



## **Bruce County Council Minutes**

**Date: March 6, 2025**

**Location: Council Chambers**

**County Administration Centre, Walkerton**

Present	Luke Charbonneau, Warden	Steve Hammell, Councillor
	Don Murray, Deputy Warden	Milt McIver, Councillor
	Kenneth Craig, Councillor	Chris Peabody, Councillor
	Mark Goetz, Councillor	
Observer	Jay Kirkland, Councillor	
Staff	Christine MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer	Steve Schaus, Director and Chief of Paramedic Services
	Sean Morphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer	Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services
	Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development	Aaron Stauch, Director of Government Relations
	Sam Dinsmore, Director of Corporate Services	Jack Van Dorp, Director of Planning and Development
	Jaron Kerr, Director of Information and Technology Services	Emily Kussmann, Administrator, Brucelea Haven
	Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum & Cultural Services	Jeff Loney, Manager of Economic Development
	Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services	Linda White, Clerk
	Jenn Robinson, Director of Human Resources	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**

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Luke Charbonneau, Warden

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Linda White, Clerk