be adopted as amended:

- Item 11.1 – 2023 Social Research and Planning Council – Funding Request motion to read “approve”.

CARRIED

**5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.**

**6. Councillor's Comments:**

Councillor B. MacLellan raised an inquiry concerning the potential feasibility of constructing additional triplex housing units within the County, similar to those situated on Bennet Street in Goderich. Director of Social and Property Services Hall stated that at this time there is no additional funding available from the provincial and federal government. Staff continually monitors funding opportunities for future projects.

Councillor P. Heffer expressed his gratitude on behalf of North Huron to Economic Development staff supporting workers effected by the Wescast Industries closure.

Councillor T. Bazinet thanked Julie Sawchuk and informed Council that she has recently donated a water chair for people with mobility issues to the Town of Goderich that is to be used at their public beach.

**7. Consent Agenda - Items 7.1 through 7.6:**

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 M. Anderson and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.6 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**8. Social and Property Services:**

8.1. Vestibule Replacement at 250 Picton Street, Goderich (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated August 16, 2023, titled Vestibule Replacement at 250 Picton Street Goderich as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve Tender RFT (HPS) 2023-01 be awarded to Arcadia Custom Living for the amount of \$112,026.06 including provisional items;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents for RFT (HPS) 2023-01 with Arcadia Custom Living.

CARRIED

8.2. Before and After School Programs in Huron County (presented by Cheryl Patience)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated August 16, 2023 titled Before and After School Programs in Huron County, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.3. Limited Term Occupancy and Service Agreement - Delegated Authority (presented by Barbara Hall)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property services, dated August 16, 2023, titled Limited Term Occupancy and Service Agreement - Delegated Authority as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves a by-law be drafted that delegates the authority to the Housing Services Manager to execute the Limited Term Occupancy and Service Agreement with participants as part of the transitional housing program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the delegated signing authority to be ratified on August 16, 2023.

CARRIED

8.4. County View - Vacancy Levels and Turn Over (presented by Barbara Hall)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated August 16, 2023, titled County View - Vacancy Levels and Turn Over Rates, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**9. Homes for the Aged:**

9.1. Austco Nursing Call Bell System Replacement (presented by Connie Townsend)

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor P. Heffer

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brad McLaughlin, Environmental Services Manager, Homes for the Aged, Connie Townsend, Homes Director, and Dana Mellor, Huronlea Administrator, dated August 16, 2023, titled Austco Nurse Call System Replacement -- Huronlea, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the quotation provided by KR Communication for the amount of \$193,476.00 +HST. for the Austco Nursing Call Bell System Replacement;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with KR Communication for the Austco Nurse Call System Replacement.

CARRIED

9.2. Infection Prevention and Control Flooring Replacement Project- Huronview and Huronlea (presented by Connie Townsend and Dana Mellor)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Brad McLaughlin, Environmental Services Manager, Homes for the Aged, Connie Townsend, Homes Director, and Dana Mellor, Huronlea Administrator, Homes for the Aged, dated August 16, 2023, titled Infection Prevention and Control Flooring Replacement Project – Huronview + Huronlea, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the Infection Prevention and Control Flooring Replacement Project – Huronview + Huronlea be awarded to Ten Pas Carpet One, all projects for both Homes totaling \$140,526.77;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Ten Pas Carpet One, Infection Prevention and Control Flooring Replacement Project – Huronview + Huronlea.

CARRIED

**10. Emergency Services:**

10.1. 2024 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated August 16, 2023, titled 2024 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to set the 2024 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan targets to remain the same as those set in the 2023 Land Ambulance Response Time Performance Plan.

CARRIED

10.2. ES 2023-02 Tender Results - 2022 Rapid Response Unit Conversion (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated August 16, 2023, titled ES 2023-02 Tender Results – 2023 Rapid Response Unit (RRU) Conversion as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve Tender ES 2023 – 02 RRU conversion be awarded to MSJ Automotive of Windsor, Ontario for the tendered price of \$30,557.41 (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 conversion of the 2023 Rapid Response Unit by MSJ Automotive of Windsor Ontario.

CARRIED

10.3. Data Sharing Agreement for Community Paramedicine Expanded Program (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated August 16th, 2023 titled Data Sharing Agreement for Community Paramedicine Expanded Program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron enters into a data sharing with the Province of Ontario allow Huron County Paramedic Services to securely transfer data to the Province of Ontario as required;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and County Clerk to execute the agreement and any other required documents.

CARRIED

10.4. Brussels Paramedic Base Approval & Draft Lease Agreement (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Chief Emergency Services, dated August 16, 2023, titled Brussels Paramedic Base Approval and Draft Lease Agreement, 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 on the construction of the Brussels Fire Hall expansion and Paramedic Base;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A final lease agreement be brought to Huron County Council for approval once the final construction costs have been determined.

CARRIED

**11. Public Works:**

11.1. HC 23-54 – Supply and Delivery of Alternative Non-Liquid De-Icing Material (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report dated August 16, 2023 titled HC 23- 54 – Supply and Delivery of Alternative Non-Liquid De-Icing Material by Imran Khalid, Manager of Public Works;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the tender submitted by Compass Minerals Canada Corp. for Contract 23-54 for the tendered price of \$391,776 including net applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Compass Minerals Canada Corp. for Contract 23-54.  
CARRIED

## **12. Economic Development:**

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

Moved by: Councillor P. Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor T. Bazinet

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated August 16, 2023, titled Economic Development Department July 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

### 12.2 Workforce Update (presented by Natasha Gaudio Harrison and Oonagh Vaucrosson)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Natasha Gaudio Harrison, Economic Development Officer, and Oonagh Vaucrosson, Workforce Coordinator, dated August 16, 2023 titled Workforce Development Project Update - Coordinated Response to Temporary Layoffs, as presented for information.

CARRIED

## **13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:**

### 13.1. 2022 - Year End Financial Review (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled 2022 – Year End Financial Review, dated August 16, 2022 as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron distribute the draft 2022 unallocated surplus balance of \$2,728,247 to the General Reserve for Contingency.

CARRIED

### 13.2. Gibbons Street Housing Project – Financing Analysis (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Gibbons Street Housing Project – Financing Analysis, dated August 16, 2023 as presented for information;  
AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approves the financing scenario 3 with \$5 million to be financed through debt financing and the balance of \$13.5 million from reserves, with an estimated impact to the 2024 budget of 2.03%;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approves the reallocation of \$13.5 million from the following reserves to support the Gibbons Street project – Highways Reserve Fund, General Capital Reserve Fund, Facilities Capital Reserve Fund and the Social Housing Capital Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

13.3. Budget Process Review (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich 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 Budget Process Review, dated August 16th, 2023 as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff prepare a The Terms of Reference for the budget process review.

CARRIED

13.4. 2023 Debenture Borrowing (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone 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 2023 Debenture Borrowing, dated August 16, 2023 as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the County Treasurer to negotiate, and the Warden and the County Treasurer to enter into, execute and deliver on behalf of the County of Huron, a financing agreement, with the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("OILC") that provides long term borrowing in the maximum amount of \$2,150,000 from OILC in respect to certain capital work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing:

- 1) the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("OILC") for the long-term financing of certain capital work(s) of Corporation of the County of Huron
- 2) the entering into a rate offer letter agreement pursuant to which the County of Huron will issue debentures to OILC
- 3) the Warden and Treasurer to execute the financing agreement with OILC
- 4) the Clerk and the Treasurer to generally do all things and to execute all other documents and papers in the name of the County of Huron in order to perform the terms and conditions that apply to the County of Huron as set out in the Rate Offer Letter Agreement

CARRIED

13.5. Attrition Management Update Report (presented by Meighan Wark)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated August 16, 2023 titled Attrition Management Update Report as presented for information purposes.  
CARRIED

**14. Correspondence:**

Moved by: Councillor M. Anderson and Seconded by: Councillor P. Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports Item 14.11 from the Elgin County - Resolution Regarding Child Care Shortage.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports Item 14.10 from the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh - Resolution Regarding Short Term Rentals.

CARRIED

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

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.**

**17. By-laws:**

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-066, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into an agreement for the Rural Economic Development Program (RED5-10065) with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

By-law No. 2023-067, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to approve the submission of an application to Ontario Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for the long-term financing of certain Capital Work(s) of Corporation of the County of Huron (the "Municipality"; and to authorize the entering into of a Rate Offer Letter Agreement pursuant to which the Municipality will issue debentures to OILC.

By-law No. 2023-068, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a contract for the Infection Prevention and Control Flooring Replacement Project for the Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged with Ten Pas Carpet One.

By-law No. 2023-069, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to delegate authority to the Housing Services Manager for the purpose of executing Limited Term Occupancy and Service Agreement.

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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

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

**19. Upcoming Meetings:**

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

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Economic Development Board - Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Library Board - Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich – Hybrid Meeting

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, September 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

**20. Confirmatory By-law:**

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-070, 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

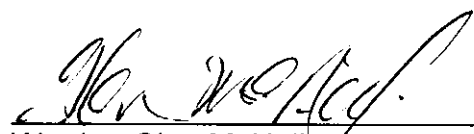
**21. Adjournment:**

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

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 11:33 AM to meet again on Wednesday, September 6, 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