



Bruce County Council Minutes

Date: June 5, 2025

Location: Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

Present	Luke Charbonneau, Warden	Steve Hammell, Councillor
	Don Murray, Deputy Warden	Jay Kirkland, Councillor
	Kenneth Craig, Councillor	Milt McIver, Councillor
	Mark Goetz, Councillor	Chris Peabody, Councillor
Staff	Christine MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer	Aaron Stauch, Director of Government Relations
	Sean Morphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer	Jack Van Dorp, Director of Planning and Development
	Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development	Emily Kussmann, Director, Long-Term Care and Senior Services
	Cathy McGirr, Director of Museum & Cultural Services	Gillian Andrews, Children's Services Manager
	Brooke McLean, Director of Library Services	Brad Jackson, Commander of Community Paramedicine
	Tina Metcalfe, Director of Human Services	Fallon Weber, Financial Manager
	Jenn Robinson, Director of Human Resources	Lynn Hatten, Deputy Treasurer
	Steve Schaus, Director and Chief of Paramedic Services	Carley Donaldson, Corporate Communications Specialist
	Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services	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

Warden Charbonneau expressed sorrow and support for the community on behalf of Bruce County following the loss of four students and an educator from Walkerton District Community School on May 23 in an automobile accident, in addition to several other tragic accidents in recent weeks that have taken the lives of local residents.

5. Announcements

a. Recognition of Christine MacDonald - Recipient of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) Long Service Recognition Award

Warden Charbonneau presented Christine MacDonald, CAO, with a Long Service Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) in recognition of 20 years as a municipal administrator.

b. Director of Long-Term Care and Senior Services Appointment

CAO Christine MacDonald introduced Emily Kussmann as the new Director of Long-Term Care and Senior Services. She started in the role on May 26, 2025.

c. Director of Government Relations Resignation

Aaron Stauch, Director of Government Relations has accepted a position with another organization and his last day is June 5. Warden Charbonneau thanked Director Stauch for his work and leadership at the County.

6. Adoption of Minutes

May 15, 2025

Resolution # C-2025-073

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the minutes of the May 15, 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. **Corporate Services - Reserve and Reserve Fund Analysis 2024 Actual and 2025 Projection**
- b. **Government Relations - Investment in Local Communities**
- c. **Government Relations - Strategic Plan - 2025 Quarter 1 Update**
- d. **Human Resources - OPSEU Local 250 Interest Arbitration Award**
- e. **Human Services - Bruce County Child Care and Early Learning Directed Growth Plan 2025 Update**
- f. **Museum - Information Report - June 2025**
- g. **Paramedic Services - Community Paramedicine Update June 2025**

10. Reports - for Direction

- a. **Government Relations - Priority Update**

Resolution # C-2025-074

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Deputy Warden Don Murray

That Council endorses the priorities identified in this report as part of the ongoing Government Relations policy agenda.

Carried

b. Planning and Development - Proposed Bill 17 Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025

Resolution # C-2025-075

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That staff be directed to submit the comments in pages 2-8 of this report (Report PD-2025-011) to the Province through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and Regulatory Registry of Ontario; and

That the Clerk circulate a copy of this report to local municipalities in Bruce County as correspondence.

Carried

11. Motions and Notice of Motions

12. By-laws

By-law 2025-026

Resolution # C-2025-076

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Craig

Seconded by Deputy Warden Don Murray

That the following by-laws be approved:

By-law 2025-026, being a by-law to establish an Additional Residential Unit Revolving Reserve Fund.

Carried

13. Communications (including Minutes of Boards & Committees)

- a. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) - Annual Reports**
- b. Municipality of Kincardine - Bill 5 Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025**
- c. Municipality of Kincardine - Support for County Waste Management Sub-Committee's leadership on feasibility of organics program**
- d. Resolutions of Support - Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs**
 - Municipality of Grey Highlands
 - Township of Chisholm
 - Municipality of Magnetawan
- e. Grey Bruce Public Health Board - Minutes April 25, 2025**

14. Closed Session

Resolution # C-2025-077

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Jay Kirkland

That Council proceed to a Closed Session Meeting, in accordance with the following sections of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; and Section 239(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiation carried on by the municipality, to discuss the following:

- a. Labour Relations Update**
- b. Collective Bargaining Mandate - UNIFOR Local 2458**
- c. Information Technology Service Agreement**

d. **Minutes of March 20, 2025**

e. **Minutes of April 3, 2025**

Carried

15. Report from Closed Session

Council arose to Open Session at 11:24 a.m.

Warden Charbonneau reported that Council received information on a labour relations update and on an Information Technology Services Agreement; Council gave direction on the Collective Bargaining Mandate for UNIFOR Local 2458; and that Council approved the minutes of the March 20, 2025 and April 3, 2025 Closed Minutes in Closed Session.

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution # C-2025-078

Moved by Councillor Mark Goetz

Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That the following by-law be approved:

By-law 2025-027, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 5th day of June, 2025.

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution # C-2025-079

Moved by Councillor Chris Peabody

Seconded by Deputy Warden Don Murray

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 11:27 a.m.

Carried

Luke Charbonneau, Warden

Linda White, Clerk