1. **Call to Order**

The meeting of Bruce County Council was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. **Nominations for Warden**

The Clerk called for nominations for the Warden for 2020 and the following nominations were received:

Moved by Councillor Chris Peabody  
Seconded by Councillor Janice Jackson

That Councillor Anne Eadie be nominated for the position of Warden for 2020.
Moved by Councillor Milt McIver  
Seconded by Councillor Luke Charbonneau

That Councillor Mitch Twolan be nominated for the position of Warden for 2020.

3. **Election of Warden**

Both Candidates confirmed their willingness to accept the nomination. There being two nominations, the election proceeded. Ms. Tammy Grove-McClement, Partner of Grove-McClement and Fischer and solicitor for the County of Bruce acted as the Returning Officer for the election pursuant to Section 10.14 of the Procedural By-law. The County’s Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Ms. Bettyanne Cobean and Clerk, Ms. Donna Van Wyck acted as Scrutineers under Section 10.15.

Polls were declared open and the vote proceeded. When all ballots had been cast, polls were declared closed and the counting was conducted by the Returning Officer and the Scrutineers in closed quarters in order that the number of votes received by the candidates be kept secret. Tabulation of the ballots indicated that no candidate received a majority vote of the ballots cast and a second ballot was required. After the Second Ballot, when all ballots had been cast and tabulated, there was no candidate receiving the majority vote of the ballots cast and therefore a third ballot was required. When all ballots had been cast and tabulated for a third time and there was no candidate receiving the majority vote of the ballots cast, as per Section 10.12 of the Procedure By-law, that requires if an equality exists after two additional ballots, the successful candidate shall be determined by the Clerk placing the names on equal sized pieces of paper in a box and one name being drawn by the Clerk. That candidate shall be declared Warden. Under Ms. Grove-McClement’s direction, the names, on equal sized paper were placed in a box and the Clerk drew the name of Mr. Mitch Twolan and declared him duly elected Warden of the County of Bruce for 2020.

4. **Investiture of the Warden with Chain of Office**

The newly elected Warden was escorted to the chair by Councillors Milt McIver and Luke Charbonneau and was invested with the Chain of Office by the 2008 Warden, Milt McIver. The Warden’s pin was presented by the Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Bettyanne Cobean.
5. **Administering of the Oath of Office to Warden Twolan**

Ms. Tammy Grove-McClement, County Solicitor administered the Declaration of Office to Warden Mitch Twolan.

6. **Warden’s Remarks**

In his address, Warden Twolan indicated that it is a tremendous honour to have his council colleagues instill him with the responsibilities of Warden for another year. He commented on the many priorities for the coming year including remaining steadfast in addressing the challenges at Brucelea Haven as remaining at the top of his list. Other initiatives include advancing economic development by ensuring community readiness in support of Bruce Power’s Major Component Replacement plans, the expansion of nuclear suppliers locally, the Nuclear Innovation Institute, creating more affordable housing, transportation and needed infrastructure. He noted that Bruce County will be the Hydrogen Capital of Canada, further advancing our power-to-gas hydrogen partnership and project.

7. **Reception for Warden**

Council recessed for a reception at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

8. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

9. **Confirmation of Council Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Janice Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie  

That the minutes of the November 7, 2019 Council Session be adopted as circulated.  
Carried

10. **Committee of the Whole - Selection of Committee Chairs**

Moved by Councillor Luke Charbonneau  
Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle  

That we do now proceed into Committee of the Whole to determine Committee Chairs for 2020.  
Carried
11. **Rise and Report from Committee of the Whole**

*Moved by Councillor Milt McIver*

*Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell*

That the Committee rise and report from Committee of the Whole

Carried

*Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie*

*Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell*

That the following be appointed as Committee Chairs for 2020:

- **Executive, Corporate Services & Human Resources** - Warden Mitch Twolan
- **Long Term Care (Homes)** - Councillor Chris Peabody
- **Paramedic Services** - Councillor Janice Jackson
- **Human Services / Bruce County Housing Corporation** - Councillor Robert Buckle
- **Museum** - Councillor Steve Hammell
- **Planning and Development** - Councillor Anne Eadie
- **Transportation & Environmental Services** - Councillor Milt McIver; and

That the following be appointed:

- **Accessibility Advisory Committee** - Warden Mitch Twolan and Councillor Robert Buckle (Chair of Human Services)
- **Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy** - Councillor Steve Hammell and Councillor Robert Buckle
- **Nuclear Innovation Institute** - Warden Mitch Twolan

Carried

12. **Destroy the Ballots**

*Moved by Councillor Robert Buckle*

*Seconded by Councillor Luke Charbonneau*

That we do now authorize the Returning Officer to destroy the Ballots.

Carried
13. Communications

a. Township of Stirling Rawdon

Re: resolution supporting the Association of Municipalities of Ontario report entitled, "A Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs"

b. Grey Sauble Conservation

Re: resolution supporting the continuation of the programs and services of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA), both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs or services of GSCA be "wound down" at this time; and,

That the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs and services are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future; and,

That the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks utilize the Conservation Authorities Act regulations to ensure that all programs and projects of the Authority that are consistent with the Objects and Powers of an Authority be considered core programs.

c. Township of Ramara

Re: supporting the province's determination that the existing Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c/ C27 and its prescribed regulations require review; and

signaling the Ministry of the Environmental, Conservation and Parks of its willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same.

d. Town of Wasaga Beach

Re: Resolution requesting that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

1. Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the Current Conservation Authorities Act and its prescribed regulations

2. The costs of each as determined under (1)
3. Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and service(s)

4. the costs of each as determined under (3);

5. detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and

6. the costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association

e. Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Re: Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Future Opportunities

14. Delegations

a. Jessica Linthorne, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, Town of Saugeen Shores

Ms. Jessica Linthorne, Manager of the Strategic Initiatives for the Town of Saugeen Shores made a presentation on the Municipal Innovation Council.

15. Reports from Staff

There were no reports from staff.

16. Inquiries and Announcements

There were no Inquiries and Announcements.

17. Minutes

Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie
Seconded by Councillor Janice Jackson

That the minutes of the following meetings be approved:

November 7, 2019

- Corporate Services Committee
- Executive Services Committee
• Homes Committee
• Human Resources Committee
• Human Services Committee
• Museum Committee

November 14, 2019
• Corporate Services Committee

November 21, 2019
• Executive Committee
• Planning and Development Committee
• Transportation and Environmental Services Committee

November 28, 2019
• Corporate Services Committee

Carried

18. Notice of Motion

There was no Notice of Motion.

19. Other Business

a. Closed Meeting Investigation Report

The Amberley Gavel Meeting Investigation Report, dated December 2, 2019 was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

20. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver
Seconded by Councillor Steve Hammell

That the following by-laws be approved:

2019-065 - A by-law to authorize temporary borrowing of money to provide interim construction financing for the Kincardine Housing Project.

2019-066 - A by-law to authorize the execution of a Funding Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and Russell Meadows Non-Profit Accommodations for the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) - Repair Component
2019-067 - A by-law to authorize the execution of a Funding Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and Formosa Seniors Non-Profit Housing Corporation for the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) - Repair Component

2019-068 - A by-law to authorize the execution of a Municipal Contribution Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and Bruce County Housing Corporation for the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative - Rental Housing Component

2019-069 - A by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and the Community Connection for the provision of information, assessment, navigation and referral services

2019-070 - A by-law to adopt Amendment Number 247 to the County of Bruce Official Plan

2019-071 - A by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 5th day of December, 2019

Carried

21.  Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Steve Hammell
Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourn at 11:29 a.m.

Carried

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Mitch Twolan, Warden

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Donna Van Wyck, Clerk