



Bruce County Council Minutes

Date: February 6, 2025

Location: Electronic (Remote) Meeting

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 Benito Russo, Planner Wendy Woods, Business & Human Services Integration Manager Gillian Andrews, Children's Services Manager Linda White, Clerk Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting of Bruce County Council was called to order by the Warden 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

January 23, 2025

Resolution # BCC-2025-018

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the minutes of the January 23, 2025 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 - 2024 Child Activity Assistance Program Outcomes**
- b. **Human Services - 2024 Dorrell Young Christmas Program Results**
- c. **Human Services - Q4 Licensed Child Care and Early Years Report**
- d. **Museum - Information Report - February 2025**
- e. **Transportation & Environmental Services - Durham Street Bridge - Phase 1 Immediate Repairs Update**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Planning & Development - Consent to Sever B-2024-096 (Geene)**

The recommendation outlined in the staff report was considered:

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the surplus farm dwelling severance B-2024-096, be approved with an area of +/- 1.60 hectare, and the Director/Manager be authorized to sign the Decision Sheet.

Amendment:

Moved by Deputy Warden Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the motion be amended to strike +/- 1.60 hectare and replace it with +/- 3.86 hectares.

Carried

Motion as Amended:

Resolution # BCC-2025-019

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the surplus farm dwelling severance B-2024-096, be approved with an area of +/- 3.86 hectares, and the Director/Manager be authorized to sign the Decision Sheet.

Carried

b. Corporate Services - Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Funding Request

The recommendation outlined in the staff report was considered:

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That Bruce County provide funding to the Municipality of Brockton on an annual basis to fund costs related to Court Security and Prisoner Transfer that are not covered by provincial funding, as

outlined in Option 2 of the Staff Report # CS-2025-005 dated February 6, 2025; and

That the 2025 costs be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

Amendment:

Moved by Deputy Warden Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the motion be amended as follows:

-strike "on an annual basis" and replace with "for 2025"; and

-strike "as outlined in Option 2 of the Staff Report #CS-2025-005 dated February 6, 2025" and replace with "in the amount of 50% of actual costs that are not covered by provincial funding"; and

-add "That funding for future years be deferred to the 2026 budget deliberations".

Carried

Motion as Amended:

Resolution # BCC-2025-020

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That Bruce County provide funding to the Municipality of Brockton for 2025 to fund costs related to Court Security and Prisoner Transfer that are not covered by provincial funding, in the amount 50% of actual costs that are not covered by provincial funding; and

That the 2025 costs be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve; and

That funding for future years be deferred to the 2026 budget deliberations.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

12. By-laws

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

- a. **Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs; Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy**
- b. **Grey Bruce Public Health Board Minutes - December 20, 2024**
- c. **Bruce County Public Library Minutes - November 20, 2024**

14. Closed Session

15. Report from Closed Session

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution # BCC-2025-021

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That By-law 2025-006 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 6th day of February, 2025 be approved.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution # BCC-2025-022

Moved by Deputy Warden Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 10:28 a.m.

Carried

Luke Charbonneau, Warden

Linda White, Clerk