

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON
BUDGET MEETING**



Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: CISCO WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING - Public Call in # 1-416-216-5643

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dwayne Evans, CAO/Deputy Clerk
Carson Lamb, Clerk
Marty Bedard, Fire Chief
Vicky Luttenberger, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Jamie McCarthy, Director of Public Works and Facilities
Darcy Chapman, Director of Finance

OTHERS PRESENT: Vicki Lass

1. Call to Order

Reeve Bailey called the Budget meeting to order at 9:04am. Bailey recited the Township of North Huron Indigenous land acknowledgement statement.

2. Urgent Business

M01/22

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby directs for all Council, Committee, and Board meetings to be held by electronic means until further notice.

For (6): B. Bailey, T. Seip, K. Falconer, R. McBurney, C. Palmer, and A. van Hittersum

CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. Confirmation of Agenda**M02/22****MOVED BY:** K. Falconer**SECONDED BY:** A. van Hittersum

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the agenda for the January 13, 2022 Budget Meeting; as presented.

For (7): B. Bailey, T. Seip, K. Falconer, P. Heffer, R. McBurney, C. Palmer, and A. van Hittersum

CARRIED (7 to 0)**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None noted.

5. Correspondence**5.1 United Way Perth-Huron - Request for Funding for Northern Huron Connection Centre Pilot Project**

Councillor Heffer joined the Council meeting at 9:16am.

A Council discussion occurred regarding the need for more information from United Way Perth-Huron about the Northern Huron Connection Centre pilot project prior to committing any of the \$10,000 in the draft budget earmarked for Community Safety and Well-Being Plan initiatives. The following motion was adopted:

M03/22**MOVED BY:** C. Palmer**SECONDED BY:** A. van Hittersum

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the request for funding from United Way Perth-Huron for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT the United Way Perth-Huron be invited as a delegation for the purpose of providing additional information on the Northern Huron Connection Centre Pilot Project.

For (7): B. Bailey, T. Seip, K. Falconer, P. Heffer, R. McBurney, C. Palmer, and A. van Hittersum

CARRIED (7 to 0)**6. 2022 Draft Budget - Version 2**

Darcy Chapman, Director of Finance presented version two of the 2022 budget. This included a discussion about: the budget framework, the base budget assumptions, the staff led changes, the Council directions from the December 9th meeting, the donation requests, the 2022 tax supported

budget, the breakdown of total tax dollars, the user pay budget, the breakdown of user pay dollars, the tax bill impacts, and next steps.

To assist Council in determining whether the Economic Development Officer position should or should not remain in the draft budget, Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development for the County of Huron provided an overview of the economic development services provided by the County. A Council discussion occurred regarding the benefits and concerns with creating a North Huron Economic Development Officer position.

M04/22

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adopts the 2022 budget in principle;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs staff to proceed with scheduling the public meeting and presenting the budget for final adoption at the February 7, 2022 Regular meeting;

AND FURTHER, THAT the tax rate by-law be brought forward for adoption once all tax rate information becomes available.

For (5): B. Bailey, T. Seip, K. Falconer, R. McBurney, and A. van Hittersum

Against (2): P. Heffer, and C. Palmer

CARRIED (5 to 2)

7. Next Meeting

Clerk Lamb explained that with the adoption of motion M04/22, another budget meeting will not be required. Lamb noted that notice for the public meeting for adoption of the 2022 budget would occur and that the public meeting will be scheduled for the February 7, 2022 Council meeting.

8. Confirmatory By-law

M05/22

MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT By-law No. 01-2022; being a By-law of the Township of North Huron to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by the Council of the Township of North Huron at the January 13, 2022 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.

For (7): B. Bailey, T. Seip, K. Falconer, P. Heffer, R. McBurney, C. Palmer, and A. van Hittersum

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Deputy Reeve Seip departed the meeting at 11:15am.

9. Adjournment

M06/22

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron agree that there being no further business before Council; the meeting be hereby adjourned at 11:16am.

For (6): B. Bailey, K. Falconer, P. Heffer, R. McBurney, C. Palmer, and A. van Hittersum

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bernie Bailey, Reeve

Carson Lamb, Clerk