



## Bruce County Council Minutes

**Date: February 15, 2024**

**Time: 9:30 a.m.**

**Location: Electronic (Remote) Meeting**

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| Present | Chris Peabody, Warden   | Steve Hammell, Councillor                           |
|         | Luke Charbonneau, Deputy Warden                                     | Milt McIver, Councillor                             |
|         | Kenneth Craig, Councillor   | Don Murray, Councillor                              |
|         | Mark Goetz, Councillor  | Jay Kirkland, Councillor                            |
| Staff   | Christine MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer                   | Jack Van Dorp, Director of Planning and Development |
|         | Sean Morphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer                    | Jenn Robinson, Director of Human Resources          |
|         | Claire Dodds, Commissioner, Community Development Office            | Lynn Hatten, Deputy Treasurer                       |
|         | Megan Garland, Director, Long Term Care and Senior Services         | Monica Walker Bolton, Manager of Land Use Planning  |
|         | Michael Kirkpatrick, Director of Information Technology Services    | Jeffrey Loney, Economic Development Manager         |
|         | Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum & Cultural Services                | Tania Dickson, Housing Services Manager             |
|         | Brooke McLean, Director of Library Services                         | Aryn Becker, Income and Support Services Manager    |
|         | Steve Schaus, Director of Paramedic Services                        | Linda White, Clerk                                  |
|         | Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services | Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk                         |
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### 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**

**5. Announcements**

**6. Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution # C-2024-024**

**Moved by** Councillor Steve Hammell

**Seconded by** Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

That the minutes of the February 1, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

**7. Public Meeting**

**8. Delegations**

**9. Reports - for Information**

**a. Community Development Office - Small Business Enterprise Centre Program Extension 2024-2025**

**b. Corporate Services - 2023 Summary of Pandemic Funding**

**c. Corporate Services - 2024 Education Tax Rates**

**d. Corporate Services - Property Assessment Change and Notional Rates**

**e. Corporate Services - Investment Annual Report**

- f. **Human Services - 2023 Dorrell Young Christmas Program Results**
- g. **Human Services - Q4 2023 Licensed Child Care and Early Years Report**
- h. **Human Services - Q4 2023 Housing Services Report**
- i. **Human Services - Q4 2023 Income and Support Services Update**
- j. **Office of the CAO - Q4 2023 Business Plan Update**
- k. **Paramedic Services - Port Elgin Paramedic Station Build Update 5**

**10. Reports - for Direction**

- a. **Planning & Development - Bruce County Official Plan Amendment - Implementation**

**Resolution # C-2024-025**

**Moved by** Councillor Jay Kirkland  
**Seconded by** Councillor Mark Goetz

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

That the appropriate By-law be forwarded to County Council for adoption.

**Carried**

- b. **Community Development Office - International Plowing Match - Request for Support**

**Resolution # C-2024-026**

**Moved by** Councillor Steve Hammell  
**Seconded by** Councillor Kenneth Craig

That Bruce County support the efforts of the Bruce County Plowmen's Association to host the 2026 International Plowing Match in Bruce County; and

That Council support providing start-up funds of up to \$100,000, conditions of which would be brought back at a future meeting.

**Carried**

**c. Corporate Services - 2024 Property Tax Policy Review**

**Resolution # C-2024-027**

**Moved by** Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau  
**Seconded by** Councillor Milt McIver

That the 2024 County-wide tax ratios and class discounts be approved as set out in Appendix 1 and that staff be directed to prepare the necessary tax rates and ratio by-law; and,

That the tax relief program for charities and other similar organizations be continued for the 2024 taxation year; and,

That the tax relief program for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities be continued for the 2024 taxation year; and,

That no Optional Property Classes are recommended.

**Carried**

**d. Corporate Services - Annual Capital Spending Overages Report**

**Resolution # C-2024-028**

**Moved by** Councillor Steve Hammell  
**Seconded by** Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the capital spending overages outlined in the report for 2023 be allowed to be absorbed in the year-end surplus or deficit as they are immaterial in nature.

**Carried**

**e. Striking Committee - Appointment to Committees**

**Resolution # C-2024-029**

**Moved by** Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau  
**Seconded by** Councillor Don Murray

1. That the Warden and Councillor Goetz be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

2. That Councillor Craig and Councillor Goetz be appointed to the Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy.

**Carried**

**11. Motions and Notice of Motions**

**12. By-laws**

**Resolution # C-2024-030**

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| <b>Moved by</b>    | Councillor Mark Goetz   |
| <b>Seconded by</b> | Councillor Jay Kirkland |

That the following by-law be approved:

**a. By-law 2024-013**

A by-law to restrict the weight of vehicles passing over County bridges.

**Carried**

**13. Communications**

**a. Town of South Bruce Peninsula's resolution - Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

[Link to AMO website: Social and Economic Prosperity Review](#)

**14. Closed Session**

**15. Report from Closed Session**

**16. Confirmation of Proceedings**

**Resolution # C-2024-031**

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| <b>Moved by</b>    | Councillor Steve Hammell |
| <b>Seconded by</b> | Councillor Kenneth Craig |

That the following by-law be approved:

**a. By-law 2024 - 014**

A by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 15th day of February, 2024.

**Carried**

**17. Adjournment**

**Resolution # C-2024-032**

**Moved by** Councillor Don Murray

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 10:34 a.m.

**Carried**

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Chris Peabody, Warden

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Linda White, Clerk