



Bruce County Council Minutes

Date: July 4, 2024

Location: Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present	Chris Peabody, Warden	Steve Hammell, Councillor
	Luke Charbonneau, Deputy Warden	Jay Kirkland, Councillor
	Kenneth Craig, Councillor	Milt McIver, Councillor
	Mark Goetz, Councillor	Don Murray, Councillor
Staff	Christine MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer	Sam Dinsmore, Director of Corporate Services
	Sean Morphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer	Aaron Stauch, Director of Government Relations
	Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development	Jack Van Dorp, Director of Planning and Development
	Megan Garland, Director of Long-Term Care and Senior Services	Jeff Loney, Manager of Economic Development
	Michael Kirkpatrick, Director of Information Technology Services	Emily Kussmann, Administrator, Brucelea Haven
	Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum & Cultural Services	Lynn Hatten, Deputy Treasurer
	Brooke McLean, Director of Library Services	Tania Dickson, Housing Services Manager
	Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services	Monica Walker Bolton, Manager of Land Use Planning
	Jenn Robinson, Director of Human Resources	Jennifer Burnett, Senior Planner
	Steve Schaus, Director and Chief of Paramedic Services	Benita Russo, Planner
	Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services	Andrew Beumer, Environmental Services Manager
		Jennifer Smith, Manager of Purchasing
		Bill Hayes, Operations Manager
		Linda White, Clerk
		Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk

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-2024-103

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That the minutes of the June 20, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Public Meeting

a. County Official Plan Amendment – C-2024-001 (Dales)

The Chair opened the Public Meeting for the Bruce County Official Plan Amendment C-2024-001 and Benito Russo, Planner presented the planning report. The Planner's

report recommended the amendment not be approved as it is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

In response to a question from a council member, Mr. Benito confirmed that the Teeswater River existed in 2019 when the surplus farm dwelling was created but the legal description included the entire retained lands. The legal description has since been updated to reflect the natural severance created by the river.

Dana Keiffer, Planner for the Applicant spoke in support of the application and provided the following summary of her professional opinion:

- a) The provincial policy that prohibits residential farm dwellings after a surplus farm dwelling severance is granted is not intended to extend across property boundaries to limit construction of residential buildings on adjacent separate parcels.
- b) The provincial policy is being met because the zoning restrictions are remaining on the retained lands south of the river, which are the lands subject to the 2019 application.
- c) The decision to place the zoning restriction across the entire lands was based on incomplete information. It is appropriate to review this application based on the new information and the fact that the restrictions of the surplus farm dwelling severance are being satisfied as the restrictions will remain on the lands located south of the river.

No members of the public spoke to the application.

Comments from the Members of Council included:

- The restrictions were applied across both of the separate properties through inadvertence as it was unknown there were two separate properties at the time of the surplus farm dwelling application. This is a unique situation. It seems reasonable to look at the property with the new information in mind and approve the application.
- Sterilizing the land through surplus farm dwelling severances results in less residential dwellings in areas that could actually benefit from more homes to support the school system etc.
- The Municipality of Brockton CBO had been consulted and he did not believe the Minimum Separation Distance would be a factor based on the distance to neighbouring barns.

Resolution # C-2024-104

Moved by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Craig

That Council approve County Official Plan Amendment C-2024-001.

Carried

b. County Official Plan Amendment - C-2024-002 (Naves)

The Chair opened the Public Meeting for the Bruce County Official Plan Amendment C-2024-002 and Jennifer Burnett, Senior Planner, presented the planning report. The Planner's report recommended the amendment be approved as it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

Don Scott, Planner for the Applicant spoke in support of the application and provided the following summary of his professional opinion:

a) There were no policy conflicts and he supports the staff recommendation

No members of the public spoke to the application.

In response to a question from a member of Council, Ms. Burnett confirmed that details of the application were circulated in accordance with the notice requirements set out in the Planning Act, which includes registered landowners within 120 metres of the property and required agencies, but does not include customers of the campground.

A member of Council asked if a requirement to provide a physical barrier such as a screen or fence between the business and the campground could be imposed on the owner. Ms. Burnett noted that the local municipality can enforce a requirement for screening or other type of separation through the site plan control process, if desired.

Resolution # C-2024-105

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That Official Plan Amendment Application C-2024-002 for lands described as Con 23 PT Lot 21 (Amabel) in the Township of South Bruce Peninsula be approved; and

That staff be authorized to approve Town of South Bruce Peninsula Official Plan Amendment Application L-2024-004 if it is adopted by the Council of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

Carried

8. Delegations

9. Reports - for Information

The following reports were presented for information:

- a. **Community Development Office - Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership (GBLIP) Year Four Review**
- b. **Community Development Office - Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership Immigrant Survey 2023**
- c. **Human Services - Housing and Homelessness Plan 2023 Progress Report**
- d. **Human Services - Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care System Funding Amendment**
- e. **Human Services - 2023 Child Care and Early Years Waypoint**
- f. **Museum - Information Report - July 2024**
- g. **Museum - Archives Q2 2024 Information Report**
- h. **Transportation & Environmental Services - Bruce County Waste Management Plan Information Update**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Community Development Office - Rural Economic Development Program Funding Application**

Resolution # C-2024-106

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That Council authorize the Warden and Clerk to enter into a Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund Contribution Agreement (CA) with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Rural Affairs; and

That Council authorize use of the Economic Development – Departmental Reserve of \$29,000 in 2024 as the County Contribution to the project.

Carried

**b. Community Development Office - Bruce County Housing Action Plan
Resolution # C-2024-107**

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the Bruce County Housing Action Plan - 2024-2026 be endorsed.

Carried

**c. Corporate Services - Purchasing Policy Update
Resolution # C-2024-108**

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

That the Purchasing Policy be amended to reflect referenced changes; and,

That By-law 2021-033 be repealed.

Carried

**d. Long Term Care - Donation Funds Utilization
Resolution # C-2024-109**

Moved by Councillor Steve Hammell

Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That the use of funds from the Gordon Henry Amrell Trust to create, design and install murals for six dining rooms, one activity room, one hallway and one ceiling, up to a total maximum amount of \$70,000, be approved.

Carried

e. Long Term Care - Four Hours of Care 2024

Resolution # C-2024-110

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the total number of new annual Social Worker hours be increased to 910 hours for Bruce Lea Haven and Gateway Haven respectively, be approved.

Carried

f. Planning & Development - Bill 185 Update and Action

Resolution # C-2024-111

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That an amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law be introduced to include a Resubmission Application Fee for incomplete planning applications where pre-submission consultation has not occurred; and

That an update to the Development Charges By-law be prepared in respect of recoverable costs of studies; and

That this report be circulated to local municipalities for information.

Carried

g. Transportation & Environmental Services - Used Spray Patcher Purchase With Reserve

Resolution # C-2024-112

Moved by Councillor Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the Transportation and Environmental Services budget be amended to include funding for a used spray patcher truck in the amount up to \$75,000 plus HST, to be funded from the Fleet Capital Reserve.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

12. By-laws

Resolution # C-2024-113

Moved by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the following by-laws be approved:

By-law 2024-035

Being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund - Affordable Housing Program
- Creation of New Units Reserve Fund

By-law 2024-036

Being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund - Affordable Housing Program
- New Home Owners Program Reserve Fund

By-law 2024-037

Being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund - Museum Expansion Reserve Fund

By-law 2024-038

Being a by-law to authorize the Annual Surplus Transfers to Reserves

By-law 2024-039

Being a by-law to regulate Off-Road Vehicles and Snowmobiles on County Roads

By-law 2024-040

Being a by-law to adopt Amendment Number C-2024-002 to the County of Bruce Official Plan

Carried

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

- a. Grey Bruce Board of Health - June Meeting Agenda & Previous Minutes**
- b. Bruce County Public Library Board Minutes May 22, 2024**

14. Closed Session

15. Report from Closed Session

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution # C-2024-114

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2024-041, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held on the 4th day of July, 2024.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution # C-2024-115

Moved by Councillor Don Murray

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

Carried

Chris Peabody, Warden

Linda White, Clerk