

MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HURON

Hybrid Meeting
May 22, 2024

The Council of the County of Huron met in a hybrid meeting setting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. All members of Council were present except for Councillor J. Dietrich and Councillor B. MacLellan.

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

Warden McNeil opened the meeting by recognizing Paramedic Service week and National Public Works week.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Councillor T. Bazinet and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council Day 2 agenda for May 22, 2024 be approved as amended:

- That Erin Schooley be added to agenda item #16 Closed to the Public Session.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor L. Noel declared a pecuniary interest with the item:

- 11.4. Recommendation to Award RFP HC 24-509 Detailed Design for the Replacement of Three Culverts in the County of Huron (presented by Will Williams) due to her daughter being employed with B.M. Ross & Associates.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the Council Day 1 meeting of May 8, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: none.

6. Councillor's Comments:

Councillor G. Finch asked if Huron County ambulance bases were equipped with generators.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron request staff prepare a report on the generators at Huron County ambulance bases.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Ginn acknowledged recent passing of Alice Munro, a local icon and Nobel Prize winner. He further spoke about the upcoming project in honour of Munro in Central Huron highlighting her contributions and significance to the community.

Councillor P. Heffer thanked Director Lass and Economic Development team on organizing successful Thrive Summit in Blyth.

Councillor G. Finch thanked the Warden for attending and speaking at the South Huron's Mayor's Breakfast.

Warden G. McNeil mentioned attending the Great Lakes Conference in Montreal with other Council members. He highlighted the shared interest and international collaboration in preserving the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

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 P. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor J. Heffer

THAT:

Items 7.1 through 7.6 be approved with the actions as noted.

CARRIED

8. Social and Property Services:

8.1. Disaster Response Agreement - Amendment #4 with the Canadian Red Cross Society - Extension (presented by Erin Schooley)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Erin Schooley, Homelessness Programs Supervisor, dated May 22, 2024, titled Disaster Response Agreement - Amendment #4 with the Canadian Red Cross Society - Extension as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared for May 22, 2024 meeting authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Disaster Response Agreement - Extension with the Canadian Red Cross Society and any other required documents including future amending agreements when no significant changes are proposed and/or no impacts that are outside the approved County budget.

CARRIED

8.2. Housing and Homelessness Data Report Monthly Share-Out (presented by Erin Schooley)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Erin Schooley, Homelessness Programs Supervisor and Madison Spriggs, Homelessness Programs Coordinator, dated May 22, 2024, titled Housing and Homelessness Data Report Monthly Share-Out as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.3. Huron Youth Recreation, Arts and Sports Program (presented by Cheryl Patience)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services, dated May 22, 2024 titled Huron Youth Recreation, Arts and Sports Program as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into an agreement with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario for their services in determining eligibility and administering funds to Huron County families that qualify for this assistance to allow their child's participation in sports, arts and recreation;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other

required documents with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario for the Huron Recreation, Arts and Sports Program (Huron RASP).
CARRIED

- 8.4. Renovations to the Jacob Memorial Building for the Creation of a Child and Family Centre Space (presented by Cheryl Patience and Jeff Kerslake)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Cheryl Patience, Manager of Ontario Works and Children's Services and Jeff Kerslake, Technical Services Manager, dated May 22, 2024, titled Renovations to the Jacob Memorial Building for the Creation of a Child and Family Centre Space, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve that Tender RFT(HPS)2024-03 be awarded to Accuratus Design & Build Inc. for the amount of \$344,457.60 including provisional items;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documents for RFT(HPS)2024-03 with Accuratus Design & Build Inc. and this project to be ratified May 22, 2024.

CARRIED

- 8.5. Service System Manager - Semi-Annual Update (presented by Barbara Hall)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report by Barbara Hall, Director, Social and Property Services, dated May 22, 2024, titled Service System Manager - Semi-Annual Update to Council, as presented for information.

CARRIED

- 9. Homes for the Aged: None.**

- 10. Emergency Services:**

- 10.1. Updated Huron County Emergency Plan (presented by Chad Kregar)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Chad Kregar, Huron County Community Emergency Management Coordinator, dated May 22nd, 2024 titled Updated Huron County Emergency Plan as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the consolidated Huron County Emergency Management Plan, consisting of the Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted to enact the consolidated Huron County Emergency Management Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Emergency Management Program and Response Plan By-law 2017-061 and 2018-003, as amended, be repealed.

CARRIED

- 11. Public Works:**

- 11.1. Boundary Line Highway Agreement for the Maintenance of Bridge No. 14-11 – Tri-County Bridge on Lambton-Middlesex-Huron Road No. 5 (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report titled Boundary Line Highway Agreement for the maintenance of Bridge No. 14-11 – Tri-County Bridge on Lambton-Middlesex-Huron Road No. 5 dated May 22, 2024 by Imran Khalid – Director of Public Works as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and the Clerk to enter into the agreement with the Counties of Lambton and Middlesex for the maintenance of Bridge No. 14-11 – Tri County Bridge.

CARRIED

11.2. Recommendation to Award RFQ HC24-310 Removal of Asphalt Pavement and Hot Mix Paving (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by Wyatt Carey, Project Manager Roads dated May 9, 2024 titled Recommendation to Award RFQ HC 24-310 - Removal of Asphalt Pavement and Hot Mix Paving;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award Contract HC 23-310 to Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for the tendered price of \$389,452 (Including Net Applicable Taxes and Contingencies);

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the contract and all other required documents for HC 23-310 with Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd.

CARRIED

11.3. Adjustment to request for Crash Truck (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report dated May 22, 2024 by Imran Khalid – Director of Public Works titled Adjustment to request for Crash Truck;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The CAO be authorized to approve the purchase of a crash trailer attenuator, pending completion of procurement process.

CARRIED

11.4. Recommendation to Award RFP HC 24-509 Detailed Design for the Replacement of Three Culverts in the County of Huron (presented by Will Williams)

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

The Council of the County of Huron receive and approve the report dated May 22, 2024 by Will Williams, Project Manager-Bridges, titled Recommendation to Award RFP HC 24-509 Detailed Design for the Replacement of Three Culverts in the County of Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron award Contract HC 24-509 to B.M. Ross & Associates Limited for a total price of \$130,050 (inclusive of provisional site inspection, contract administration, 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 for Contract HC 24-509 with B.M. Ross & Associates Limited.

CARRIED

11.5. Stop Sign Enhancement Procedures (presented by Imran Khalid)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receive the report dated May 22, 2024 by Imran Khalid, Director of Public Works titled Stop Sign Enhancement Procedures as presented for information.

CARRIED

12. Economic Development:

12.1 Huron-Perth Immigrant Survey (presented by Mark Nonkes)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report from Mark Nonkes, Immigration Partnership Manager, dated May 22, 2024, titled Huron Perth Immigrant Survey, as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Regional Coalition Partner- Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development dated May 22, 2024, titled Regional Coalition Partner- Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron join the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition as a Regional Collaborative Partner and appoint the Warden, CAO or designates as representatives of the County of Huron.

CARRIED

12.3 2024 SLED Program Funds Sixteen Projects (presented by Rick Sickinger)

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor B. Vanstone

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Rick Sickinger, Cultural Development Officer, titled 2024 SLED Program Funds Sixteen Projects, dated May 22, 2024 as presented for information.

CARRIED

12.4 Economic Development Board Housing Working Group "How we grow matters" Videos (presented by Chris Watson)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves the report by Chris Watson, Economic Development Officer, May 22, 2024, titled Economic Development Board Housing Working Group 'How we grow matters.' Videos, as presented for information.

CARRIED

13. Administration, Policies and Other Issues:

13.1. Huron Perth Public Health – Cost Sharing Agreement (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

Moved by: Councillor B. Vanstone and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled Huron Perth Public Health – Cost Sharing Agreement, dated May 22, 2024 as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into a new HPPH Cost Apportionment 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;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the Warden and County Clerk to execute the HPPH Cost Apportionment Agreement along with any other required documentation.

CARRIED

13.2. 2024 Bell Mobility Inc. Cell Phone Contract Renewal (presented by Michael Blumhagen)

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron receives the report by Michael Blumhagen, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services, titled 2024 Bell Mobility Inc. Cell Phone Contract Renewal, dated May 22, 2024 as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approves entering into a Cell Phone contract extension with Bell Mobility Inc. for a 36-month period to be effective June 12, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A by-law be drafted authorizing the County Clerk to execute and sign the cell phone contract with Bell Mobility Inc., along with any other required documentation.

CARRIED

14. Correspondence:

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

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 A. McLellan and Seconded by: Councillor G. Finch

THAT:

By-law No. 2024-043, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a Disaster Responses Agreement Extension – Amendment #4 with the Canadian Red Cross Society.

By-law No. 2024-044, being a By-law of the Corporation of the County of Huron to authorize entering into a contract RFT(HPS)2024-03 for the Renovations to the Jacob Memorial Building for the Creation of a Child and Family Centre Space with Accuratus Design & Build 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

18. Closed to the Public Session:

Council meeting recesses at 10:10 AM and resumed at 10:15 AM.

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

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 10:10 AM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss an item that relates to:

1. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees; 2023/24 Homelessness Emergency Motel Program,

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark, Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk Susan Cronin, Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Michael Blumhagen, Director of Social and Property Services Barbara Hall, Manager of Housing Services Christine Hoffman and Erin Schooley, Homelessness Programs Supervisor remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Klopp and Seconded by: Councillor Ginn

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 10:28 AM.

CARRIED

CAO Wark reported that Council met in the Closed Session to receive information on personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees in regard to 2023/24 Homelessness Emergency Motel Program.

19. Upcoming Meetings:

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

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

20. Confirmatory By-law:

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

THAT:

By-law No. 2024-045, 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. Heffer and Seconded by: Councillor J. Becker

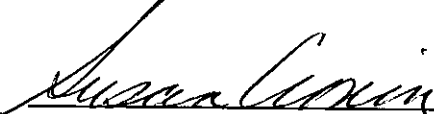
THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron do hereby adjourn at 10:31 AM to meet again on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Warden and the Clerk.

CARRIED



Warden Glen McNeil



Clerk Susan Cronin