



Bruce County Council Minutes

Date: June 20, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present	Chris Peabody, Warden Luke Charbonneau, Deputy Warden Mark Goetz, Councillor	Steve Hammell, Councillor Jay Kirkland, Councillor Milt McIver, Councillor Don Murray, Councillor
Regrets	Kenneth Craig, Councillor	
Staff	Christine MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer Sean Morphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development Megan Garland, Director of Long- Term Care and Senior Services Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum & Cultural Services Brooke McLean, Director of Library Services Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services Jenn Robinson, Director of Human Resources Sam Dinsmore, Director of Corporate Services Steve Schaus, Director and Chief of Paramedic Services Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services	Aaron Stauch, Director of Government Relations Jack Van Dorp, Director of Planning and Development Matthew Meade, Manager, Government Relations Emily Kussmann, Administrator, Brucelea Haven Lynn Hatten, Deputy Treasurer Wendy Woods, Business & Human Services Integration Manager Tania Dickson, Housing Services Manager Jolisa Hamilton, Talent Acquisition & Employee Relations Manager Jennifer Smith, Purchasing Manager Alexis Cook, Community Safety & Well-Being Coordinator Devon Gordon, Housing Facilities Manager Linda White, Clerk Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk

Also Present Inspector Keegan Wilcox, OPP

1. Call to Order

The meeting of Bruce County Council was called to order by Warden Peabody 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-2024-095

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Deputy Warden Luke
Charbonneau

That the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Public Meeting

8. Delegations

9. Reports - for Information

The following reports were presented for information:

- a. **Human Services - Community Safety and Well-being Planning Update**
- b. **Paramedic Services - Ambulance Service Review 2023 Final Report**
- c. **Office of the CAO - 2024 Q1 Business Plan Updates**
- d. **Government Relations - Bruce County's Strategic Vision - Council Chamber Sign**
- e. **Planning & Development - Electricity Procurement and Land Use Planning Policy**
- f. **Corporate Services - Energy Conservation Demand Management 5-yr. Plan**
- g. **Government Relations - Investment in Local Services**
- h. **Office of the CAO - Indigenous Reconciliation Framework and Saugeen Anishnaabek Reconciliation Pathway and Action Plan**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Transportation & Environmental Services - Grey Transit Route 5 - Memorandum of Understanding**

Resolution # C-2024-096

Moved by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Council authorize the Clerk and Warden to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Grey and the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula for the Sauble Beach extension of Grey Transit Route #5 between May to September 2024; and

Council authorize the Clerk and Warden to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Grey and the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula for the operation of Grey Transit Route #5 between Owen Sound and Wiarton until the end of 2024.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

a. Request for Ontario Ministry of Health to Pause Service Level Reductions

Resolution # C-2024-097

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

Whereas the Counties of Bruce Grey and Huron, within the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, are primarily rural communities with a collective population of less than 250,000 supplying 30% of Ontario’s electricity and contributing more than \$4 billion annually to Ontario’s GDP.

And whereas, our region is relied upon to contribute to the pressing electrification of Canadian society through major energy investments, including Bruce Power’s Major Component Replacement; and other large-scale initiatives under consideration such as 4800 megawatts in new nuclear electricity generation; a nuclear waste deep geological repository; a pumped storage facility; and a large-scale battery storage facility.

And whereas, a significant proportion of the world’s supply of medical isotopes (used to sterilize equipment and treat cancer) are produced by Bruce Power, in our region.

And whereas, our local health care systems are struggling with limited resources that impact service levels, emergency room closures, access to primary care, and the sustainability of our systems.

And whereas, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association has called for a new approach to resourcing rural health care to ensure its sustainability, through their “Fill the Gap Closer to Home” proposal.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Bruce calls upon the Ontario Ministry of Health to implement an immediate pause on all planned and future service level reductions and closures at hospitals within the Bruce, Grey Huron region.

And that, this pause remain in effect until detailed studies can be undertaken to understand how we can safeguard our healthcare system and broader social safety net, to ensure the success of our region while supporting nationally significant projects.

And that, Council directs this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Bruce, Grey and Huron, local MPs and MPPs, and to the Prime Minister, Premier of Ontario, and the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.

Carried

12. By-laws

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

a. Saugeen Shores Resolution - Funding for Cemetery Preservation, Repair and Maintenance

Resolution # C-2024-098

Moved by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the resolution from Saugeen Shores regarding funding for cemetery preservation, repair and maintenance, be endorsed.

Carried

b. Provincial Ministry letter regarding Agricultural Impact Assessments for Independent Electricity Systems

14. Closed Session

Council moved into a Closed Session meeting at 10:14 a.m.

a. Section 239(2) (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

b. Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations

- Labour Relations Update

c. Approval of Minutes - June 6, 2024

Resolution # C-2024-099

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That Council proceed to a Closed Session Meeting, in accordance with the following section(s) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended:

- Section 239(2) (e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
Planning - Legal Matter
- Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations
Labour Relations Update
- Approval of Minutes - June 6, 2024

Carried

15. Report from Closed Session

Council arose to the Open Session meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The Warden reported that Council received an update on a Planning Legal Matter from the Director of Planning and Development, and a Labour Relations Update from the Director of Long-Term Care and Senior Services and the Director of Human Resources. Council also approved the June 6, 2024 Closed Minutes in closed session.

The following motion was adopted in Open Session:

Resolution # C-2024-100

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That the Director of Long Term Care and Senior Services and the Director of Human Resources be authorized to implement the

staffing increase recommendations to support the 4 hours of care per resident and allied health professional services for 2024-2025.

Carried

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

a. By-law 2024-034 - Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # C-2024-101

Moved by Councillor Steve Hammell

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2024-034, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held on the 20th day of June, 2024.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution # C-2024-102

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 10:47 a.m.

Carried

Chris Peabody, Warden

Linda White, Clerk