



## Bruce County Council Minutes

**Date: January 9, 2025**

**Location: Council Chambers**

**County Administration Centre, Walkerton**

Present	Luke Charbonneau, Warden Don Murray, Deputy Warden Kenneth Craig, Councillor Mark Goetz, Councillor	Steve Hammell, Councillor Jay Kirkland, Councillor Milt McIver, Councillor Chris Peabody, Councillor
Staff	Christine MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer Sean Morphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development Sam Dinsmore, Director of Corporate Services Megan Garland, Director of Long- Term Care and Senior Services Jaron Kerr, Director of Information and Technology 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 Jennifer Smith, Manager of Purchasing Lynn Hatten, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Loney, Manager of Economic Development Linda White, Clerk Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of Bruce County Council was called to order by Warden Charbonneau at 9:30 a.m.

The minutes were recorded by the Deputy Clerk.

**2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments to Agenda**

Council confirmed by consensus that Item 9. d. - Appointment to Grey Bruce Board of Health, would be considered following the Closed Session.

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**4. Public Notice**

**5. Announcements**

**6. Adoption of Minutes**

December 19, 2024

**Resolution # BCC-2025-001**

**Moved by** Councillor Kenneth Craig

**Seconded by** Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the minutes of the December 19, 2024 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

**7. Public Meeting**

**8. Delegations**

**a. Brittany Morrison and Mario De Agüero**

Tara Battery Energy Storage System Project Update was provided for information.

**9. Reports - for Information**

The following reports were presented for information:

- a. **Corporate Services - Summary of Awarded Tenders - Q3 and Q4 2024**
- b. **Corporate Services - Summary of Purchasing Policy Suspension Approvals Q3 and Q4 2024**
- c. **Long Term Care - Age Friendly Committee Update**
- d. **Office of the CAO - Appointment to Grey Bruce Board of Health**  
This item was considered following Item 15 - Report from Closed Session
- e. **Transportation & Environmental Services - Rural Recharge EV Charging Update - MTO Funding**

**10. Reports - for Direction**

- a. **Office of the CAO - 2025 Fees and Charges**

**Resolution # BCC-2025-002**

**Moved by** Councillor Jay Kirkland

**Seconded by** Deputy Warden Don Murray

That a by-law be passed to adopt the Fees and Charges for 2025, as presented.

**Carried**

- b. **Corporate Services - 2025 Budget Update**

**Resolution # BCC-2025-003**

**Moved by** Councillor Milt McIver

**Seconded by** Councillor Steve Hammell

That Council approve the 2025 Budget with a 4.92% tax levy increase;

That Council direct staff to bring forward the 2025 Budget by-law to the January 23, 2025, Council meeting.

**Carried**

**11. Motions and Notice of Motions**

**12. By-laws**

By-laws 2025-001 and 2025-002

**Resolution # BCC-2025-004**

**Moved by** Councillor Mark Goetz

**Seconded by** Councillor Chris Peabody

That the following by-laws be approved:

**By-law 2025-001**, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing of money to meet the current expenditures for the year 2025; and

**By-law 2025-002**, being a by-law to establish fees and charges for the Corporation of the County of Bruce.

**Carried**

**13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)**

**a. South Bruce Peninsula - Proposed Bruce County Official Plan process**

**Direction to staff:** return to Council with a report to address the concerns noted in the letter from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula regarding the proposed Bruce County Official Plan process.

**Direction to staff:** for any items of correspondence received from lower-tier councils with respect to the Proposed Bruce County Official Plan process, that staff provide a report to Council to address the concerns of each municipality individually addressing the comments or concerns raised by the lower-tier.

**b. Municipality of Brockton - Support Resolution regarding Candu Reactors**

**c. Huron County - Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Funding Shortfall**

**d. Municipality of Kincardine - Property Tax Assessment Review of Nuclear Generation Facilities**

**Resolution # BCC-2025-005**

**Moved by** Councillor Kenneth Craig

**Seconded by** Deputy Warden Don Murray

That County Council support the Municipality of Kincardine's resolution.

**Carried**

**14. Closed Session**

Council moved into a Closed Session meeting at 10:51 a.m.

**a. Appointments of Board Members to the Grey Bruce Board of Health**

**b. Approval of Minutes - September 19, 2024**

**Resolution # BCC-2025-006**

**Moved by** Councillor Mark Goetz

**Seconded by** Councillor Milt McIver

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)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and

Section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose to discuss:

a. Appointments of Board Members to the Grey Bruce Board of Health

b. Approval of Minutes - September 19, 2024

**Carried**

**15. Report from Closed Session**

Council arose to the Open Session at 11:28 a.m.

The Warden reported that Council received information regarding appointments to the Grey Bruce Board of Public Health, and that Council approved the September 19, 2024 Closed Minutes in closed session.

The following motion was adopted in Open Session:

**Resolution # BCC-2025-007**

**Moved by** Councillor Mark Goetz

**Seconded by** Councillor Milt McIver

That Councillor Kenneth Craig, Councillor Jay Kirkland and Deputy Warden Don Murray be appointed to the Grey Bruce Board of Health for the 2025-2026 term.

**Carried**

Item 9. d. - Appointment to Grey Bruce Board of Health, was considered.

**16. Confirmation of Proceedings**

By-law 2025-003

**Resolution # BCC-2025-008**

**Moved by** Councillor Steve Hammell

**Seconded by** Councillor Chris Peabody

That the following by-law be approved:

**By-law 2025-003**, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 9th day of January, 2025.

**Carried**

**17. Adjournment**

**Resolution # BCC-2025-009**

**Moved by** Deputy Warden Don Murray

**Seconded by** Councillor Mark Goetz

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

**Carried**

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Luke Charbonneau, Warden

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Linda White, Clerk