

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



Date: Monday, December 20, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: HELD IN THE NORTH HURON TOWN HALL THEATRE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reeve Bernie Bailey
Deputy Reeve Trevor Seip
Councillor Kevin Falconer
Councillor Paul Heffer
Councillor Ric McBurney
Councillor Anita van Hittersum

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillor Chris Palmer

STAFF PRESENT: Dwayne Evans, CAO/Deputy Clerk
Carson Lamb, Clerk
Donna White, Director of Finance
Kirk Livingston, CBO/Property Standards/Zoning
Vicky Luttenberger, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Jamie McCarthy, Director of Public Works and Facilities
Olivia Kempel, Clerk's Administrative Assistant
Hanna Holman, Planner
Darcy Chapman, Deputy Director of Finance

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Woodman, Karen Dekker, Jackie Cribb, John Smith, Kacey Smith, Tim Poole, Jordan Fohkens, Kelly Vader, Brock Hodgins, Bob Donnelly, Lois Todd, Wayne Todd, Sheila Marklevitz, David Willis, Bruce Bendo, Laurie Bendo, Matthew Santagapita, David Church, Dan Noble, Calvin Ruttan, Tom Montgomery, Jeff Hodgkinson, Stu Holloway

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

M468/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: K. Falconer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accept the agenda for the December 20, 2021 Council Meeting; as amended to include the written comments submitted from Chastene Uttley as agenda item 6.2.3.9.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3.1 B. Bailey - Joint Public Meeting for Official Plan Amendment (OPA15) and Zoning By-law Amendment (Z07-21)

Reeve Bailey declared a pecuniary interest on agenda item 6.2. as he has family members involved in the proposed development.

3.2 T. Seip - Joint Public Meeting for Official Plan Amendment (OPA15) and Zoning By-law Amendment (Z07-21)

Deputy Reeve Seip declared a conflict of interest on agenda item 6.2. due to his employment resulting in an indirect conflict with the potential purchaser of the property which the rezoning is a condition of.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Opportunity for members of the public to speak to an item of business on the agenda, two minutes per person)

Tim Poole commented on agenda item 6.1. and thanked Donna White for her many years of service with the Township.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

M469/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adopts Consent Items 5.1.1. to 5.1.2.;

AND FURTHER, THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives Consent Items 5.1.3. to 5.3.4. for information.

CARRIED

5.1 Minutes

5.1.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 6, 2021

5.1.2 Minutes of the Budget Meeting held December 9, 2021

5.1.3 Minutes of the Wingham BIA Board Meeting held November 18, 2021

5.1.4 Minutes of the Blyth BIA Board Meeting held September 30, 2021

5.2 Reports

5.2.1 Bills and Accounts

5.2.2 PW-2021-43 North Huron Water System Management Review for 2021

5.3 Correspondence

5.3.1 North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team Board - Press Release - Resignation of Executive Director

5.3.2 North Huron Community Food Share - Letter of Thanks for Donation

5.3.3 United Way Perth-Huron - Press Release - Coldest Night of the Year Walk in Wingham

5.3.4 County of Huron - Notice of Public Information Centre - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Improvements at the Intersection of County Road 4 and County Road 25

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Retirement Presentation to Donna White, Director of Finance

Reeve Bailey thanked Donna White for her many years of service and presented her with a retirement gift on behalf of the Township.

6.2 Joint Public Meeting for Official Plan Amendment (OPA15) and Zoning By-law Amendment (Z07-21)

Location: Lots 367 to 370, Registered Plan 410, Wingham Ward, Township of North Huron (166 John Street West, Wingham)

Applicant/Owners: BM Ross and Associates Ltd. (c/o Kelly Vader) / Township of North Huron

B. Bailey declared a conflict on this item. (Reeve Bailey declared a pecuniary interest on agenda item 6.2. as he has family members involved in the proposed development).

T. Seip declared a conflict on this item. (Deputy Reeve Seip declared a conflict of interest on agenda item 6.2. due to his employment resulting in an indirect conflict with the potential purchaser of the property which the rezoning is a condition of).

Due to the conflict of interests declared by Reeve Bailey and Deputy Reeve Seip, Carson Lamb, Clerk sought a Councillor to Chair agenda item 6.2. The following motion was adopted:

M470/21

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: P. Heffer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby appoints Councillor Falconer to Chair agenda item 6.2.

CARRIED

Reeve Bailey vacated the Chair and Councillor Falconer assumed the Chair.

6.2.1 Presentation from the Huron County Planner

Hanna Holman, Planner presented zoning by-law amendment application Z07-21 and official plan amendment application OPA15 to Council. Holman noted that the purpose of the proposed official plan amendment is to amend the North Huron Official Plan to change the designation of the subject lands from Parks and Open Space to Residential and that the purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning of the property in the North Huron Zoning By-law from the existing Urban Natural Environment and Open Space Special Zone Three to Residential High-Density Special Zone Eight.

Holman provided a description of: the development being proposed on the subject property, the planning process required for the development, the supporting studies undertaken, the agency comments received, and the written public comments received.

6.2.2 Opportunity to Comment on Application by Applicant and/or Agent

Brock Hodgins noted his local roots in the Township. Hodgins provided the rationale behind the proposed development. This included a discussion regarding: the location of easements, wanting to maintain the trail, and the depth servicing ratio.

6.2.3 Opportunity to Comment by Others in Attendance

Chair Falconer noted that Council has had the opportunity to review all written comments received. Falconer invited oral comments to be provided by the public as part of the public meeting.

Jeff Hodgkinson expressed concerns regarding: the height of the proposed development, the potential impact on his property value, and the potential traffic impact.

Karen Dekker explained her concern with the proposed development's impact to the neighbourhood. Dekker commented on her displeasure with the circulation process and with the timing of the meeting. Dekker also noted her concerns with environmental compatibility and with traffic and safety impacts.

Dan Noble commented on the potential impact to safety in the neighbourhood and explained that an apartment building is not conducive to rural living.

Michael Woodman noted his issue with the proposed development and the data collection involved. Woodman expressed concerns with the proposed use of the land.

Bob Donnelly inquired into whether property values would be negatively impacted and also asked whether existing emergency services could support the proposed development.

Kasey Smith expressed her issue with the potential impact to the walkability of the neighbourhood.

Sheila Marklevitz expressed her concern with the circulation process for planning applications and explained that all taxpayers should have received a notice. Marklevitz noted her concerns with safety.

Tom Montgomery asked whether there are any zoning by-law provisions that the proposed application does not need an amendment for.

Montgomery also inquired into whether there are other similarly dense properties in the municipality. Montgomery noted his concern with his property value and recommended that single family homes be located on the property instead.

David Church commented on the potential impact to property values and the quality of life in the neighbourhood.

6.2.3.1 Written Comments from Harry and Betty Geerlinks (119 Victoria Street West)

6.2.3.2 Written Comments from George David Church (203 William Street)

6.2.3.3 Written Comments from Laurie and Bruce Bendo (232 William Street)

6.2.3.4 Written Comments from Sheila Marklevitz (227 Minnie Street)

6.2.3.5 Written Comments from Jackie Cribb (119 John Street West)

6.2.3.6 Written Comments from Robert Donnelly and Kim Battram (281 William Street)

6.2.3.7 Written Comments from Michael C. Woodman and Karen P. Dekker (137 John Street West)

6.2.3.8 Written Comments from Jack and Nancy Gillespie (118 John Street West)

6.2.3.9 Written Comments from Chastene Uttley

6.2.4 Opportunity for Questions/Comments from Council Members

None noted.

6.2.5 Procedures Following the Public Meeting

Chair Falconer explained the procedures following the public meeting for both the official plan amendment and the zoning by-law amendment.

6.2.6 Summary of Comments and Recommendation of the Huron County Planning & Development Department

Holman recommended that:

- Council receive the Planner's report and the verbal and written comments provided at the public meeting for information,
- Council direct staff to work with the interested parties to see if resolutions to the issues and concerns can be resolved, and
- Council direct staff to bring forward a follow up report for the next regular Council meeting with a recommendation on the applications.

6.2.7 Decision of Council and Effect of Comments Received on Council's Decision

M471/21

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: P. Heffer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Planner regarding applications OPA 15 and Z07-21, dated December 15, 2021, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby receives the verbal and written comments received on applications OPA 15 and Z07-21;

AND FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to work with the interested parties to see if resolutions to the issues and concerns can be resolved;

AND FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to bring back a report for the next regular meeting with a recommendation on applications OPA 15 and Z07-21.

CARRIED

Councillor Falconer vacated the Chair. Reeve Bailey assumed the Chair.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Clerk's Department

7.2 Finance Department

7.2.1 FIN-2021-33 Asset Retirement Obligations

Darcy Chapman, Deputy Director of Finance provided an asset retirement obligations presentation to Council. This included a discussion about: what an asset retirement obligation is, the highlights of the asset retirement obligation standard, the key implications of the standard for municipalities and how the standard affects North Huron.

Council asked Chapman questions in regard to: cross border assets, the potential impact that taxpayers will experience, and obligations of the municipality.

M472/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: T. Seip

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the presentation from the Director of Finance, dated December 20, 2021 regarding Asset Retirement Obligations, for information purposes.

CARRIED

7.2.2 FIN-2021-34 Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy Amendments

M473/21

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: P. Heffer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from the Director of Finance, dated December 20, 2021 regarding a Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby approves of the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy, as presented;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs the Clerk to prepare a by-law for the January 17, 2022 Regular meeting to adopt the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy.

CARRIED

7.2.3 FIN-2021-35 Debt Management Policy Amendments

Chapman presented a proposed debt management policy for Council's consideration. A Council discussion occurred regarding whether the policy should include a Council exemption clause.

M474/21

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: A. van Hittersum

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from the Director of Finance, dated December 20, 2021 regarding a Debt Management Policy for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby approves of the Debt Management Policy, as presented;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs the Clerk to prepare a by-law for the January 17, 2022 Regular meeting to adopt the Debt Management Policy.

CARRIED

7.3 Recreation and Community Services Department

7.4 Public Works and Facilities Department

7.4.1 PW-2021-44 Transfer Payment Agreement for Wingham Fire Hall Washroom Upgrades

Jamie McCarthy, Director of Public Works and Facilities recommended that the funding received through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream be allocated to the Wingham Fire Hall as a result of the continuous increase to materials and labour.

A Council discussion occurred regarding: whether the costs could be shared among the area municipalities serviced by North Huron's fire department, whether there is potential for County funding, and the facility requirements for any future municipal buildings.

M475/21

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: P. Heffer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Director of Public Works and Facilities, dated December 20, 2021 regarding the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Wingham Fire Hall and Public Works Building Washroom Upgrades for information;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes the Reeve and Clerk to sign an amended transfer payment agreement between Her Majesty the Queen In Right Of Ontario, and the Corporation of the Township of North Huron to allocate all of the grant funding towards the Wingham Fire Hall Washroom Upgrades;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs staff to proceed with tendering the works for the Wingham Fire Hall washroom upgrades to be completed in 2022.

CARRIED

7.4.2 PW-2021-45 Agreements with OFSC District 9 Snowmobile Club

McCarthy presented draft agreements with OFSC District 9 Snowmobile Club for snowmobile access in Blyth onto the Bell lot and the Blyth Greenway Trail.

M476/21

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Director of Public Works and Facilities, dated December 20, 2021 regarding two (2) agreements between the Township of North Huron and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) District 9 for information;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council agrees to repeal By-Law No.92-2016, being an agreement between District 9 of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and the Township of North Huron;

AND FURHTER, THAT Council agrees to execute a non-exclusive Snowmobile Land Use Agreement with OFSC District 9 Administrative Office for use of the Blyth Greenway Trail;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council agrees to execute a Snowmobile Land Use Agreement with OFSC District 9 Administrative Office for use of the newly acquired land (known as the Bell Lot) mutually owned by the Municipality of Central Huron and the Township of North Huron for snowmobiling purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs the Clerk to complete the necessary documentation for the January 17, 2022 regular Council meeting to formalize a tri-party Snowmobile Land Use Agreement with OFSC District 9 Administrative Office for use of the newly acquired land (known as the Bell Lot).

CARRIED

7.4.3 PW-2021-46 EV Charging Station Funding

McCarthy provided an update on the Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program.

A Council discussion occurred regarding: the future operating and maintenance responsibilities, the level of charging stations that would be installed, the issue with the provider not being aware of a potential conflict of interest, and whether existing municipal infrastructure could service the charging stations.

M477/21

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Director of Public Works and Facilities, dated December 20, 2021 regarding funding for the Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program Update for information;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs staff to invite Charger Crew and County of Huron representatives to appear as a delegation to provide additional information to Council.

CARRIED

7.5 Fire Department

7.6 Office of the CAO

7.6.1 CAO-2021-24 Appointment of By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer

Dwayne Evans, CAO presented a proposed approach to address the impending By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer vacancy.

M478/21

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 CAO, dated December 20, 2021, regarding the appointment of a By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the attached Casual By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer job description;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes staff to update the consolidated 2022 Salary Grid to incorporate a By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer position in pay band 6;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council adopts By-law No. 107-2021 to appoint Dan Pinto as a By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer for the Township of North Huron, effective December 20, 2021.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Huron & Area Search and Rescue - Use of Vacant Municipal Building for Huron & Area Search and Rescue

M479/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: K. Falconer

THAT the Council of the Township hereby directs the Director of Public Works and Facilities to include the request submitted by the Huron & Area Search and Rescue in the follow-up report regarding options for the former Blyth Public Works property that was previously requested by Council.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 REEVE ACTIVITY REPORT

Reeve Bailey noted Council's accomplishments in 2021.

9.2 COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (Verbal or written updates from members who sit on boards/committees)

Councillor McBurney provided an update from the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention meeting. This included a discussion regarding a potential transportation plan to build upon the final parks, recreation and culture master plan.

9.3 COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Deputy Reeve Seip updated Council on the success of the Christmas dinner for the less fortunate that occurred on December 18th. Seip also thanked North Huron's first responders for their efforts in the community and for everything they sacrifice to provide support to the Township.

9.4 NOTICE OF MOTION

None noted.

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 By-law No. 100-2021 - North Huron Flag Protocol Policy

M480/21

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: K. Falconer

THAT By-law No. 100-2021; being a By-law to adopt a North Huron Flag Protocol Policy for the Corporation 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

10.2 By-law No. 101-2021 - Appointment of Committee of Adjustment for 2022

M481/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT By-law No.101-2021; being a By-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the period of January 1, 2022 to November 14, 2022 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. 102-2021 - Adoption of 2022 Salary Grid

M482/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT By-law No. 102-2021; being a By-law to establish salary ranges for municipal employees of the Corporation 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

10.4 By-law No. 103-2021 - Investment Policy

M483/21

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: K. Falconer

THAT By-law No. 103-2021; being a By-law to adopt an Investment Policy for the Corporation 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. 104-2021 - Agreement with Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (Galbraith Park)

M484/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: A. van Hittersum

THAT By-law No. 104-2021; being a By-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, a Lease Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Huron and Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, for the lease of a portion of the Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area to provide recreation activities; 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

10.6 By-law No. 105-2021 - Agreement with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs - Wingham

M485/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: K. Falconer

THAT By-law No.105-2021; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, an Agreement between the Township of North Huron and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs for the lease of certain lands located at Riverside Park, Optimist Park and 145 Park Drive, Wingham; 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

10.7 By-law No. 106-2021 - Sign Agreement with WVRH Holdings Inc. Huron Tractor, Blyth

McCarthy provided an update on the change to the length of the agreement.

M486/21

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: A. van Hittersum

THAT By-law No. 106-2021; being a By-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, a Sign Agreement with WVRH Holdings Inc. Huron Tractor, Blyth; 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

10.8 By-law No. 107-2021 - Appointment of By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer

M487/21

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT By-law No. 107-2021; being a by-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer 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

10.9 By-law No. 108-2021 - Agreement with RSM for Building Services

M488/21

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: K. Falconer

THAT By-law No. 108-2021; being a By-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, a Consulting Service Agreement between RSM Building Consultants Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of North Huron for the provision of Building Services; 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

10.10 By-law No. 109-2021 - Agreement with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs - Blyth Greenway Trail

M489/21

MOVED BY: R. McBurney

SECONDED BY: P. Heffer

THAT By-law No. 109-2021; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, an Agreement between the Township of North Huron and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs for the lease of certain lands which form part of the Blyth Greenway Trail; 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

- 10.11 By-law No. 110-2021 - Agreement with R.J. Burnside and Associates for Drainage Superintendent Services

M490/21

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT By-law No. 110-2021; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, a Service Agreement between R.J. Burnside and Associates Limited and the Corporation of the Township of North Huron for Drainage Superintendent Services; 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

- 10.12 By-law No. 111-2021 - Agreement with PSD Citywide Inc.

M491/21

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT By-law No. 111-2021; being a by-law to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign, on behalf of Council, an Agreement between PSD Citywide Inc. (PSD) and the Township of North Huron for an Ontario Regulation 588/17 (2024) Compliant Asset Management Plan; 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. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6:00pm in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre.

The next Budget meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 9:00am in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre.

The next North Huron Police Services Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7:00pm in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre.

The next Economic Development and Recovery Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 2:00pm in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre.

The next Wingham BIA Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Hot Stove Lounge at the North Huron Westcast Community Complex.

The next Blyth BIA Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 8:00am at the Blyth & District Community Centre.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan

M492/21

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby directs staff to prepare a follow-up report outlining the short-term, medium-term, and long-term action items of the final Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

CARRIED

12.2 Potential Return to Electronic Meetings

A Council discussion occurred regarding whether a return to electronic meetings is warranted at this time. The following motion was defeated:

M493/21

MOVED BY: B. Bailey

SECONDED BY: P. Heffer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby directs for all Council, Committee and Board meetings to be held electronically, effective January 1, 2022.

DEFEATED

13. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORTING OUT

M494/21

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: P. Heffer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceeds at 9:05pm to an In-Camera Session (Closed to the Public) to discuss the following:

- *A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Offer to Purchase Municipally Owned Property);*

AND FURTHER, THAT CAO Evans, Clerk Lamb and Matthew Santagapita remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Evans reported out that in closed session, Council received an offer from an interested purchaser in the municipally-owned portion of the Hutton Height lands.

M495/21

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: T. Seip

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes for the December 20, 2021 Regular Council meeting to proceed past 10:00pm.

CARRIED

M496/21

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby directs staff to prepare a report regarding the options available to finance the Hutton Heights development prior to making a decision to proceed with the next steps for disposal of the property.

CARRIED

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

14.1 By-law No. 112-2021 - Confirmatory By-law

M497/21

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: A. van Hittersum

THAT By-law No. 112-2021; being a by-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by the Council of the Township of North Huron at the December 20, 2021 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

M498/21

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: P. Heffer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron agree that there being no further business before Council; the meeting be hereby adjourned at 10:28pm.

CARRIED

Bernie Bailey, Reeve

Carson Lamb, Clerk