



Bruce County Council Minutes

November 16, 2023

Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present	Chris Peabody, Warden; Luke Charbonneau, Councillor; Kenneth Craig, Councillor; Mark Goetz, Councillor; Steve Hammell, Councillor; Milt McIver, Councillor; Don Murray, Councillor; Caleb Hull, Alternate Councillor
Regrets	Jay Kirkland, Councillor
Staff	Derrick Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer; Christine MacDonald, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Claire Dodds, Commissioner, Community Development Office; Megan Garland, Director Long Term Care and Senior Services; Edward Henley, Director of Corporate Services; Michael Kirkpatrick, Director of Information Technology Services; Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum & Cultural Services; Brooke McLean, Director of Library Services; Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services; Sean Morphy, Director, Human Resources; Steve Schaus, Director of Paramedic Services; Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Linda White, Clerk; Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk; Matthew Meade, Corporate Strategic Initiatives Specialist; Adam Ferguson, Corporate Communications Specialist; Jennifer Smith, Purchasing Manager; Sandro D'Alessandro, Real Estate Coordinator; Jack Van Dorp, Director of Planning and Development; Lynn Hatten, Deputy Treasurer; Bill Hayes, Operations Manager; Ryan Errington, Engineering Manager; Jaron Kerr, Infrastructure and Operations Manager; Ryan Whitmore, Systems Support Analyst

1. Call to Order

The meeting of Bruce County Council was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The minutes were recorded by the Deputy Clerk.

2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments to Agenda

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Public Notice

a. Public Meeting Notice - File C-2023-008 - Proposed Changes to the County of Bruce Official Plan

Meeting date: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting (Council Chambers and Online)

5. Announcements

6. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Don Murray

Seconded By Councillor Mark Goetz

That the minutes of the November 2, 2023 Council meeting be approved; and

That the minutes of the following Committee Meetings be approved:

November 2, 2023:

- Executive
- Corporate Services
- Museum

Carried

7. Public Meeting

8. Delegations

9. Reports - for Information

The following reports were presented for information:

- a. **Transportation & Environmental Services: 2023-2024 Winter Maintenance Book**
- b. **Office of the CAO: Business Plan Update - Q3 2023**
- c. **Corporate Services: Summary of Awarded Tenders - Q3 2023**
- d. **Corporate Services: Summary of Purchasing Policy Suspension Approvals - Q3 2023**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Corporate Services: Development Charges Revised**

The following motion was considered:

Moved By Councillor Luke Charbonneau

Seconded By Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the Development Charges Background Study dated July 20, 2023 be approved; and

That the draft Development Charges By-law be recommended for approval.

The main motion, as amended, was considered:

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Luke Charbonneau

Seconded By Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the Development Charges Background Study dated July 20, 2023 be approved; and

That the phase-in be extended to the following:

2023-0%; 2024-25%; 2025-40%; 2026-55%; 2027-65%; 2028-75%;
2029-85%; 2030-95%; 2031-100%; and

That the draft Development Charges By-law, as amended, be recommended for approval.

Carried

b. Corporate Services: Third Quarter 2023 Financial Statement Review Report

Moved By Councillor Luke Charbonneau

Seconded By Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the Paramedic Services department surplus created by funding received above budgeted levels be transferred to the Paramedic Services Reserve at year-end, up to a limit of \$300,000, for use in the 2024 budget.

Carried

c. Office of the CAO: Council Meeting Dates

Moved By Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded By Councillor Don Murray

That the December 21, 2023 Council Meeting be cancelled and rescheduled to December 14, 2023; and

That the 2024 Council Meeting schedule be approved as presented.

Carried

d. Office of the CAO: Intergovernmental Relations Office Update

Moved By Councillor Luke Charbonneau

Seconded By Councillor Mark Goetz

That Council endorse the Intergovernmental Relations Office policy agenda, and associated delegation requests for ROMA in January 2024.

Carried

e. Office of the CAO: Striking Committee Terms of Reference

The following motion was considered:

Moved By Alternate Councillor Caleb Hull

Seconded By Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the Striking Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

The following amendment to the main motion was moved and seconded:

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Luke Charbonneau

Seconded By Councillor Don Murray

That the Committee be responsible for completing the annual performance review for the Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was considered:

Amendment:

Moved By Alternate Councillor Caleb Hull

Seconded By Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the Striking Committee Terms of Reference be approved; and

That the Committee be responsible for completing the annual performance review for the Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried

f. Transportation & Environmental Services: Stop Sign By-Law Update

Moved By Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded By Councillor Don Murray

That a by-law be introduced for the inclusion of new stop signs; and

That By-law 2022-065 be repealed.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

12. By-laws

Moved By Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded By Councillor Luke Charbonneau

That the following by-laws be approved:

a. By-law 2023-046

A By-law to Appoint a Deputy Chief Administrative Officer effective December 16, 2023.

b. By-law 2023-047

A By-law to adopt the Budget for the year 2024.

c. By-law 2023-048

A By-law to establish Development Charges for the County of Bruce, as amended

Carried

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

a. St. Edmunds Property Owners Inc.

RE: Development Charges

b. Response to St. Edmunds Property Owners

Re: Development Charges

14. Closed Session

Moved By Councillor Don Murray

Seconded By Councillor Kenneth Craig

That Council proceed to a Closed to the Public Session in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2), as follows:

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; - **Legal Matter - Planning**
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; - **Legal Matter - Long-Term Care**
- Approval of Executive Committee Closed Minutes - November 2, 2023

Carried

15. Report from Closed Session

The Warden reported out of closed session that Council received updates on the two legal matters listed on the agenda, and the minutes of the November 2, 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved.

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

Moved By Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded By Councillor Don Murray

That the following by-law be approved:

a. By-law 2023-049

A by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 16th day of November, 2023.

That the following by-law be approved: By-law 2023-048, a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 16th day of November, 2023.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Mark Goetz

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 10:19 a.m.

Carried

Chris Peabody, Warden

Linda White, Clerk