



Bruce County Council Minutes

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present	Chris Peabody, Warden Kenneth Craig, Councillor Mark Goetz, Councillor Steve Hammell, Councillor	Milt McIver, Councillor Don Murray, Councillor Jay Kirkland, Councillor Diane Huber, Alternate Councillor
Regrets	Luke Charbonneau, Deputy Warden	
Staff	Christine MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer Sean Morphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Claire Dodds, Commissioner, Community Development Office Megan Garland, Director, Long Term Care and Senior Services Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum & Cultural Services Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services Steve Schaus, Director of Paramedic Services Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services	Matthew Meade, Corporate Strategic Initiatives Specialist Jack Van Dorp, Director of Planning and Development Jenn Robinson, Director of Human Resources Lynn Hatten, Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Burnett Jeff Loney Aaron Stauch Keith Hillman, Information Security Analyst Ryan Whitmore, Lead Systems Support Analyst Linda White, Clerk Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk
Also Present	James Scongack; Andrii Zvorygin, Chris Clark	

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-2024-035

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That the minutes of the February 15, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Public Meeting

8. Delegations

a. James Scongack,

Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition

b. James Scongack, Chief Development Officer & Executive Vice-President, Bruce Power

Re: Bruce Power and Bruce C Project Update

c. Andrii (Logan) Zvorygin

Re: Peak Oil and Rural Transition

9. Reports - for Information

The following reports are presented for information:

- a. **Transportation & Environmental Services - Durham Street Bridge - Third Party Review Final Recommendations**
- b. **Transportation & Environmental Services- Weight Restriction of Bridges By-Law Enforcement Information**
- c. **Human Services - Strategic Community Initiatives Fund – 2024 Call for Proposals**
- d. **Community Development - Bruce County Economic Development Annual Report 2023**
- e. **Museum - Information Report - March 2024**
- f. **Corporate Services - 2023 Council Statement of Remuneration**
- g. **Paramedic Services - 2023 CTAS Performance Plan**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Planning & Development - Addendum to County Official Plan Amendment C-2022-016 and Subdivision S-2022-030 (Barry's Construction and Insulation Ltd.)**

Resolution # C-2024-036

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That Bruce County Official Plan Amendment Application C-2022-016 for Barry's Construction and Insulation Ltd., for lands described as Part Lots 18 &19, Concession 2 (Amabel) in the Township of South Bruce Peninsula, be approved; and,

That staff be authorized to grant draft approval to Plan of Subdivision file S-2022-030.

Carried

- b. **Community Development - Regional Coalition Partner - Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition**

Resolution # C-2024-037

Moved by Councillor Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That Bruce County join the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition as a Regional Collaborative Partner.

Defeated

Resolution # C-2024-038

Moved by Councillor Steve Hammell

Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the report be referred to staff for further review and renegotiation of the Terms of Reference for the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition.

Carried

c. Corporate Services - 2024 Financial Management Cycle and 2025 Budget and Annual Business Plan Timeline

Resolution # C-2024-039

Moved by Councillor Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the 2024 Financial Management Cycle and 2025 Budget and Annual Business Plan Timeline be approved; and,

That October 10th and November 7th be reserved to receive the 2025 Annual Business Plans and Operational and Capital Budgets.

Carried

d. Human Resources - Gateway Haven - Nurse Practitioner

Resolution # C-2024-040

Moved by Councillor Steve Hammell

Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the Director of Long-Term Care and Director of Human Resources be directed to recruit one full-time, permanent Nurse Practitioner for Gateway Haven Long-Term Care Home and apply for the funding “Hiring-More Nurse Practitioners for Long-Term Care Homes Funding Policy” to offset compensation costs.

Carried

e. Museum - Collections Deaccession Report - March 2024

Resolution # C-2024-041

Moved by Alternate Councillor Diane Huber

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the items listed in the “Collections Deaccession Report for March 2024” be approved for deaccession from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre’s collection.

Carried

f. Transportation & Environmental Services - Lease with Central Peninsula Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club

Resolution # C-2024-042

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That a by-law be introduced authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute a 5-year Commercial Lease Agreement for the “Lindsay Tract Shop” at 4025 Highway 6, Miller Lake, Ontario between the Corporation of the County of Bruce, and the Central Peninsula Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club.

Carried

g. Transportation & Environmental Services - 10-year County Forest Inventory With SVCA - Financial Request

Resolution # C-2024-043

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz
Seconded by Alternate Councillor Diane Huber

That Council approve funds from the Tax Stabilization Reserve to fund the 10-year Bruce County Forest Inventory in the amount of \$157,000; And

That Staff be authorized to enter into an Agreement with Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority to undertake a 10-year forest inventory of Bruce County owned forests.

Defeated

The report was referred back to staff to provide additional information about the number of businesses capable of completing the work; potential funding sources other than the Tax Stabilization Fund; and to consider utilizing an RFP process to award the work.

**h. Human Services - Service Manager Consent 5 Railway Street
Resolution # C-2024-044**

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig
Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That Service Manager consent to discharge the mortgage for 5 Railway Street, South Bruce be granted to Bruce County Housing Corporation.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

12. By-laws

Resolution # C-2024-045

Moved by Councillor Steve Hammell
Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the following by-laws be approved:

By-law 2024-015, being a by-law to adopt the property tax estimates, tax ratios and tax rates for the Year 2024;

By-law 2024-016, being a by-law to adopt Amendment Number C-2023-008 to the County of Bruce Official Plan; and

By-law 2024-017, being a by-law to adopt Amendment Number C-2022-016 to the County of Bruce Official Plan.

Carried

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

- a. Bruce County Public Library Board Minutes - December 20 2023**
- b. Clean Energy Frontier February Newsletter**
- c. Prince Edward County - Increase Ontario Works & ODSP financial assistance**

The letter from Prince Edward County was referred back to staff to review the details and provide recommendations for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

- d. Association of Road Superintendents - Municipal Equipment Operator Course**

14. Closed Session

15. Report from Closed Session

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution # C-2024-046

Moved by Councillor Steve Hammell

Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2024-018, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 7th day of March 2024.

Carried

- a. By-law 2024-018**

A by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 7th day of March 2024

17. Adjournment

Resolution # C-2024-047

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 11:24 a.m.

Carried

Chris Peabody, Warden

Linda White, Clerk