

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting
September 20, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. All members of Council were present except for Councillor J. Becker.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for September 20, 2023 be approved as amended:

- Addition of the item under 8.1 - Affordable Housing and Homelessness Committee Recommendation - Emergency Sheltering and Stability Program (presented by Christine Hoffman).

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of September 6, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Clean Energy Frontier - Nuclear Innovation Institute Presentation

Presentation was given by Chad Richards, Director, Policy and Partnership with Nuclear Innovation Institute to provide Council with an overview of key findings from the recent Nuclear Sector Sustainability and Growth Study as relating to nuclear sector in Bruce, Grey and Huron Counties.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Chad Richards, Director, Policy and Partnership with Nuclear Innovation Institute, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.2. Simplify Accessibility - Presentation by Julie Sawchuk

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by Julie Sawchuk, dated September 20, 2023 titled Simplify Accessibility - an outline on how to go beyond the Ontario Building Code with accessibility in renovation and new construction projects.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Comments: None.

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 P. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor J. Ginn

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Affordable Housing and Homelessness Committee Recommendation - Emergency Sheltering and Stability Program (presented by Christine Hoffman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated September 20, 2023, titled Affordable Housing and Homelessness Committee – Recommendation for Emergency Sheltering and Stability Program 2023-2024;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Committee to change the delivery of cold weather emergency supports for unhoused individuals from an overnight congregate shelter to motel rooms as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves funding for the program expenses for the one-year contract in excess of the amount covered by the Homelessness Prevention Program and any other external funding sources. The required funding ranges from an upper end of \$409,043 to a lower end of \$184,521. The variance in funding ranges is determined by the ability to source potential external funding;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute the Addendum to the original Service Agreement with the Canadian Mental Health Association Huron Perth Addiction and Mental Health Services for the provision of housing stability and emergency cold-weather support services from November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024 as per by-law 2022-069 to be ratified on September 20, 2023.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged:

9.1. Homes for the Aged Reallocation of Huronview and Huronlea Capital Funds for Mechanical Lifts (presented by Connie Townsend and Dana Mellor)

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

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receive the report from Connie Townsend, Director of Homes for the Aged and Dana Mellor, Huronview Administrator, titled The Reallocation of Huronview and Huronlea Capital Funds for Mechanical Lifts dated September 20, 2023 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approve the purchase of an additional 15 ceiling lift heads only at Huronview and an additional 10 ceiling lift heads only at Huronlea from Arjo;

AND FURTHER THAT;

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approve the reallocation of \$84,000 from the HV18 22MC Insulation and Vent Attic capital project and \$23,000 from the HL09 23 Eaves capital project for the purchase of additional ceiling lift heads;

AMD 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

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works: None.

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Terms of Reference - Economic Readiness & Investment Attraction: Business Case (presented by Natasha Gaudio Harrison)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the Terms of Reference for the creation of Economic Readiness & Investment Attraction Business Case as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request Economic Development staff to prepare a report and business case for Economic Readiness and Investment Attraction for the County of Huron.

CARRIED

12.2 Broadband Coverage in Huron County - 2023 Update (presented by Natasha Gaudio Harrison)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Natasha Gaudio Harrison, Economic Development Officer, dated September 20, 2023, titled Broadband Coverage in Huron County – 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.3 Economic Development Dept August 2023 Report (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated September 20, 2023, titled Economic Development Department August 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

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The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Cash Holding and Investment Portfolio, dated September 20, 2023 as presented for information.
CARRIED

13.2. June 2023 Year-to-Date Financial Reporting (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled June 2023 Year-to-Date Financial Reporting, dated September 20, 2023 as presented for information.
CARRIED

13.3. 2024 Budget Process Review (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding 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 2024 Budget Process Review, dated September 20, 2023 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approves the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled 2024 Budget Process Review, dated September 20, 2023.

CARRIED

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

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated September 20, 2023, titled Strategic Priorities - September 2023, 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.

17. By-laws:

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

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THAT:

By-law No. 2023-077, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a contract with Cloudpermit for the Cloudpermit Planning Module for a 3-year period.

By-law No. 2023-078, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into Investment Plan and the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) and the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI); and the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) sign-back letter and all other documents as required for these programs with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

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:

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Economic Development Board - Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Library Board - Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich – Hybrid Meeting

Special Session of Council - Service Delivery Review - Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM at White Carnation Banquet Hall, Holmesville

Special Session of Council - Service Delivery Review - Monday, October 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM at White Carnation Banquet Hall, Holmesville

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Special Session of Council - Service Delivery Review - Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM at White Carnation Banquet Hall, Holmesville

Council Day 1- Wednesday, November 1, 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. 2023-079, 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.

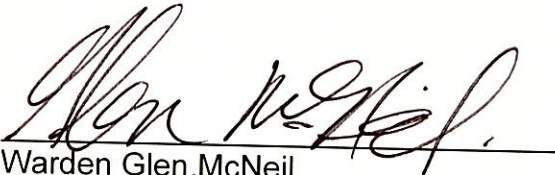
CARRIED

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 11:07 AM to meet again on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin