

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON**

Hybrid Meeting  
June 12, 2024

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at the Council Chambers. All members of Council were present except for Councillor B. MacLellan.

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

**2. Warden's Remarks:**

Warden McNeil welcomed Council, staff and participants.

Warden McNeil reported attending the following events:

- Huron Manufacturing Association AGM in Exeter,
- Sunset Community Grant Awards Celebration,
- Huron County Food Bank Distribution AGM in Exeter,
- Emergency Management Day in North Huron, that included Perth, Bruce, Grey and Huron Counties,
- Nuclear Waste Management Organization meeting,
- Joint Eastern Ontario and Western Ontario Wardens Caucus',
- FCM Conference in Calgary.

CAO Wark informed Council that Connie Townsend, Director of Homes for the Aged retirement will be Friday, June 14, 2024. She thanked her for her service to the County.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor A. McLellan

THAT:

The Council Day 1 agenda for June 12, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:**

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

- By-law No. 2024-050, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Contract RFP HC 24-509 Detailed Design for the Replacement of Three Culverts with B.M. Ross & Associates Ltd. due to her daughter being employed with B.M. Ross & Associates.

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

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

THAT:

The minutes of Council Day 2 meeting of May 22, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**6. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations:**

6.1. Huron Hospice - Capital Expansion Campaign

Presentation was given by Willy Van Klooster, Executive Director and Lisa Taylor, Board Chair for Huron Hospice to update Council on the operations and capital expansion project.

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor P. Heffer

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The Council of the County of Huron receive a presentation by Willy Van Klooster, Executive Director and Lisa Taylor, Board Chair with the Huron Hospice, dated June 12, 2024, titled Huron Hospice - Capital Expansion Campaign, as presented for information.  
CARRIED

6.2. The Well Community Collective - Collaborating with Youth to Empower Wellness Presentation

Presentation was given by Shannon McGavin, Executive Director with the Well Community Collective to increase awareness of their Youth Wellness Centers, community collaborators, and progress throughout Huron, Perth, Grey, and Bruce.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive a presentation by Shannon McGavin, Executive Director with the Well Community Collective, dated June 12, 2024, titled Collaborating with Youth to Empower Wellness, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request a staff report on collaboration with the Well Community Collective program;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A letter of support be prepared on behalf of the County of Huron for the Well Community Collective to assist with lobbying levels of government for support of this program.

CARRIED

**7. Councillor's Comments:**

Councillor J. Becker expressed gratitude to Councillor T. Bazinet and the Town of Goderich Council for their thank you Letter to the firemen for their collaboration in tackling a major fire in Goderich. He emphasized the importance of mutual aid.

Councillor T. Bazinet thanked everyone in Huron County for their support during the fire that destroyed a business, impacting many employees. He mentioned ongoing communication with the business owner, who is working on a temporary location until rebuilding is possible.

Councillor J. Dietrich announced the formation of the new Huron County Detachment Board, including Councillor M. Anderson, Councillor T. Bazinet, and himself. He also mentioned attending an informative OAPSB Conference in Collingwood.

Councillor J. Ginn shared insights from a recent FCM Conference in Calgary, highlighting how Calgary donates 1% of its budget to public art, including infrastructure projects. He proposed a motion for a staff report on incorporating public art into local infrastructure projects such as parking spaces.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron requests a staff report providing information on incorporating art into visible public spaces/infrastructure projects.

CARRIED

Councillor G. Finch provided an update on the successful South Huron Hospital Foundation Gala, which announced plans for a new multi-million dollar medical clinic in Exeter. He noted the strong community support demonstrated by raising \$215,000 in minutes during the gala.

Councillor L. Noel commented on the success of the second annual Huron County Pride Festival she attended on behalf of Warden McNeil and Councillor T. Bazinet, noting the joyful atmosphere and the importance of making the community welcoming and inclusive.

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Councillor P. Heffer thanked the Economic Development team for the SLED grant that supported a cricket match in North Huron, which attracted participants from various communities and cities.

Councillor T. Bazinet mentioned the upcoming visit of the Lancaster aircraft to the Goderich Regional Airport, a significant event as it last happened 60 years ago.

**8. Consent Agenda – Items 8.1 through 8.6:**

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

THAT:

Items 8.1 through 8.6 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

**9. Planning and Development:**

- 9.1. Consent Files C30-2024 and C31-2024, Lynda and Kent Strong. Concession 9, Part Lot 1, Township of Howick (44544 Harriston Road), (presented by: Jenn Burns)

The purpose of both applications (C30-2024 and C31-2024) is to create two residential lots in the Prime Agricultural Area. File C30-2024 is proposing to sever 2 acres (0.78 ha) of vacant agricultural and natural environment land. File C31-2024 is proposing to sever 2 acres (0.78 ha) of vacant agricultural and natural environment land. If both applications proceed, the proposed retained parcel is approximately 95.5 acres (38.6 ha) The applicants are requesting two residential lots (one per subject application) for the purposes of building a house on each property. The retained lands contain a house, and two sheds. The subject property was previously used for Agricultural land uses (crops).

The creation residential building lots in the Prime Agricultural Area is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and does not conform to the Huron County and Howick Official Plans. The Planning Department is recommending denial of both applications. The Township of Howick Council recommended approval of the applications at their June 4th Council Meeting.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the recommendation of Jenn Burns, Planner, that consent applications C30-2024 & C31-2024 by Lynda and Kent Strong for two severances of land described as Concession 9, Part Lot 1, Township of Howick (44544 Harriston Road) be **denied**.

FAILED

Recorded vote was requested by Councillor J. Ginn:

Councillor P. Klopp – NAY

Councillor D. Harding – NAY

Councillor G. Finch – YAY

Councillor B. Vanstone – NAY

Councillor J. Ginn – YAY

Councillor T. Bazinet – NAY

Councillor A. McLellan – NAY

Councillor L. Noel – NAY

Councillor P. Heffer – YAY

Councillor J. Becker – NAY

Warden G. McNeil – YAY

Councillor M. Anderson – YAY

Councillor J. Heffer – YAY

Councillor J. Dietrich - NAY

6 Yay, 8 Nay

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

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THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves consent applications C30-2024 & C31-2024 by Lynda and Kent Strong for two severances of land described as Concession 9, Part Lot 1, Township of Howick (44544 Harriston Road) with the listed conditions.

CARRIED

Recorded vote was requested by Councillor J. Ginn:

Councillor J. Dietrich - YAY

Councillor J. Heffer – NAY

Councillor M. Anderson – NAY

Councillor J. Becker – YAY

Warden G. McNeil - NAY

Councillor P. Heffer – NAY

Councillor L. Noel – YAY

Councillor A. McLellan – YAY

Councillor T. Bazinet – YAY

Councillor J. Ginn – NAY

Councillor B. Vanstone – YAY

Councillor G. Finch – NAY

Councillor D. Harding – YAY

Councillor P. Klopp – YAY

8 Yay, 6 Nay

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

THAT:

Consent Files C30-2024 and C31-2024, Lynda and Kent Strong. Concession 9, Part Lot 1, Township of Howick (44544 Harriston Road). Public Comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which led to Council's decision to approve the application. Agency comments were raised on the issue of creating an undersized parcel or non-farm residential lot, which is prohibited by local and provincial policy. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to approve the application.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:54 AM and resumed at 11:02 AM.

9.2. Planning Fees Review (presented by Sandra Weber and Denise Van Amersfoort)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Sandra Weber, Director and Denise Van Amersfoort, Planning Manager, titled Planning Application Fees Review, dated June 12th, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The approved 2024 Planning Fees be adopted by by-law to be in effect on August 1st, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The local municipalities be asked to proceed to revise their Planning Fees by-law based on the approved fees effective August 1st, 2024.

CARRIED

**10. Cultural Services:**

10.1. Huron County Museum Collections Deaccession Report – June 2024 (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Senior Curator, dated June 12, 2024, titled Huron County Museum Collections Deaccession Report – June 2024 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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The Council of the County of Huron accept the report and recommendation that the catalogue numbers specified within the report be deaccessioned from the Huron County Museum's collection.

CARRIED

10.2. Updated Terms of Reference for Collections Committee (presented by Elizabeth French-Gibson)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Elizabeth French-Gibson, Senior Curator, dated June 12, 2024, titled Updated Terms of Reference for Collections Committee as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron accept the report and approve the recommendation for the update to the current committee composition.

CARRIED

**11. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:**

11.1. 2024 Asset Management Plan (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated June 12, 2024, titled 2024 Asset Management Plan Update, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the 2024 Asset Management Plan as presented.

CARRIED

11.2. 2024 Reserve Analysis (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, dated June 12, 2024, titled 2024 Reserve Analysis, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves an amendment to the County Reserve Policy FN 5.11, establishing a minimum balance of \$1.2 million plus 10% of the prior year tax levy for the General Reserve for Contingency.

CARRIED

**12. Correspondence:**

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 12.2 from the City of Belleville - Resolution Regarding Support of Family Doctors.

CARRIED

Councillor L. Noel declared a conflict of interest with supporting of this item due to her husband being a physician and abstained from voting.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports item 12.7 from the Township of Howick - Resolution Regarding Intimate Partner Violence.

CARRIED

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

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. Tender #2024-01 Replacement of Rapid Response Unit (presented by Jeff Horseman)**

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Jeff Horseman, Director Emergency Services, dated June 12, 2024, titled ES #2024-01 Tender Results – 2024 Rapid Response Unit Replacement as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve Tender ES #2024 – 01 be awarded to Huron Motor Products (HMP) of South Huron Ontario for the tendered price of \$79,421.00 (excluding HST);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted delegating the authority to the Director Emergency Services to execute all required documents for the purchase of the 2024 Rapid Response Unit from Huron Motor Products (HMP) of South Huron Ontario.

CARRIED

**14. Notice of Motion: None.**

**15. By-laws:**

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2024-046, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into an agreement for Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program (Huron RASP) with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario.

By-law No. 2024-047, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan for the County of Huron and to meet other Requirements under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

By-law No. 2024-048, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Boundary Line Highway Agreement for the Maintenance of Bridge No. 14-11 – Tri-County Bridge on Lambton-Middlesex-Huron Road No. 5.

By-law No. 2024-049, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into RFQ HC 24-310 - Removal of Asphalt Pavement and Hot Mix Paving Contract with Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd.

By-law No. 2024-050, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Contract RFP HC 24-509 Detailed Design for the Replacement of Three Culverts with B.M. Ross & Associates Ltd.

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By-law No. 2024-051, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Huron Perth Public Health – Cost Sharing Agreement with the County of Perth, the City of Stratford and the Town of St. Mary's, effective January 1, 2025 for a period of 4 years.

By-law No. 2024-052, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Cell Phone Contract Extension with Bell Mobility Inc.

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:**

Library Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Monday, June 24, 2024 at 9:00 AM - Virtual Meeting

Council Day 2 - Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

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

Economic Development Board Meeting - Thursday, July 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM at 57 Napier Street, Goderich - Hybrid Meeting

**18. Confirmatory By-law:**

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


By-law No. 2024-053, 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 11:51 AM to meet again on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.  
CARRIED

  
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Warden Glen McNeil

  
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Clerk Susan Cronin