

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting
October 18, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. All members of Council were present.

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for October 18, 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 D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor J. Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of October 4, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Declaration of Office - Councillor Noel

Leah Noel, Deputy Mayor for the Town of Goderich took an Oath of Office as Councillor for Huron County Council.

CAO Wark verified with Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Susan Cronin that the notification was received that Leah Noel has been appointed as a representative by the Town of Goderich to serve as a member of Huron County Council for the remainder of the term of Huron County Council 2022-2026.

CAO Wark administered the Declaration of Office under Section 232 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for the position of Councillor for the remainder of the term of Huron County Council 2022-2026.

6. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor J. Ginn requested Council forward possible volunteers to participate in the ongoing SWIFT project that monitors speed within their respective areas.

Councillor D. Harding stated that there were changes to service providers fees after the promotional one-year period. He informed fellow Council members to be aware of potential charges that may be incurred after these promotions if they wished to maintain the same level of service usage.

7. Consent Agenda - Items 7.1 through 7.6:

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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 B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor P. Heffer

THAT:

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

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Recruitment and Retention - Child Care (presented by Cheryl Patience)

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor L. Noel

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated October 18, 2023, titled Recruitment and Retention - Child Care, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2. Common Area Improvements at 85 West Street, Goderich (presented by Jeff Kerslake)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated October 18, 2023, titled RFT(HPS) 2023-06 - Common Area Improvements at 85 West Street, Goderich as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves that Tender # RFT(HPS) 2023-06 be awarded to Player Carpentry and Masonry for the amount of \$234,658.56 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) 2023-06 with Player Carpentry and Masonry.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged: None.

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works:

11.1. Speed Limit By-Law Amendment (presented by Wyatt Carey)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives and approves the report by Wyatt Carey, Project Manager- Roads, dated October 18, 2023, titled Speed Limit By-Law Amendment, as submitted;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the amendments to the posted speed zones as listed in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared to amend By-law 2022-075, a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize speed limits to reflect this change.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development: None.

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Advocacy Update and Approach - Terms of Reference (presented by Meighan Wark)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Meighan Wark, CAO dated October 18, 2023 titled Huron County Advocacy Update and Approach - Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

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. 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.

15.1. Economic Development Department September 2023 Report (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated October 18, 2023, titled Economic Development Department September 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

15.2. Consent File C31-2023, Bill and Susanne Robinson, Concession 11 Lot 22, West Wawanosh, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (presented by Celina Whaling-Rae)

The purpose of this application is to sever a surplus farm residence. The proposed severed parcel is 2.2 hectares (5.5 acres) in size and contains a residence and two sheds. The proposed retained parcel is 37.4 hectares (92.5 acres) and is vacant farmland. The Department is recommending approval of the application with conditions, including a condition requiring the severed parcel to be reduced in size to 0.6 hectares (1.5 acres). Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh recommends approval of the application with conditions, except condition #7 (reduction of the severed parcel). County Council previously reviewed this application at the County Council - Day 1 meeting held on September 6th, 2023. Council deferred the application for further information, and it is being brought back for consideration.

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At the meeting held on September 6, 2023 there were 2 motions that Council defeated followed by a motion to defer the application pending further investigation. County Council needs to make a decision on this application. **IF** the decision is one of the previously decided motions (as further investigation of the application has occurred) we will need to RESCIND one of the motions prior to considering the motion again and there will need to be 2/3 approval (10 members of Council) to support this.

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

The Council of the County of Huron RESCIND the following motion from September 6, 2023:

The Council of the County of Huron approves consent application C31-2023 by Bill and Susanne Robinson requesting the severance of a surplus residence on lands described as Concession 11 Lot 22, West Wawanosh, Township of Ashfield-Colborne- Wawanosh, with conditions, except for Condition #7 to reduce the size of the severed parcel.
CARRIED

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

The Council of the County of Huron approves that consent application C31-2023 by Bill and Susanne Robinson requesting the severance of a surplus residence on lands described as Concession 11 Lot 22, West Wawanosh, Township of Ashfield-Colborne- Wawanosh, be approved with conditions, except for Condition #7 to reduce the size of the severed parcel.
CARRIED

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

Consent Application C31-2023, Bill and Susanne Robinson, Concession 11 Lot 22, West Wawanosh, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. No public comments were received, so there was no effect on the decision. Concerns were raised from agencies on the issue of the size of the severed parcel. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.
CARRIED

16. Notice of Motion: None.

17. By-laws: None.

18. Closed to the Public Session:

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

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 9:54 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Forestry By-law Violation and Charges,

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, Director of Planning and Development Sandra Weber, Forest Conservation Officer David Pullen and Solicitor Darrell Hawreliak remain in attendance.

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Council recessed at 9:55 AM and resumed at 10:00 AM.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 10:48 AM.

CARRIED

- CAO Wark reported that the Council of the County of Huron met in the Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - Forestry By-law Violation and Charges.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct Solicitor Hawreliak and staff to proceed as per direction given in closed to the public session of October 18, 2023.

CARRIED

19. Upcoming Meetings:

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

Library Board - Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich – Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) - Monday, November 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Economic Development Board - Monday, November 27, 2023 at 11:30 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-084, 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

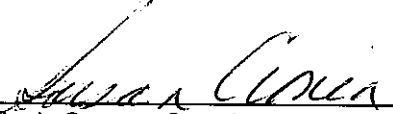
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The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 10:49 AM to meet again on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.
CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin