

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting
March 20, 2024

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. All members of Council were present except for Councillor B. MacLellan.

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

Warden McNeil extended heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Bert Dykstra, former Reeve of Central Huron and past Huron County Warden in 2010, who recently passed away. As a mark of respect, the flags are lowered to half-mast.

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for March 20, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor L. Noel declared a conflict of interest with the following item:

- 11.4. Recommendation to Award RFP HC 24-503 Engineering Services for Bridge and Culvert OSIM Inspections in the County of Huron due to her daughter being employed by B.M. Ross.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of March 6, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

5.1. Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) Overview Presentation

Jessica Linthorne, Chief Operating Officer of the Nuclear Innovation Institute provided an overview presentation. The purpose of the presentation was to inform and consider the possibility of Huron County officially joining the SOIC as a Regional Collaborative Partner.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request a staff report on the request to join the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition as a Regional Collaborative Partner.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives presentation by Jessica Linthorne, Chief Operating Officer with Nuclear Innovation Institute titled Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) Overview Presentation, dated March 20, 2024, for information.

CARRIED

6. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor G. Finch brought forward concerns regarding the tree removal in Dashwood.

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 Dashwood Road Construction Project HC-24-302 addressing tree removal concerns.

CARRIED

Councillor G. Finch recognized Councillor J. Becker for his remarkable 50 years of service as a firefighter.

7. Consent Agenda - Items 7.1 through 7.5:

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 A. McLellan

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.5 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

9. Homes for the Aged:

10. Emergency Services:

10.1. CPLTC Transfer Payment Agreement (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Director of Emergency Services, dated March 20th, 2024, titled Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care (CPLTC) Transfer Payment Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron enters into a transfer payment agreement with the Province of Ontario to allow Huron County Paramedic Services to continue to provide the CPLTC Program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted for March 20, 2024 authorizing the Warden and County Clerk to execute the agreement and any other required documents.

CARRIED

10.2. Sole Source Purchase of Ambulances (presented by Jeff Horseman)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Director of Emergency Services, dated March 20, 2024, titled Sole Source Purchase of Ambulances, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the purchase of two (2) 2024 GM Ambulances from Demers Ambulances of Beloeil Quebec for the quoted price of \$657,304.01 (including HST);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Director of Emergency Services to execute all required documents for the purchase of these Ambulances with Demers Ambulance of Beloeil, Quebec.

CARRIED

11. Public Works:

- 11.1. Recommendation to Award Tender for Traffic Paint in 2024 and 2025 (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The County of Huron Council receive the report dated March 20, 2024 by Imran Khalid, Director of Public Works titled Recommendation to Award Tender for Traffic Paint in 2024 and 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The County accept the tender submitted by Sherwin Williams in the amount of \$709,202.07 (net applicable tax), based on the anticipated purchased quantities for a two-year period;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Sherwin Williams for Traffic Paint Tender.

CARRIED

- 11.2. Recommendation to Award Tender HC24-301: Cold In-Place Recycling Hot Mix Paving, Removal of Asphalt Pavement, Partial-Depth Open Cut Culvert Replacements (presented by Wyatt Carey)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report dated March 20, 2024 by Wyatt Carey, Project Manager Roads titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC24-301: Cold In-Place Recycling Hot Mix Paving, Removal of Asphalt Pavement, Partial-Depth Open Cut Culvert Replacements:

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award tender HC24-301 to Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for the tendered price of \$3,795,888 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance and net applicable taxes), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd for HC24-301.

CARRIED

- 11.3. Recommendation to Award Tender HC 24-501: Rehabilitation of Fitch's Bridge (07-04.8) (presented by Will Williams)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report dated March 20, 2024 by Will Williams, Project Manager-Bridges titled Recommendation to Award Tender HC 24- 501: Rehabilitation of Fitch's Bridge (07-04.8);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the tender for HC 24-501 submitted by VanDriel Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$1,216,867 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance, and net applicable taxes), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with VanDriel Excavating Inc. for HC 24-501;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The project shortfall totaling \$124,795 be funded from the accumulated surplus from other 2024 capital projects.

CARRIED

- 11.4. Recommendation to Award RFP HC 24-503 Engineering Services for Bridge and Culvert OSIM Inspections in the County of Huron (presented by Will Williams)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report dated March 20, 2024 by Will Williams, Project Manager-Bridges titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 24-503 Engineering Services for Bridge and Culvert OSIM Inspections in the County of Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award Contract HC 24-503 to B.M. Ross and Associates Limited for a total price of \$87,819 (inclusive of provisional items, and net applicable taxes) based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with B.M. Ross for Contract HC 24-503.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves to transfer the projects surplus totaling \$63,366 to the Highway Reserve subject to favorable yearend results.

CARRIED

11.5. Main Street Reconstruction Project (Exeter) (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report dated March 20, 2024 by Imran Khalid, Director of Public Works, titled Main Street Reconstruction Project (Exeter);

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the tender for Main Street Reconstruction Project (Exeter) submitted by Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$134,195 (inclusive of provisional items, contingency allowance and net applicable taxes), based on the anticipated scope of work;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contracts and all other required documents with Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

12.1 2023 Tourism Annual Report (presented by Rick Sickinger)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated March 20, 2024 by Rick Sickinger, Economic Development Officer titled 2023 Tourism Annual Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 2023 SLED Final Report and 2024 Objectives (presented by Rick Sickinger)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated March 20, 2024 by Rick Sickinger, Economic Development Officer titled 2023 SLED Final Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. 2023 Public Sector Salary Disclosure and Member of Council Remuneration (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled 2023 Public Sector Salary Disclosure and Member of Council Remuneration, dated March 20, 2024, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2. Update on the Records Management Program (presented by Susan Cronin)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated March 20, 2024 by Susan Cronin, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk titled Update on the Records Management Program, as presented for information.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor P. Klopp

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence item 14.3 Goderich Port Management Corporation - Goderich Harbour Wharf Expansion Support Letter Request and that the letter of support be sent.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor A. McLellan and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence item 14.16 Township of Georgian Bay - Resolution Regarding Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor P. Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor T. Bazinet

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence item 14.10 Town of Goderich - Resolution Regarding Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences.

CARRIED

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

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 G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor B. Vanstone

THAT:

By-law No. 2024-022, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care (CPLTC) Transfer Payment Agreement Program Extension with the Province of Ontario.

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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:

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

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

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Economic Development Board Meeting – Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

20. Confirmatory By-law:

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2024-023, 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

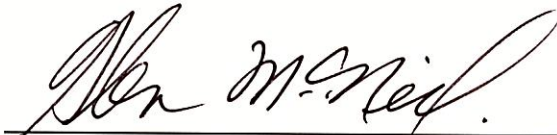
21. Adjournment:

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

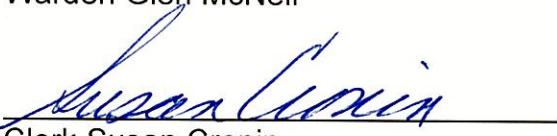
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 9:56 AM to meet again on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin