

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**



Date: Monday, April 15, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reeve Paul Heffer
Deputy Reeve Kevin Falconer
Councillor Ric McBurney
Councillor Chris Palmer
Councillor Anita van Hittersum
Councillor Lonnie Whitfield
Councillor Mitch Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Dwayne Evans, CAO/Deputy Clerk
Carson Lamb, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Kelly Steiss, Director of Recreation and Children's Services
Chris Townes, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Hanna Holman, Planner
Olivia Kempel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator
Chad Kregar, Interim Fire Chief
Denise Lockie, Community Engagement Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Reeve Heffer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Heffer recited the Township of North Huron Indigenous land acknowledgement statement.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

M107/24

MOVED BY: M. Wright

SECONDED BY: A. van Hittersum

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approves the agenda for the April 15, 2024 Council Meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

3.1 R. McBurney - CAO-2024-08 Blyth Festival Stage Naming Request

Councillor McBurney declared a conflict of interest on agenda item 7.6.2. as he is the President of Branch 420 of the Royal Canadian Legion which is a core partner of the Blyth Festival.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None noted.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

M108/24

MOVED BY: C. Palmer

SECONDED BY: K. Falconer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adopts consent item 5.1.1.;

AND FURTHER, THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives consent items 5.1.2. to 5.3.2. for information purposes.

CARRIED

5.1 Minutes

5.1.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 2, 2024

5.1.2 Minutes of the County of Huron Council Meeting held March 20, 2024

5.1.3 Minutes of the Blyth BIA Board Meeting held January 25, 2024

5.2 Reports

5.2.1 PW-2024-16 Water and Wastewater Operations Report – March 2024

5.3 Correspondence

5.3.1 Town of Lincoln – Resolution – Extension of Bill 23 Timelines Regarding Heritage Registry Lists

5.3.2 Wingham & District Hospital Foundation - Letter - CT Scanner Fundraising Campaign

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Clerk's Department

7.1.1 PL-2024-04 Consent Application, Badley (442 Gypsy Lane)

Consent Application Report: File #C002-2024

Agent/Owner: John W. Schenk/Larry & Myrtle Badley

Property Description: Lot 40, Plan 168, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron (442 Gypsy Lane)

Hanna Holman, Planner presented consent application C002-2024 to Council.

M109/24

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby recommend approval of Consent Application, File #C002-2024, Agent/Owner: John W. Schenk/Larry & Myrtle Badley, Property Description: Lot 40, Plan 168, Blyth Ward, Township of North Huron (442 Gypsy Lane); with the conditions set out in the Huron County Planning and Development Report presented by Hanna Holman, Planner, at the April 15, 2024 Council meeting.

CARRIED

7.2 Finance Department

7.2.1 FIN-2024-12 Wingham and Blyth Business Improvement Area 2024 Budget Approvals

M110/24

MOVED BY: M. Wright

SECONDED BY: L. Whitfield

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from the Director of Finance/Treasurer, dated April 15, 2024, regarding the 2024 Wingham and Blyth Business Improvement Area Budget Approvals, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby adopts the 2024 Blyth BIA budget, as presented;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby adopts the 2024 Wingham BIA budget, as presented, subject to the Wingham BIA addressing staff's concerns regarding the Mainstreet Wifi Video Security Camera project;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs the Director of Finance/Treasurer to incorporate the Wingham BIA and Blyth BIA levy amounts into the 2024 Township of North Huron Final Budget and 2024 tax levy.

CARRIED

7.2.2 FIN-2024-13 2024 Tax Rate By-law

M111/24

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: C. Palmer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from the Director of Finance/Treasurer, dated April 15, 2024, regarding the 2024 Tax Rates for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council adopt By-law No. 30-2024, being a By-law for the purposes of levying and collecting rates for various purposes and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest, at the April 15, 2024, regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

7.2.3 FIN-2024-14 Strategic Plan Goal #3.5 - Explore the Removal of Area Rating

Councillor van Hittersum requested a recorded vote.

M112/24

MOVED BY: C. Palmer

SECONDED BY: A. van Hittersum

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from the Director of Finance/Treasurer, dated April 15, 2024, regarding Strategic Plan Goal #3.5 - Explore the Removal of Area Rating, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs the Director of Finance/Treasurer to implement option #1 as part of the 2025 multi-year budget process.

For (4): C. Palmer, A. van Hittersum, L. Whitfield, and M. Wright

Against (3): P. Heffer, K. Falconer, and R. McBurney

CARRIED (4 to 3)

7.3 Recreation and Children's Services Department

7.4 Public Works and Facilities Department

7.5 Fire Department

7.6 Office of the CAO

7.6.1 CS-2024-04 North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project Update and Report #10

M113/24

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report prepared by the Community Engagement Coordinator dated April 15, 2024, regarding the North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project Update and Report #10, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes staff to continue with the deaccessioning process for the list of artifacts attached to Staff Report CS-2024-04 following the North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Policy.

CARRIED

7.6.2 CAO-2024-08 Blyth Festival Stage Naming Request

R. McBurney declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor McBurney declared a conflict of interest on agenda item 7.6.2. as he is the President of Branch 420 of the Royal Canadian Legion which is a core partner of the Blyth

Festival).

M114/24

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: A. van Hittersum

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report prepared by the CAO, dated April 15, 2024 regarding a stage naming request from the Blyth Festival, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council grants approval to the Blyth Festival to name the stage in the Blyth Memorial Hall in honour of a family of long-time supporters of the Blyth Festival in recognition of their significant monetary donation.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION OR DIRECTION

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 REEVE'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Reeve Heffer updated Council on his attendance at the MP/MPP/Local Politicians Forum and the local bus tour that was taken by the County of Huron Councillors.

9.2 COUNCIL MEMBER BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor van Hittersum provided an update on the Belgrave Community Centre Board Playground Fundraising Sub-Committee's meeting and the upcoming fundraising event.

9.3 COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Wright commented on increasing clarity in the voting process.

9.4 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None noted.

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 By-law No. 26-2024 - Appointment to Boards and Committees By-law

M115/24

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: L. Whitfield

THAT By-law No. 26-2024; being a by-law to appoint persons, including Council Members, to various Boards, Committees and Authorities for the Township of North Huron for the 2022-2026 Term of Council, and to Repeal

By-law No.18-2024; be introduced, read a first, second, third and final time, be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

- 10.2 By-law No. 27-2024 - Service Agreement with Municipal Support Services Inc. for By-law Enforcement/Property Standards and Animal Control Services

M116/24

MOVED BY: M. Wright

SECONDED BY: L. Whitfield

THAT By-law No. 27-2024; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, a Service Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and Municipal Support Services Inc. for by-law enforcement/property standards and animal control services for the Township of North Huron; be introduced, read a first, second, third and final time, be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

- 10.3 By-law No. 28-2024 - Appointment of By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officers

M117/24

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: C. Palmer

THAT By-law No. 28-2024; being a by-law to appoint By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officers for the Township of North Huron; be introduced, read a first, second, third and final time, be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

- 10.4 By-law No. 29-2024 - Appointment of Animal Control Officers

M118/24

MOVED BY: L. Whitfield

SECONDED BY: M. Wright

THAT By-law No. 29-2024; being a by-law to appoint Municipal Animal Control Officers to enforce the Animal Control By-laws of the Township of North Huron; be introduced, read a first, second, third and final time, be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

10.5 By-law No. 30-2024 - Tax Rate By-law

M119/24**MOVED BY:** A. van Hittersum**SECONDED BY:** R. McBurney

THAT By-law No. 30-2024; being a by-law for the purposes of levying and collecting rates for various purposes and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest; be introduced, read a first, second, third and final time, be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED**11. NEXT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reeve Heffer announced the upcoming Council and BIA Board meetings.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Councillor McBurney - Notice of Motion

M120/24**MOVED BY:** R. McBurney**SECONDED BY:** A. van Hittersum

WHEREAS Intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship;

AND WHEREAS on the morning of September 22, 2015, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a former partner;

AND WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner's inquest into the events of September 22, 2015, delivered 86 recommendations;

AND WHEREAS specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories, however, to date Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Corporation of the Township of North Huron declare an IPV epidemic and call on the Ontario Government to do the same; and*
- 2. This motion be distributed to the Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb and MPP Lisa Thompson, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and the Office of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity.*

CARRIED**13. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT**

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

14.1 By-law No. 31-2024 - Confirmatory By-law

M121/24

MOVED BY: M. Wright

SECONDED BY: L. Whitfield

THAT By-law No. 31-2024; being a by-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by the Council of the Township of North Huron at the April 15, 2024 meeting; be introduced, read a first, second, third and final time, be signed by the Reeve and Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

M122/24

MOVED BY: R. McBurney

SECONDED BY: M. Wright

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron agree that there being no further business before Council, the April 15, 2024 Regular Council meeting be hereby adjourned at 7:01pm.

CARRIED

Paul Heffer, Reeve

Carson Lamb, Clerk