

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting
November 1, 2023

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Council Chambers. All members of Council were present.

1. Warden Glen McNeil called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil reported attending following events:

- South Huron Business and Community Excellence Awards Gala in Exeter
- Met with Community Futures
- He has been invited to Gateway meetings regarding the Healthcare system
- Huron County Federation of Agriculture meeting in Clinton.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for November 1, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest stated.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Special Council Sessions - Service Level Review of October 12, 2023, October 16, 2023, October 19, 2023 and Council Day 2 meeting of October 18, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

7. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor J. Ginn provided an update regarding stranded properties that are not currently covered with existing SWIFT broadband programs. They are currently looking into associated costs of expansion. He informed members that the Province will be funding future costs of the program.

Councillor B. MacLellan inquired about the timelines for the follow-up reports resulting from our 3-day Service Delivery Review sessions. CAO Wark stated the reports will start to be presented at the next Council meeting.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.8:

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

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.8 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

- 9.1. Consent File C101-2021, Seaforth Golf Course (1996) Ltd. (owner) , Baker Planning Group (applicant), Concession 2, Part lots 8 & 9, Tuckersmith Ward, Municipality of Huron East, County of Huron (presented by Shae Stoll)

The purpose and effect of this application is for the creation of a new lot for future residential development. The proposed land to be severed is approximately 3 ha (7.4 acres) of vacant recreational land. The proposed land to be retained is approximately 37.22 ha (91.96 acres) containing a golf course and existing clubhouse. The applicant proposes a residential condominium on the severed lands in the future. The application is being brought forward to County Council as a disputed Consent as adjacent landowners have expressed concern over the development based on potential compatibility issues with the surrounding rural landscape, density of the proposed development and traffic volumes and congestion. The Municipality of Huron East has recommended approval subject to the conditions. The Department is recommending approval with conditions as the application meets the Provincial Policy Statement, County of Huron Official Plan and Huron East Official Plan.

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation by Shae Stoll, Planner, that Consent application C101-2021 by Seaforth Golf Course (1996) Ltd. (Baker Planning Group c/o Caroline Baker) requesting severance of a parcel of land for future residential development, described as Concession 2, Part Lots 8 & 9, Tuckersmith Ward, Huron East; be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

Consent File C101-2021, Seaforth Golf Course (1996) Ltd. (owner), Baker Planning Group (applicant), Concession 2, Part lots 8 & 9, Tuckersmith Ward, Municipality of Huron East, County of Huron. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application. Public comments were received on the issue(s) of compatibility with the rural landscape, misuse of an adjacent emergency access and traffic congestion. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of council to approve this application.

CARRIED

- 9.2. Consent Files C38-2023 and C39-2023, William Steenstra (applicant/owner), Lots 1-41, Blocks 42 & 45-47, Plan 505 and Part Lot 27, Concession 11, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron, County of Huron (presented by Craig Metzger)

These two concurrent applications propose to create a total of five vacant residential lots, each with an area of approximately 0.3 hectares (0.75 acres). This is a disputed consent application due to concerns regarding traffic safety raised by a neighbour and the number of lots accessing Parr Line raised by the Municipality of Central Huron and the Department. Both the Municipality of Central Huron and the Department are recommending approval with conditions, including a condition reducing the number of lots being created to four lots.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Craig Metzger, Senior Planner that Consent applications C38-2023 and C39-2023 by William Steenstra requesting consent approval to create residential lots from the property described as Lots 1-41, Blocks 42 & 45-47, Plan 505 and Part Lot 27, Concession 11, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron be approved with conditions, including a condition reducing the number of lots being created to four lots.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

Consent Files C38-2023 and C39-2023, William Steenstra (applicant/owner), Lots 1-41, Blocks 42 & 45-47, Plan 505 and Part Lot 27, Concession 11, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron, County of Huron. Public comments were received on the issue of driveways accessing Parr Line. The comments were addressed through a condition to the approval that reduced the number of lots accessing Parr Line. Comments were received from staff and the Municipality of Central Huron on the issue of the number of lots proposed. The comments were addressed through a condition to reduce the number of lots created to four lots.

CARRIED

9.3. Consent File C58-2023, Robert Morley (applicant) for Morley Farms Inc. (owner), Part Lot 13, South Boundary Concession, Osborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron, County of Huron (presented by Craig Metzger)

This application proposes to sever the existing farmhouse from the farm under the surplus farm residence severance policies. The lands to be severed are approximately 1 hectare (2.5 acres) and include a house, a shed, and a large shop. The vacant agricultural land to be retained is approximately 30 hectares (75 acres). This is a disputed consent application since the house is not surplus as a result of a farm consolidation. The Municipality of South Huron has recommended approval with conditions. The Department is recommending denial since the application is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, does not conform to the County of Huron Official Plan and South Huron Official Plan, and does not meet the requirements of Section 51(24) of the Planning Act.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent application C58-2023 by Robert Morley on behalf of Morley Farms Inc. requesting the severance of a surplus residence from the property described as Part Lot 13, South Boundary Concession, Osborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron, with conditions.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

Consent File C58-2023, Robert Morley (applicant) for Morley Farms Inc. (owner), Part Lot 13, South Boundary Concession, Osborne Ward, Municipality of South Huron, County of Huron. No public comments were received on the application so there was no effect on the decision. Comments were received from staff identifying the issues of Provincial Policy Statement consistency, conformity with official plans, and compliance with Planning Act requirements. Comments were thoroughly considered but they did not influence the decision of the Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

- 9.4. C063-2023 Vincent Acres Inc. (c/o Dean Vincent) (applicant/owner), Concession 12, Part Lots 38 & 39, East Wawanosh Ward, Township of North Huron, County of Huron (presented by Hanna Holman)

The purpose of this application is to sever a surplus farm residence. The proposed severed parcel is 2.28 hectares (5.65 acres) in size and contains a residence and four accessory buildings. The proposed retained parcel is 79 hectares (195 acres) of vacant farmland. The Department is recommending approval of the application with conditions, including a condition (Condition No. 8) requiring the severed parcel be reduced in size to approximately 1.6 hectares (4 acres) to exclude the area located between the building cluster and Currie Line with a size of 0.7 hectares (1.65 acres) area. The Council of the Township of North Huron recommends approval of the application with conditions, except Condition No. 8 (reduction of the severed parcel) by providing direction to approve the severance as applied for.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves Consent application C063-2023 by Vincent Acres Inc. (c/o Dean Vincent) requesting the severance of a surplus residence on lands described as Concession 12, Part Lots 38 & 39, East Wawanosh Ward, Township of North Huron, with conditions, excluding condition #8 to reduce the size of the severed parcel
CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor L. Noel

THAT:

Consent application C063-2023 Vincent Acres Inc. (c/o Dean Vincent) (applicant/owner), Concession 12, Part Lots 38 & 39, East Wawanosh Ward, Township of North Huron, County of Huron. No public comments were received, so there was no effect on the decision. Concerns were received 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

- 9.5. Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan Progress Report (presented by Derry Wallis)

Moved by: Councillor L. Noel and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report of Derry Wallis, Climate Change and Energy Specialist dated November 1, 2023 titled Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan Progress Report as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

- 10.1. Library Strategic Plan (presented by Beth Rumble)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services and County Librarian, dated November 1, 2023, titled Library Strategic Plan, as presented for information.

CARRIED

- 10.2. Request for Sole Sourcing Library Materials Vendor (presented by Beth Rumble)

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

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services and County Librarian, dated November 1, 2023, titled Request for Sole Sourcing Library Materials Vendor, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves sole sourcing the purchase of library materials from vendor Library Bound Inc.;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and any further documentation for the purchase of library materials from Library Bound Inc.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1. Strategic Priorities Chart - October, 2023 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor L. Noel

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated November 1, 2023, titled Strategic Priorities - October 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence Item 12.6 - Township of Clearview - Resolution Regarding Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force, Item 12.8 - Town of Parry Sound - Resolution Regarding Requesting Change to Highway Traffic Act to Allow Automated Enforcements Systems on all Roadways, and Item 12.17 - Township of Howick - Resolution Regarding Catch and Release Justice in Ontario.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

13. 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.

13.1. Renewal of Ontario Electricity Support Program Intake Agency Cost Recovery Agreement (presented by Cheryl Patience)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated November 1, 2023 titled Renewal of Ontario

Electricity Support Program Intake Agency Cost Recovery Agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves continuing with this Agreement with the Ontario Energy Board,

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted for November 1, 2023 authorizing the Clerk to execute the agreement and future annual agreements with OESP for this program.

CARRIED

13.2. Committee Vacancies (presented by Susan Cronin)

Members of Council are requested to stay close to the Council Chambers so that Council may resume sitting as soon as the Striking Committee has their Report ready.

Council recessed for the Striking Committee convention at 10:45 AM and resumed at 10:55 AM.

Moved by: Councillor J. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the recommendation of the Striking Committee and the following appointments be made under by-law at the November 15, 2023 Council meeting:

Local Immigration Partnership: Councillor L. Noel

Finance Review Committee: Councillor J. Dietrich

Community Futures Huron: Councillor L. Noel

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-085, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into contract RFT (HPS) 2023-06 for the Common Area Improvements at 85 West Street in Goderich with Player Carpentry and Masonry.

By-law No. 2023-086, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize amending Bylaws 2015-054, 2020-041, 2021-005, 2021-026, 2021-076, 2022-066 and 2022-075 to authorize speed limits.

By-law No. 2023-087, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Renewal of Ontario Electricity Support Program Intake Agency Cost Recovery Agreement with Ontario Electricity Board.

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

16. Closed to the Public Session:

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

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:57 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. labour relations or employee negotiations - Non Union negotiations - Cost of Living Allowance;

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 and Senior Manager of Human Resources Jane Anderson remain in attendance.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 11:23 AM.

CARRIED

CAO Wark reported that Council met in the Closed Session to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations as relating to non-union group cost of living allowance.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron directs staff to proceed as per direction given in closed to the public session of November 1, 2023.

CARRIED

17. Upcoming Meetings:

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 – Hybrid Meeting

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

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

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor P. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor L. Noel

THAT:

By-law No. 2023-088, 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,

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and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto, in accordance with Part 14 of the Procedural By-Law for the County of Huron.
CARRIED

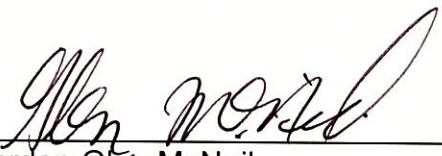
19. Adjournment:

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

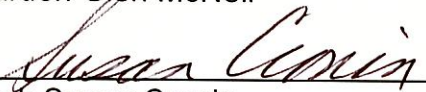
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 11:25 AM to meet again on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin