



Bruce County Council Minutes

Date: October 17, 2024

Location: Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present	Chris Peabody, Warden Luke Charbonneau, Deputy Warden (Chair) Kenneth Craig, Councillor	Steve Hammell, Councillor Jay Kirkland, Councillor Milt McIver, Councillor Don Murray, Councillor
Regrets	Mark Goetz, Councillor	
Staff	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 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 Sam Dinsmore, Director of Corporate Services Keith Hillman, Information Security Analyst Linda White, Clerk Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk

Also Present Al Leach

1. Call to Order

The meeting of Bruce County Council was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 9:32 a.m.

The minutes were recorded by the Deputy Clerk.

2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments to Agenda

At the request of Warden Peabody, Council agreed to consider Item 11. a. (Notice of Motion) together with Item 9. b. (Information Report re Municipal Support Resolution for CANDU Reactors).

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Public Notice

5. Announcements

6. Adoption of Minutes

October 3, 2024

Resolution # C-2024-162

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the minutes of the October 3, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Public Meeting

8. Delegations

a. Al Leach, Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village

Request for Funding

Deputy Warden Charbonneau requested that the report be referred to staff to review the funding request.

9. Reports - for Information

The following reports are presented for information:

a. Museum - Archives Q3 Information Report - October 2024

b. Community Development Office - Municipal Support Resolution for CANDU Reactors

Item 11. a. was considered together with Item. 9 b.

The motion, notice of which was provided at the October 3, 2024 Council meeting, was moved and seconded by Warden Peabody and Deputy Warden Charbonneau. Councillor Murray requested that the motion be amended to include reference to the proposed Deep Geological Repository (DGR) project with respect to the type of used nuclear fuel product that the DGR is currently being designed to accept. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Craig and was accepted by Warden Peabody and Deputy Warden Charbonneau.

The motion, as amended, was considered:

Resolution # C-2024-163

Moved by Warden Chris Peabody

Seconded by Deputy Warden Luke Charbonneau

WHEREAS CANDU nuclear reactors have provided decades of reliable, safe, and clean energy, contributing significantly to Ontario's energy grid while reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS CANDU is the only commercial reactor to produce medical isotopes, stabilizing the world's supply for much needed life saving isotopes; and

WHEREAS the continued operation and investment in CANDU reactors represent a critical pillar of Ontario's energy strategy, ensuring a stable, low-carbon source of electricity to meet both current and future energy demands; and

WHEREAS Bruce County is home to the largest operating CANDU facility in Canada, which generates significant economic benefits through employment, supplier contracts, and infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS CANDU technology, developed in Canada, remains a leading example of national innovation, energy independence, use of Canadian uranium, and the potential for global export of expertise and technology; and

WHEREAS the long-term operation of the CANDU fleet in Bruce County aligns with Ontario's commitment to a clean energy future and further supports economic resilience through the province's investments in energy innovation and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, to date, NWMO has largely built their assumptions around storing existing spent nuclear fuel from CANDU reactors that utilize natural uranium as their nuclear fuel;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bruce County Council formally recognize the strategic importance of the CANDU nuclear reactors as a cornerstone of Ontario's energy strategy, contributing to energy security and economic development; and

That Bruce County Council express its support for the continued operation, refurbishment, and expansion of the CANDU fleet in Bruce County and across Ontario; and

That this resolution be circulated to all local municipalities within Bruce County, neighbouring counties, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Rural Affairs and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister of Natural Resources for their consideration and support.

Carried

c. Community Development Office - Update on Bruce County Transit Initiatives in 2024

10. Reports - for Direction

a. Paramedic Services - 2025 Canadian Triage Acuity Scale Response Time Performance Plan

Resolution # C-2024-164

Moved by Councillor Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the 2025 Canadian Triage Acuity Scale (CTAS) Response Time Performance Plan Report be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Health on or before October 31, 2024.

Carried

b. Museum - Archives Deaccession Report October 2024

Resolution # C-2024-165

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the items listed in Attachment 1, “Archival Items Recommended for Deaccession October 2024”, be approved for deaccession from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre’s collection.

Carried

c. Human Services - Canada Ontario Priority Housing Initiative and Ontario Priority Housing Initiative Project Funding Agreements 2024 2025

Resolution # C-2024-166

Moved by Councillor Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Craig

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 Canada Ontario Community 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 for the Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative’s repair component.

Carried

d. Community Development Office - Response to South Bruce Peninsula Resolution

Resolution # C-2024-167

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That Council direct the Clerk to circulate this report to each local Council in Bruce County for information.

Carried

e. Paramedic Services - Owen Sound Police Service PPSAP Service Contract 2025-2029

Resolution # C-2024-168

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That a by-law be introduced to authorize an agreement with Owen Sound Police Services for the provision of being the Primary Public Safety Answering Point for Bruce County 9-1-1 Service.

Carried

f. Community Development Office - Smart Commute Association Memorandum of Understanding - RideShare Program

Resolution # C-2024-169

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Don Murray

That Council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign and enter into the memorandum of understanding between the County of Bruce and the Smart Communities Association.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

a. Motion - Support for Continued Operation and Investment in CANDU Reactors in Ontario

This item was considered under Item 9.b.

12. By-laws

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

- a. **Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - March 28, 2024**
- b. **County of Brant - Southwest Community Transit funding**
- c. **Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness - International Agri-Food Workers Welcoming Communities Initiative Announcement**
- d. **Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) - Support for Blue Box Program Extended Producer Responsibility for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector**

Resolution # C-2024-170

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That staff be directed to circulate a copy of the communication item from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus to the lower-tier municipalities in Bruce County.

Carried

14. Closed Session

15. Report from Closed Session

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

By-law 2024-059

Resolution # C-2024-171

Moved by Councillor Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2024-059, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 17th day of October, 2024.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution # C-2024-172

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 10:38 a.m.

Carried

Luke Charbonneau, Deputy Warden

Linda White, Clerk