



Bruce County Council Minutes

Date: March 6, 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 Milt McIver, Councillor Chris Peabody, Councillor
Observer	Jay Kirkland, 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 Jaron Kerr, Director of Information and Technology Services Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum & Cultural 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 Emily Kussmann, Administrator, & Brucelea Haven 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 the Warden at 9:30 a.m.

The minutes were recorded by the Deputy Clerk.

2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments to Agenda

Deletions:

Agenda Items 8.a and 8.b Delegations

Additions:

Announcements: Jeff Loney, Economic Development Award

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Public Notice

5. Announcements

- a. Recognition of Jeff Loney – Recipient of the 2025 Economic Development 40 Under 40 Award**

6. Adoption of Minutes

February 20, 2025

Resolution # BCC-2025-031

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the minutes of the February 20, 2025 Council meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Public Meeting

8. Delegations

- a. **Cancelled: Dr. Kevin McKague, Friends of Historic Cargill**
Bruce County Business History Book Series - Bruce County Community Grant 2024
- b. **Cancelled: Lindsay Johnston, Executive Director, Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team**
Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team - Update
- c. **Bev Gateman - Community Development Coordinator, VON**
Ontario Student Nutrition Program

9. Reports - for Information

The following reports were presented for information:

- a. **Community Development Office - Bruce County Housing Action Plan – Q4-2024 Status Update**
- b. **Community Development Office - Economic Development Annual Report - 2024**
- c. **Community Development Office - Spruce the Bruce - 2024 Results**
- d. **Corporate - Services 2024 Council Statement of Remuneration**
- e. **Government Relations - 2024 Q4 Business Plan Update**
- f. **Museum - Information Report - March 2025**
- g. **Paramedic Services - 2024 CTAS Performance Plan**
- h. **Planning and Development - Bruce County Official Plan Review - Saugeen Ojibway Nation Environment Office Comments**
- i. **Transportation & Environmental Services - Renewal of the Boundary Road Agreement with Grey County**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Museum - Collections Deaccession Report - March 2025**

Resolution # BCC-2025-032

Moved by Councillor Chris Peabody

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the items listed in the “Collections Deaccession Report – March 2025” be approved for deaccession from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre’s collection.

Carried

b. Office of the CAO - Municipal Request to Consider Accessibility Coordinator Position

Resolution # BCC-2025-033

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That the letters of March 6, 2025, as presented, be forwarded to the Bruce County lower-tier municipalities in response to the requests to consider a County Accessibility Coordinator position.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

a. Motion - Request for Report on Tax Increment Equivalent Funding

Resolution # BCC-2025-034

Moved by Councillor Chris Peabody

Seconded by Warden Luke Charbonneau

Whereas the County of Bruce is committed to addressing the urgent need for affordable housing across the region;

Whereas lower-tier municipalities within the County of Bruce are considering Tax Increment Equivalent Funding as a financial tool to incentivize the development of affordable housing;

Now Be It Resolved that Council directs staff to report to Council with recommendations that would enable County participation in Tax Increment Equivalent Funding programs for affordable housing that are offered through lower-tier Community Improvement Plans.

Carried

12. By-laws

By-laws 2025-008, 2025-009, 2025-010, 2025-011, 2025-012, 2025-013, 2025-014 and 2025-015

Resolution # BCC-2025-035

Moved by Deputy Warden Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the following by-laws approved:

By-laws 2025-008 to 2025-015 inclusive, being by-laws to authorize the execution of Municipal Planning Services Agreements with the eight lower tier municipalities of Bruce County.

Carried

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

a. Bruce County Public Library Board Minutes - December 18, 2024

14. Closed Session

Council moved into a Closed Session meeting at 10:39 a.m.

a. Partnership Agreement with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

b. Minutes of January 9, 2025

Resolution # BCC-2025-036

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations on behalf of the municipality or local board to discuss:

- a. Partnership Agreement with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- b. Minutes of January 9, 2025

Carried

15. Report from Closed Session

Council arose to the Open session at 10:57 a.m.

The Warden reported that Council gave direction to staff regarding the Partnership Agreement with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, and that Council approved the January 9, 2025 Closed Minutes in closed session.

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

By-law 2025-016

Resolution # BCC-2025-037

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2025-016, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 6th day of March 2025.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution # BCC-2025-038

Moved by Deputy Warden Don Murray

Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Craig

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 10:59 a.m.

Carried

Luke Charbonneau, Warden

Linda White, Clerk