



Bruce County Council Minutes

Date: April 3, 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 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 Joanna Griffith, Assistant Director, Library Services Emily Kussmann, Administrator, Brucelea Haven Jeffrey Loney, Manager of Economic Development Andrew Beumer, Environmental Services Manager Fallon Weber, Financial Manager Linda White, Clerk Julie Ireland, Deputy Clerk
Also Present	Shannon McGavin	John Peevers

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

March 20, 2025

Resolution # BCC-2025-049

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

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

Carried

7. Public Meeting

8. Delegations

a. Shannon McGavin, The Well Community Collective

Youth Wellness Hubs

9. Reports - for Information

The following reports were presented for information:

a. Museum - Information Report - April 2025

b. Transportation & Environmental Services - Durham Street Bridge Flooding Impacts on Construction

- c. **Transportation & Environmental Services - Blue Box Transition Planning and Source Separated Organics**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Corporate Services - 2024 and 2025 Development Charge Reserve Fund Utilization**

Resolution # BCC-2025-050

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Deputy Warden Don Murray

That the 2024 budget be amended to include the use of Development Charges Obligatory Reserve Fund in the amount of \$447,348, as outlined in Chart 1, and

That the 2025 budget be amended to include the use of Development Charges Obligatory Reserve Fund in the amount of \$796,871, as outlined in Chart 2.

Carried

- b. **Corporate Services - 2024 Financial Statements – Unaudited Results**

Resolution # BCC-2025-051

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That \$2,000,000 be transferred to the Affordable Housing Program – Creation of New Units reserve; and,

That \$825,000 be transferred to the Museum Facilities Reserve; and,

That the remainder of the 2024 surplus funds be allocated to the Tax Stabilization Reserve as per existing policy.

Carried

- c. **Community Development Office - County Participation in Tax Increment Equivalent Funding Incentives**

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Craig

That Council direct staff to engage local municipalities within Bruce County to review and update their Community Improvement Plans, as needed, to enable County participation in a Tax Increment Equivalent Funding program; and

That staff develop a program for the County's participation in Tax Increment Equivalent Funding specifically to support affordable housing for consideration by Council.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Chris Peabody

Seconded by Deputy Warden Don Murray

That the motion be amended to add:

That staff be directed to consider the correspondence from the Municipality of Brockton, dated March 20, 2025, requesting the County support a TIEF agreement for WT Lands LP in advance of developing a County TIEF Affordable Housing Program, based on the authority outlined in the Official Plan and Planning Act to support the ongoing need for housing units and alignment within the County Housing Action Plan.

Carried

Motion as Amended:

Resolution # BCC-2025-052

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Craig

That Council direct staff to engage local municipalities within Bruce County to review and update their Community Improvement Plans, as needed, to enable County participation in a Tax Increment Equivalent Funding program; and

That staff develop a program for the County's participation in Tax Increment Equivalent Funding specifically to support affordable housing for consideration by Council; and

That staff be directed to consider the correspondence from the Municipality of Brockton, dated March 20, 2025, requesting the County support a TIEF agreement for WT Lands LP in advance of developing a County TIEF Affordable Housing Program, based on the authority outlined in the Official Plan and Planning Act to support the ongoing need for housing units and alignment within the County Housing Action Plan.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

12. By-laws

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

- a. Grey Bruce Board of Health Minutes of December 20th and Draft Minutes of January 24 and February 12 2025**
- b. Bruce County Public Library Board Minutes - February 19, 2025**
- c. Municipality of Brockton-Tax Increment Equivalent Funding**

14. Closed Session

Council proceeded to a Closed Session meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Resolution # BCC-2025-053

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That Council proceed to a Closed Session Meeting, in accordance with Section 239(3.1) of the Municipal Act for the purpose of educating or training the Members on the following:

- a. Planning Act Training.**

Carried

15. Report from Closed Session

Councillor Hammell left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Council arose to the Open Session at 11:42 a.m.

The Warden reported that Council received training on the Planning Act in closed session.

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

By-law 2025-019

Resolution # BCC-2025-054

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2025-019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 3rd day of April, 2025.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution # BCC-2025-055

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Chris Peabody

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 11:44 a.m.

Carried

Luke Charbonneau, Warden

Linda White, Clerk