



Bruce County Council Minutes

December 7, 2023

Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present	Warden Chris Peabody, Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau, Councillor Kenneth Craig, Councillor Mark Goetz, Councillor Steve Hammell, Councillor Don Murray, Councillor Jay Kirkland
Present – electronically	Councillor McIver
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; Jack Van Dorp, Director of Planning and Development; Aaron Stauch, Regional Manager, Employment Services; Tania Dickson, Housing Services Manager; Lynn Hatten, Deputy Treasurer; Ryan Whitmore, Lead Systems Support Analyst; Adam Alpaugh, Capital Asset Analyst
Guests	David Forsey, Arcadis Consulting

1. Call to Order

The meeting of Bruce County Council was called to order at 10:20 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

5. Announcements

6. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Don Murray

Seconded By Councillor Steve Hammell

That the minutes of the November 16, 2023 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Public Meeting - 11:00 am

a. Bruce County Official Plan Amendment Implementation - Public Meeting Scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

The Chair opened the Public Meeting for the Bruce County Official Plan Amendment C-2023-008 Implementation Amendment and Monica Walker Bolton, Senior Planner presented the report. Following the presentation, members of the public were invited to speak; no public members spoke to the application.

Additional comments from member of the public Bev Nicolson, Planner were read into the record.

Council Members were provided an opportunity to provide seek clarification and provide input.

A request was made to consider including wording in the Official Plan to allow the County to delegate certain approval authority to the lower tier municipalities.

Moved By Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded By Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the County Official Plan Amendment – C-2023-008 Implementation Amendment be received for information; and,

That staff be directed to return to a subsequent Bruce County Council meeting with a report on the December 7, 2023 Public Meeting and a Recommendation regarding proposed County Official Plan Amendment – C-2023-008.

Carried

8. Delegations

9. Reports - for Information

The following reports are presented for information:

- a. **Community Development Office - Bruce County Transit Demand and Feasibility Study (includes Presentation by Consultant)**
- b. **Planning & Development - Employment Services Quarter 2 Update**
- c. **Museum - Information Report - December 2023**
- d. **Human Services - Q3- 2023 Income and Support Services Update**
- e. **Human Services - Q3 - 2023 Licensed Childcare and Early Years Report**
- f. **Human Services - Q3 - 2023 Housing Services Report**
- g. **Human Services - Bruce County Child Care and Early Learning Directed Growth Plan**
- h. **Corporate Services - EcoSystems Energy Savings and Performance Verification Report - Year 3**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Corporate Services - Asset Retirement Obligation Policy**

Moved By Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded By Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy be approved as presented, effective January 1, 2023, and;

That the revisions to the Capital Asset Amortization Policy referencing the new Asset Retirement Obligation Policy be approved as presented.

Carried

b. Paramedic Services - Huron Bruce Cross Border Billing Agreement

Moved By Councillor Steve Hammell

Seconded By Councillor Don Murray

That a by-law be introduced authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Cross-Border Billing Agreement for the provision of land ambulance services between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and the Corporation of the County of Huron; and

That By-law 2013-015 be repealed.

Carried

c. Paramedic Services - Ordering Ambulances for 2024

Moved By Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

Seconded By Councillor Steve Hammell

That approval be given to single source and order three ambulances from Demers Ambulances, consistent with the vehicle replacement schedule;

And further, that a 30% down payment be made of approximately equivalent to \$228,582 + HST to secure the vehicles for delivery, at a total cost for three (3) ambulances complete with Stryker Power Loads installed of \$761,940.00 + HST.

Carried

d. Museum - Policy Report - December 2023

Moved By Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded By Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the revisions as outlined in the report for the Visitor Policy and the Serving & Consumption of Alcohol Policy be approved.

Carried

e. Human Services - Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priority Housing Initiative– Project Funding Agreements

Moved By Councillor Don Murray

Seconded By Councillor Mark Goetz

That a by-law be introduced authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute a Project Funding Agreement between Bruce County and Russell Meadows Non-Profit Accommodations for the Ontario Priority Housing Initiative's repair component; and

That a by-law be introduced authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute a Project Funding Agreement between Bruce County and Formosa Senior's Non-Profit Accommodations for the Ontario Priority Housing Initiative's repair component; and

That a by-law be introduced authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute a Project Funding Agreement between Bruce County and Bruce County Housing Corporation (BCHC) for the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative's repair component.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

a. Notice of Motion - Warden Chris Peabody

Warden Peabody provided notice that he intends to bring forward a motion to the next meeting of Bruce County Council to direct staff to send a letter of support for the Bill proposed by MP Ben Lobb regarding the removal of the carbon surcharge from grain drying for agricultural producers. He noted that the Bill did not receive sufficient support in the Senate when it was recently voted on, and he stated that he will bring forward a motion requesting that a letter be sent to the Senate from County Council expressing support for the Bill, as presented by MP Lobb.

12. By-laws

By-law 2023-050

A by-law to provide for the installation of stop signs at intersections.

Moved By Councillor Steve Hammell

Seconded By Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2023-050 a by-law to provide for the installation of Stop Signs at intersections.

Carried

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

a. Western Ontario Wardens Caucus

Resolution regarding Strong Mayors Powers

b. Municipality of South Bruce

Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services

Councillor Goetz requested that staff arrange a delegation from the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services to provide additional information to Bruce County Council about the issue of challenges related to regulation of the sewage industry in Ontario.

c. Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Amendment to Highway Traffic Act - Automated Speed Enforcement Systems

Councillor Hammell requested that staff draft a letter of support for the resolution provided by the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, for approval by Council at a future meeting.

14. Closed Session

15. Report from Closed Session

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

Moved By Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

Seconded By Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2023-051 a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 7th day of December, 2023.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Mark Goetz

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 11:23 a.m.

Carried

Chris Peabody, Warden

Linda White, Clerk