

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Virtual Meeting
February 14, 2024

The Council of the County of Huron met virtually on Wednesday, February 14, 2024. All members of Council were present except for Councillor B. MacLellan and Councillor J. Becker.

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

2. Warden Glen McNeil stated the purpose of the Special Session:

Warden McNeil stated that the purpose of the Special Session of Council is to review and consider the 2024 draft Budget.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor L. Noel

THAT:

The Special Council meeting agenda for February 14, 2024 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof: None.

5. Order of Business - Items 5.1 - 5.7:

5.1 Wingham Phase 2 Facility Report (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated February 14, 2024 titled Wingham Phase 2 Facility Project by Imran Khalid, Director of Public Works as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.2 Crash Truck Attenuator Report (prepared by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated February 14, 2024 titled Crash Truck Attenuator by Imran Khalid, Director of Public Works as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.3 Heartland and Highland Apartment Age in Place Program and Rent Increases
(presented by Connie Townsend)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director of Homes for the Aged, dated February 14, 2024, titled Heartland and Highland Apartment Age In Place Program and Rent Increases, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.4 Huronview and Huronlea Generator Replacement (presented by Connie Townsend)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director of

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Homes for the Aged, dated February 14, 2024, titled Huronview and Huronlea Generator replacement report as presented for information purposes only.
CARRIED

5.5 Menesetung Bridge Association - Grant Funding Request (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Menesetung Bridge Association - Grant Funding Request, dated February 21, 2024, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron does not approve the Menesetung Bridge Association's grant funding request of \$180,000 to be funded from the Economic Development Reserve Fund pending successful application to the FedDev Ontario Tourism Development Program.

CARRIED

5.6 2024 Draft Budget – Staff Proposals (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor L. Noel 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 2024 Draft Budget – Staff Proposals, dated February 14, 2024 as presented for information.

Council recessed at 10:24 AM and resumed at 10:32 AM.

5.7 2024 Budget Reductions (Presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone 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 2024 Draft Budget – Proposed Reductions, dated February 14, 2024 as presented for information.

CARRIED

Council's discussion on the 2024 Budget levy ensued.

Moved by: Councillor J. Ginn and Seconded by: Councillor D. Harding
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron request staff to prepare the 2024 Budget with a levy increase of 5.54% for final approval at the March 6, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

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

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron approve the following positions remain as full-time contract for 2024 budget: Economic Development Coordinator, Museum Education and Program Coordinator and Homelessness Program Coordinator.

CARRIED

6. Confirmatory By-law:

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

By-law No. 2024-009, 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,

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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

7. Adjournment:

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

THAT:

The Special Council Budget meeting adjourn at 11:11 AM.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin