

MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON

Hybrid Meeting
January 24, 2024

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. All members of Council were present except for Councillor M. Anderson. Councillor A. Lobb attended as alternate for Councillor M. Anderson. Councillor B. MacLellan left at 11:25 AM.

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

Warden McNeil acknowledged the recent passing of Jack Riddell, former MPP and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Flags are flying at half-mast on County buildings.

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for December 20, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of January 10, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Huron-Perth Public Health (HPPH) - 2024-2025 Budget Presentation by Julie Pauli

Presentation was given by Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services and Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health and CAO of Huron-Perth Public Health presented its 2024-2025 budget package to County Council.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives a Huron-Perth Public Health - 2024-2025 Budget presentation by Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services, and Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health and CAO dated January 24, 2024, for information.

CARRIED

5.2. Huron Newcomer Support Association - Presentation by Halina Zaleski and Nataliia Yevsieieva

Presentation by Halina Zaleski and Nataliia Yevsieieva to thank Council for their support through the Local Immigration Partnership and to asked for a statement of support for a path to permanent residence for those newcomers who are on temporary visas.

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

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives a Huron Newcomer Support Association presentation by Halina Zaleski and Nataliia Yevsieieva, dated January 24, 2024, for information.

CARRIED

5.3. United Way - Social Research and Planning Council - Update to Huron County Council - Presentation by Kristin Crane

Presentation by Kristin Crane, Director of Social Research and Planning with United Way provided an update to County Council. The Social Research and Planning Council requested funding in the sum of \$30,000 from the County of Huron.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives a United Way - Social Research and Planning Council - Update to Huron County Council, presentation by Kristin Crane, Director, dated January 24, 2024, for information.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor B. MacLellan informed Council that he attended a presentation by Bruce County staff at the ROMA conference where they shared their successes with development charges.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff prepare a report on development charges.

CARRIED

Councillor A. Lobb referred back to Item 5.2 on the Agenda and asked if support should be given to the Huron Newcomer Support Association as requested.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff prepare a report on the Huron County's Local Immigration Partnership and the request for a statement of support for a path to permanent residence for those newcomers who are on temporary visas by Halina Zaleski and Nataliia Yevsieieva from the Huron Newcomer Support Association under section 5.2 of the agenda.

CARRIED

Councillor P. Klopp extended sympathy and thoughts to the family of late Jack Riddell, past MPP and former Minister of Agriculture and Food.

7. Consent Agenda - Items 7.1 through 7.4:

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 G. Finch

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.4 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Emergency Sheltering and By Name List - Update (presented by Erin Schooley)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Erin Schooley, Supervisor, Homelessness Programs, dated January 24, 2024, titled Emergency Sheltering Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2. Landlord and Tenant Board Advocacy (presented by Christine Hoffman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Christine Hoffman, Manager, Housing Services, dated January 24, 2024, titled Landlord Tenant Board Advocacy as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron authorizes the Warden to sign an advocacy letter to Tribunals Ontario and the Landlord Tenant Board, and share with the Minister of the Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP Lisa Thompson.

CARRIED

9. Homes for the Aged:

9.1. One Time Funding for the Purchase of Specialized Equipment - Local Priorities Fund - Huronview and Huronlea (presented by Connie Townsend)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Connie Townsend, Director of the Homes for the Aged, dated January 24, 2024 titled One Time Funding for the Purchase of Specialized Equipment - Local Priorities Fund as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into a contract for the One Time Funding for the Purchase of Specialized Equipment - Local Priorities Fund for Huronview and Huronlea from Ontario Health West;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted for January 24, 2024 authorizing the Clerk to execute the contract and any required documents for the One Time Funding for the Purchase of Specialized Equipment - Local Priorities Fund for Huronview and Huronlea from Ontario Health West.

CARRIED

10. Emergency Services: None.

11. Public Works:

11.1. Request for Exemption to County of Huron By-Law 53-1989 by the Municipality of Bluewater (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron approve the report titled Request for Exemption to County of Huron By-Law 53-1989 by the Municipality of Bluewater for the purposes of installing wayfinding signs dated January 24, 2024 by Imran Khalid, Director of Public Works as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the request by the Municipality of Bluewater for an exemption to County of Huron By-law 53-1989 for the purpose of installing wayfinding signs.

CARRIED

11.2. Public Works Monthly Update (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report titled Public Works Monthly Update dated January 24, 2024 by Imran Khalid, Director of Public Works, as presented for information.

CARRIED

11.3. Digital Operational Management Software (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report from Imran Khalid, Director of Public Works dated January 24, 2024 titled Digital Operational Management Software as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the Public Works Department sole sourcing the digital operational management software;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute all required documents to enter into a 2 year agreement with Go-Evo for the use of their cloud based digital operational management platform called MESH and the authority to extend the agreement for an additional 2 years.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Economic Development Departmental Update, December 2023 (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 January 24, 2024, titled Economic Development Department December 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Amendments to Source Protection Plan Request for Endorsement (presented by Susan Cronin)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the following:

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The Council of the County of Huron, at the regular meeting held January 24, 2024 considered correspondence regarding Notice of Pre-Consultation – Proposed Updates to the Maitland Valley Source Protection Plan, and the following resolution was passed:

THAT pursuant to Section 34(3) of the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Council of the County of Huron endorses the proposed update to the Maitland Valley Source Protection Plan. Provision of this resolution meets requirements of Section 34(3) of the Clean Water Act, 2006.

CARRIED

13.2. Accountability and Transparency Policy (presented by Susan Cronin)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated January 24, 2024 by Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk titled Accountability and Transparency Policy as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the Huron County Accountability and Transparency Policy as presented.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:10 AM and resumed at 10:17 AM.

13.3. 2024 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations

DRAFT 2024 BUDGET

For the Full 2024 Draft Budget of January 24, 2024 please Click:

January 10, 2024 Special Session of Council 2024 Draft Huron County Budget

Go to the Meetings and Select 1/10/2024 Special Session and select either the "Online Agenda" icon or the "Download Agenda" pdf icon.

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- Overview (presented by Michael Blumhagen)
- Social and Property Services (presented by Barbara Hall)
- Emergency Services (presented by Jeff Horseman)
- Public Works (presented by Imran Khalid)
- Homes for the Aged (presented by Connie Townsend)
- Economic Development (Vicki Lass)
- Summary (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor T. Bazinet

THAT:

The County of Huron receives the 2024 Draft County of Huron Budget Presentations, dated January 24, 2024, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence Items 14.5 from Town of Mono - Resolution Regarding Declaring Road Safety Emergency and Item 14.8 from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) - Letter Regarding Skills Development Fund Application for Municipal Equipment Operator Course
CARRIED

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

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 J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor P. Heffer

THAT:

By-law No. 2024-006, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a contract for One Time Funding for the Purchase of Specialized Equipment - Local Priorities Fund for Huronview and Huronlea with Ontario Health West.

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:

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, January 29, 2024 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 1- Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Special Council Session - Budget Meeting - Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Audit Committee - Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting (preceded by Audit Committee)

Accessibility Workshop - Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Session

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20. Confirmatory By-law:

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

By-law No. 2024-007, 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.

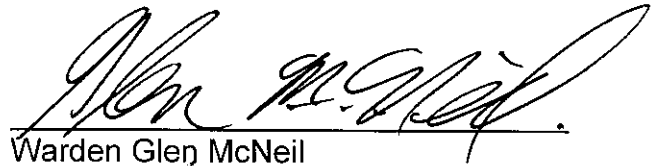
CARRIED

21. Adjournment:

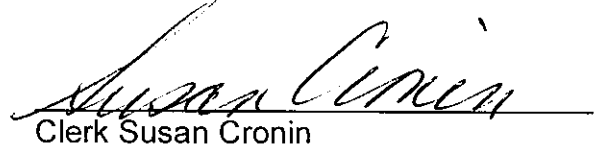
Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor J. Heffer
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 11:41 AM to meet again on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin