

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting
March 6, 2024

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the Council Chambers. All members of Council were present.

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

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all participants and highlighted the significance of the tote bags that were given to Council and staff containing the "Be Part of the Solution" campaign materials providing information on the various resources and initiatives being delivered by the County and Community Partners to prevent and address homelessness.

Warden McNeil reported attending following events:

- Nuclear Reactor Presentation at the Nuclear Innovation Institute
- Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser
- Canadian Nuclear Association Conference in Ottawa where he was presented with a Community Leadership Award from Bruce Power.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor T. Bazinet

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for March 6, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor L. Noel

THAT:

The minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of February 21, 2024, and the minutes of Council Day 2 meeting of February 21, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1. Huron County Historical Society & Heritage Partners - Preservation of Archival and Heritage Materials in Huron County

Presentation by David Armstrong, President and Ralph Laviolette, Secretary/Treasurer, with the Huron County Historical Society to seek Council's support in moving forward with the proposed Business Plan essential for fostering a comprehensive understanding of the envisioned expansion of archives and the associated financial considerations.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the presentation by David Armstrong, President and Ralph Laviolette, Secretary/Treasurer, with the Huron County Historical Society, titled Preservation of Archival and Heritage Materials in Huron County, dated March 6, 2024, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor L. Noel referred to the previous meeting recalling an inquiry about virtual participation. She emphasized the invaluable advantage of electronic connectivity, noting that despite her absence physically, she chose to remain engaged through virtual means. She suggested that information about the remote attendance option be included as a part of the Councillor orientation package.

Councillor G. Finch raised concerns regarding stop signs at the County intersections.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request a staff report on the specifications of stop signs on County roads/intersections.

CARRIED

Councillor T. Bazinet congratulated Goderich Lions Club on their 73rd Young Canada Week tournament and invited everyone to attend the event from March 8, 2024 to March 16, 2024 in support of minor hockey.

Councillor J. Ginn reported attending 33rd Annual Kinsmen TV Auction and recognized Bill Pollock for his 33 years of service with the Goderich Kinsmen.

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.5:

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

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.5 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

9. Planning and Development:

9.1. County Development Charges Report (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor B. Vanstone

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request a staff report on the terms of reference to investigate implementation of the development charges cost increase.

DEFEATED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Sandra Weber, Director of Planning and Development, dated March 6, 2024, titled County Development Charges Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

10.1. Huron Heritage Fund Committee (presented by Beth Rumble)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services and County Librarian, dated March 6, 2024, titled Huron Heritage Fund Committee, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron Heritage Fund Committee be dissolved.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1. County of Huron Draft 2024 Budget (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated March 6, 2024, titled County of Huron Draft 2024 Budget, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the 2024 County of Huron Draft Budget as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be directed to prepare a by-law for consideration on March 6, 2024 to establish tax rates and the general County Levy for 2024 at \$52,826,607.

CARRIED

11.2. Strategic Priorities Chart - February 2024 (presented by Meighan Wark)

Moved by: Councillor M. Anderson and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated March 6, 2024, titled Strategic Priorities - February 2024, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence:

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

The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence item 12.9: Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region - Letter Regarding Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor M. Anderson and Seconded by: Councillor D. Harding
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence item 12.28: Municipality of St. Charles - Resolution Regarding Rising Municipal Insurance Costs.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor P. Klopp
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. L-SAA Schedule E- Form of Compliance Declaration (presented by Connie Townsend)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Connie Townsend, Director of the Homes for the Aged, dated March 6, 2024, titled 2024-2025 L-SAA Notice and Extension Schedule E- Form of Compliance Declaration of Long Term Care Home Service agreement, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorized the Warden and the Clerk to execute the 2024-2025 L-SAA Notice and extension of Long-Term Care Homes Service Agreement and all other required documents:

AND FURTHER THAT:

The signed Notice and Extension of Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement-Multi-Homes (extending Letter), April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025, be forwarded to the Ontario Health West.

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

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

By-law No. 2024-015, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into agreements with educational institutions when facilitating student placements within Huron County's Social and Property Services Department.

By-law No. 2024-016, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to adopt estimates, to establish tax rates for the County and to establish the general levy for the year 2024.

By-law No. 2024-017, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize the execution of the EMS Cross Border Billing Agreement for the provision of land ambulance services between the County of Huron and the County of Bruce.

By-law No. 2024-018, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-law 2023-096 to establish user fees and service charges.

By-law No. 2024-019, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a contract for project HC 24-901 Wingham Patrol Yard Phase 2 - Operations Building with Elgin Contracting & Restoration Ltd.

By-law No. 2024-020, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a 2024-2025 L-SAA Notice and Extension - Form of Compliance Declaration of Long Term Care Home Service Agreement with the Board of Directors of Ontario Health.

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: None.

17. Upcoming Meetings:

Economic Development Board Meeting - Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, March 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Library Board Meeting - Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

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Council Day 1 - Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich
- Hybrid Meeting

Library Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street,
Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Special Council - Huron County Bus Tour - Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM

18. Confirmatory By-law:

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2024-021, 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

19. Adjournment:

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

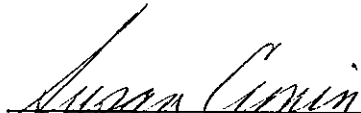
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 10:06 AM to meet again on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin