

**MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting
May 8, 2024

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at the Council Chambers. All members of Council were present except for Councillor Klopp.

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

2. Warden's Remarks:

Warden McNeil welcomed Council, staff and participants, and recognized National Nurses week observed May 6-12.

Warden McNeil reported attending the following events:

- OGRA convention,
- Huron County Roads Supervisor Association in Clinton,
- Canadian Armed Forces training event.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for May 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of Special Council Session- Huron County Bus Tour of April 11, 2024, Council Day 2 meeting of April 17, 2024, and Cyber Security and AI in Municipal Government Information Session of April 18, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:

6.1. Bruce Power and Bruce C Project Update, presentation by James Scongack, Chief Development Officer and Executive Vice-President

Presentation by James Scongack, Chief Development Officer and Executive Vice-President with Bruce Power was given to provide County Council with an update on Bruce Power and Bruce C Project.

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive presentation by James Scongack, Chief Development Officer and Executive Vice-President with Bruce Power, dated May 8, 2024, titled Bruce Power and Bruce C Project Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor B. MacLellan attended the OGRA conference.

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

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report on advocacy by Ontario Good Roads Association for reduced Infrastructure loan rates by the Province.
CARRIED

8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.8:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch 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 Files C11-2024 & C12-2024, Progressional Holdings Inc. (C/O Caleb Voskamp) (Owner), Brussels Four Winds Inc. (C/O Floral Becker-Morton)(Applicant), Part Lot 9 & 10, Part Lot 26 & 27 with ROW, Plan 192, Subject to easements, Brussels Ward, Municipality of Huron East (presented by Shae Stoll)

The purpose of the applications is to create a new lot to be used for a parking lot for the Brussels Four Winds event barn. There are two concurrent applications being considered to create the new lot, C11-2024 and C12-2024. It is proposed that the severed lands from application C11-2024 will merge with the severed lands from application C12-2024 to create one parcel of land approximately 1230 square metres in size. Both severed parcels are currently used as a parking lot. The applications also propose to create various rights-of-way/easements for access and parking to the rear of the commercial buildings on the retained lands as well as blanket easements for Municipal services and stormwater drainage. The applications conform to the Huron East and Huron County Official Plans and are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. A neighbour has submitted correspondence objecting to the proposed severances due to concerns over the impact to their property and parking as well as due to an ongoing unrelated legal dispute between themselves and the owner of the lands to be severed. The Municipality of Huron East has recommended that the applications be approved, and the Planning and Development Department recommends the applications be approved with conditions.

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

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Shae Stoll, Planner, that Consent applications C11-2024 & C12-2024 by applicant Brussels Four Winds Inc. (C/O Floral Becker-Morton) requesting the severance of a parcel of land, described as Part Lot 9, Part Lot 26, Plan 192, Subject to easements, Brussels Ward, Municipality of Huron East, be approved with conditions.
CARRIED

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

Consent Files C11-2024 & C12-2024, Progressional Holdings Inc. (C/O Caleb Voskamp) (Owner), Brussels Four Winds Inc. (C/O Floral Becker-Morton) (Applicant), Part Lot 9 & 10, Part Lot 26 & 27 with ROW, Plan 192, Subject to easements, Brussels Ward, Municipality of Huron East. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application. Comments were received from the public on the issues of property standards, function of the parking lot and a separate legal matter. Comments were thoroughly considered but did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.
CARRIED

- 9.2. Consent File C106-2022, Anjela McCool (applicant) for Anjela McCool and David Gackstetter (owner), Part Lots 11-13, Plan 343, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron (presented by Craig Metzger)

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This application proposes to create an approximately 475 square metre (5,113 square feet), vacant infill residential lot on this corner property with an approximately 1,146 square metre (12,330 square feet) retained parcel. This is a disputed consent application due to neighbours' concerns regarding lot drainage, lot size, tree loss, traffic safety, and construction impacts. The application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the Huron County and Central Huron Official Plans. Both the Municipality of Central Huron and the Department are recommending approval with conditions.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Craig Metzger, Senior Planner that Consent application C102-2022 by Anjela McCool requesting consent approval to create an infill residential lot from the property described as Part Lots 11-13, Plan 343, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron, be approved with conditions.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

Consent application C102-2022 by Anjela McCool requesting consent approval to create an infill residential lot from the property described as Part Lots 11-13, Plan 343, West Ward, Municipality of Central Huron. Public comments were received on the issues of lot size, tree loss, drainage, traffic safety, and construction impacts. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

CARRIED

9.3. Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 and Revised Draft Provincial Planning Statement (PPS)(presented by D. Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning)

Moved by: Councillor A. McLellan and Seconded by: Councillor J. Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report from Sandra Weber, Director and Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning titled Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 and Revised Draft Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), dated May 8, 2024, for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron direct staff to submit pages 1-3 of this report to the ERO Posting as comments from the County of Huron.

CARRIED

10. Cultural Services:

10.1. 2023 Cultural Services Annual Reports (presented by Beth Rumble)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services, dated May 8, 2024, titled 2023 Cultural Services Annual Reports, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10.2. Digitization Project Final Report (presented by Beth Rumble)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accepts the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services, dated May 8, 2024, titled Digitization Project Final Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

0.3. Period Poverty Update (presented by Beth Rumble)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Beth Rumble, Director of Cultural Services, titled Period Poverty Update, dated May 8, 2024 as presented for information.

CARRIED

11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

11.1. Re-appointment to AMO Board County Caucus (presented by Meighan Wark)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron endorses Meighan Wark, Chief Administrative Officer to be reappointed to the County Caucus for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 term.

CARRIED

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

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by CAO Meighan Wark, dated May 8, 2024, titled Strategic Priorities Chart - April 2024, 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 items: 12.22 Municipality of St. Charles - Resolution Regarding Carbon Tax, 12.5 Town of Goderich - Resolution Regarding Highway 413, 12.6 Town of Goderich - Resolution Regarding Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct, 12.7 Town of Goderich - Resolution Regarding Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates, 12.25 City of St. Catharines - Resolution Regarding Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native (exotic) Wild Animals, 12.1 Town of Plympton-Wyoming - Resolution Regarding Increasing Tile Drain Loan Limit, and 12.9 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) - Letter of Support for Small Business Enterprise Centre Funding.

CARRIED

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

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.

14. Notice of Motion: None.

15. By-laws:

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Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor P. Heffer
THAT:

By-law No. 2024-038, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to amend By-law 2016-026 to adopt a Housing Smoke-Free Policy.

By-law No. 2024-039, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Service Agreement with the Early Years Education System (EYES) Childcare.

By-law No. 2024-040, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a contract RFT (HPS) 2024-01 for exterior improvements project to 250 Picton Street in Goderich with True Trough Ltd.

By-law No. 2024-041, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a contract HC 24-302 for the Urban Dashwood Reconstruction with VanBree Drainage and Bulldozing Ltd.

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:

17. Upcoming Meetings:

Economic Development Board Meeting - Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting - **Cancelled**

Library Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Council Day 1 - Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

18. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor L. Noel
THAT:

By-law No. 2024-042, 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 10:20 AM to meet again on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin