



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron
Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting - South Huron Council Chambers

- Members Present: George Finch, Mayor
 Jim Dietrich, Deputy Mayor
 Dianne Faubert, Councillor - Ward 1
 Marissa Vaughan, Councillor - Ward 1
 Aaron Neeb, Councillor - Ward 2 (Remote)
 Barb Willard, Councillor - Ward 2
 Ted Oke, Councillor - Ward 3
- Staff Present: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
 Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services (Remote)
 Jeremy Becker, Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief
 (Remote)
 Julia Roberts, Deputy Treasurer (Remote)
 Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
 Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services
 Craig Metzger, Senior Planner (Remote)
- Others Present: Marc Denomme, Exeter Lions Club (Remote)
 Justin Reid, Exeter Lions Club (Remote)

1. Notice of Budget Amendment ***
2. Meeting Called To Order

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. Amendments to the Agenda, as Distributed and Approved by Council

Addition of Committee date Item: 7.6, Addition of Staff Reports: 8.3.3, 8.4.5 and
Addition of item 8.1.1: Verbal Report for consideration of resolution.

Motion: 399-2021

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Council approves the Agenda as amended.

Disposition: Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

4.1 B. Willard - Bluewater Recycling Association - October 21, 2021 Board Meeting Notes

I, Barbara Willard, hereby declare a pecuniary interest to Council agenda item no. 12.7, Item Title: Bluewater Recycling Association, the general nature thereof being: regular place of employment.

5. Delegations

5.1 Exeter Lions Club - Outdoor Skating Rink

Mr. Denomme and Mr. Reid outlined the Exeter Lions Club proposal for a community ice rink. They outlined the modular and construction build and added that they have spoken to surrounding neighbours and received supportive comments. They noted that there may be other community groups considering a similar project.

Council asked for further details on flooding of the ice and parking for users and thanked Mr. Denomme and Mr. Reid for attending.

Motion: 400-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Council receives the delegation regarding Exeter Lions Club Community Outdoor Skating Rink as presented from Marc Denomme.

Disposition: Carried (7-0)

6. Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 18, 2021

Motion: 401-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 18, 2021, as printed and circulated.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

7. Councillor Board and Committee Reports

- 7.1 Exeter BIA - September 13, 2021 minutes
- 7.2 Police Services Board - September 14, 2021 minutes
- 7.3 Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre Board - March 24, 2021 Minutes
 - 7.3.1 Kirkton Woodham Community Centre Board - Request - Grant Support

Councillor Oke noted that this request contains the amount that has been included in the budget for the Board and is not a request for an additional amount.

- 7.4 Committee of the Whole - Budget - October 25, 2021 minutes
- 7.5 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - October 26, 2021 Board of Directors and Finance & Audit Committee Agenda Packages

Council asked Deputy Mayor Dietrich to request the Police Services Board submit the monthly OPP report along with their submission of the Police Services Board minutes.

Motion: 402-2021

Moved: T. Oke

Seconded: A. Neeb

That the minutes of the following committees and/or boards be received as presented to Council:

- **Exeter BIA - September 13, 2021 minutes**
- **Police Services Board - September 14, 2021 minutes**
- **Kirkton Woodham Community Centre Board - March 24, 2021 draft minutes**
- **Committee of the Whole - Budget - October 25, 2021 minutes**

- **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - October 26, 2021 Board of Directors and Finance & Audit Committee agenda packages**

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

7.6 Set Committee of the Whole Meetings

Motion: 403-2021

Moved: T. Oke

Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Council set Committee of the Whole meetings for November 10, 2021 and November 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Planning

8.1.1 C. Metzger - Verbal Report - Request for Council Resolution to Permit Minor Variance

Planner Metzger noted a technical matter that came up this afternoon on Minor Variance Application File # MV15-2021 (Buckingham Estates Ontario Ltd.) on Lots 28-30, 45-47, and 56-58, Plan 22M-19 which is an application coming before the Committee of Adjustment on November 8, 2021. Planner Metzger advised Council that this request is for a technical and procedural matter. He further noted that under the Planning Act as there is a two-year prohibition on consideration of a minor variance following a rezoning unless Council permits by resolution. He noted that in this case, there was a rezoning in April so in order, to proceed to Committee, a resolution by Council would be needed.

CAO Best noted that the recommendation is not appealable and is to allow the Committee to hear the application and the normal planning process will be followed.

Motion: 404-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Council permits the Applicant's (Buckingham Estates Ontario Ltd.) request for South Huron Committee of Adjustment to consider a proposed Minor Variance (Minor Variance Application File # MV15-2021 on Lots 28-30, 45-47, and 56-58, Plan 22M-19) that is scheduled to be heard November 08, 2021 as it applies to the lands at 70 Church Street, in accordance with Section 45 (1.4) of the Planning Act.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8.2 Fire and Community Services

8.2.1 Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire and Community Services - 2021 Quarter 3 Report

Director Becker clarified that the 13 calls for Grand Bend was provided by Lambton Shores in the response area that they provide coverage for.

Motion: 405-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Faubert

That Council receives the report of Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire & Community Services regarding Q3 Fire Department Responses for information.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8.2.2 Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire and Community Services - COVID 19 Facility Screening

Council confirmed that this report satisfied direction for a staff report on COVID 19 screening at South Huron Recreation Facilities.

Motion: 406-2021

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That Council receives the report of Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire & Community Services regarding COVID 19 screening at South Huron Recreation Facilities.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8.3 Operations, Infrastructure and Development

8.3.1 Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services - Limiting Distance Agreement between McKnight/Keys and the Municipality of South Huron

Motion: 407-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Council receive this report from R. Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: Limiting Distance Agreement between Al McKnight and Daryl Keys and the Municipality of South Huron; and

That South Huron Council approve the Limiting Distance Agreement; and

That the necessary by-law be prepared for the required three readings.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8.3.2 Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services - Billboard Sign Approval - 37736 Mt. Carmel Drive

Director Msuya-Collison confirmed that the most restrictive setbacks are used for approvals under the Sign By-Law. CAO Best noted that Council may wish to delegate approval of Billboard signs to staff.

Motion: 408-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: B. Willard

That South Huron Council receives the report from R. Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services re Billboard Sign Approval - 37736 Mt. Carmel Drive; and

That South Huron Council approve the erection of a Billboard at 37736 Mt. Carmel Drive based on the Applicant meeting all required approvals.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

- 8.3.3 Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services -
Billboard Sign Approval – 70619 Road 164

Motion: 409-2021

Moved: T. Oke

Seconded: B. Willard

That South Huron Council receives the report from R. Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services re Billboard Sign - 70619 Road 164; and

That South Huron Council authorize a variance of Sign By-Law 73-2007 and approve the erection of a Billboard sign at 70619 Road 164 in the ER1 zone based on the Applicant meeting all required approvals.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8.4 General Government Services

- 8.4.1 Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services - Debt Management Policy

Motion: 410-2021

Moved: M. Vaughan

Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Council receive staff report from S. Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer re: FIN28-2021 “Debt Management Policy”; and

That South Huron Council approves the Debt Management Policy, as presented; and

That the necessary By-law be forwarded to Council for the required three readings.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8.4.2 Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services - Banking Services Renewal

Council noted that within the report “positive pay” was included which is a way to mitigate risk of fraud on corporate accounts.

Motion: 411-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Council receive staff report from S. Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer re: FIN29-2021 “Banking Services Renewal”; and

That South Huron Council authorizes staff to enter into a 5-year renewal agreement with Scotiabank.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8.4.3 Julia Roberts, Deputy Treasurer and Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services - 2021 Third Quarter Operating Budget Variance Report

Motion: 412-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Council receives the report from J. Roberts Deputy Treasurer and S. Becker Director of Financial Services/Treasurer re: 2021 Third Quarter Operating Budget Variance Report for information.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

8.4.4 Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk - Request for Services, Complaints and By-Law Infractions - 2021 3rd Quarter

Motion: 413-2021

Moved: D. Faubert

Seconded: B. Willard

That South Huron Council receives the report from A. Wolfe, Deputy Clerk re: Request for Services, Complaints and By-Law Infractions – 2021 3rd Quarter for information purposes.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

- 8.4.5 D. Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk - Recreation Capital Projects Update ***Budget Amendment

Motion: 414-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: T. Oke

That the memo of D. Best, Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Recreation Capital Projects be received; and

That Staff be authorized to proceed with the procurement process for the South Huron Recreation Centre Phase 1; and

That an amount up to \$25,000 be drawn from the Recreation Capital Replacement Reserve to complete an updated survey and geo-technical review that will be required for the implementation of Phase 1 of the SHRC project.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

9. Deferred Business

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 Notice of Motion

Council discussed the Notice of Motion in detail.

Councillor Neeb spoke to the motion and noted that earlier this month Council received a delegation concerning the OPP contract and were advised there is no difference in service levels with or without a contract and added that the differences include the continued operation of the Board. He added that he thinks that it is important to have a discussion on the contract. He thanked the Board for their service to the municipality.

Councillor Vaughan noted that the contract has been brought up before in the time since she has been on Council. She noted that she would like to hear the viewpoint from the Deputy Mayor to provide further insight.

Deputy Mayor Dietrich noted that there is a difference with a Board, for example monthly reporting and the Board provides oversight of policing in South Huron, contributes by working with local citizens and participates in the selection of the detachment commander. He noted that during this term the Board has taken a greater presence with community partners such as with the BIA and assisted with community response with foot and speed patrols.

Councillor Oke asked about timelines for regional detachment Boards in 2022 and added that this motion may be moot if there will be changes in 2022 anyway.

Councillor Willard asked whether the service we now get would stop without a contract. Deputy Mayor Dietrich noted that service wouldn't stop but Council would not get the administrative reports.

CAO Best noted the benefit of the Board for the exchange of information and working relationship with the detachment commander. He noted that the Board made an effort to create partnerships with the BIA and that the Community Safety and Well Being Plan is currently sitting with the Board. He added that Council authorized a seat of a member from South Huron for the new Detachment Board model.

Deputy Mayor Dietrich noted that the Detachment Board was originally scheduled to be in place for fall of 2021 but has been delayed tentatively to June 2022. Deputy Mayor Dietrich called for a recorded vote.

Motion: 390-2021

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: M. Vaughan

Moved by Councillor A. Neeb

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) currently provides services to the Municipality of South Huron; and

Whereas the Municipality of South Huron has contracted OPP services under Section 10 of the Police Services Act; and

Whereas there is no difference in the level of Policing Services between a Section 10 Police Services Act municipality (contract) and a Section 5.1 Police Services Act (non-contract) municipality; and

Whereas the Municipality of South Huron (contract) has lost its detachment and other non –contract municipalities have retained their detachment (Lucan-Biddulph); and

Whereas the Ontario government is moving towards a more regional approach to Police Service Boards (Huron County-wide);

Now therefore be it resolved that effective December 1, 2021, the Municipality of South Huron provide the required 12 months' notice to terminate the Section 10 contract with the Ontario Provincial Police.

	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
G. Finch	X			
J. Dietrich		X		
D. Faubert		X		
M. Vaughan		X		
A. Neeb	X			
B. Willard		X		
T. Oke		X		
Results	2	5	0	0

Disposition: Defeated Lost (2 to 5)

11. Mayor & Councillor Comments and Announcements

Councillor Oke noted that the South Huron Chamber was hosting a webinar on November 15 at 10:00 a.m. for a conversation with Enbridge gas.

Councillor Willard noted the upcoming Sunday morning Exeter Remembrance Day parade and noted that there would not be a church service. The service will be held at the cenotaph and the parade is forming at the Legion branch at 9:45 a.m.

Councillor Faubert, Deputy Mayor Dietrich and Councillor Vaughan noted that they would be attending the Remembrance Day service in Grand Bend.

Councillor Vaughan noted that she and Mayor Finch attended a ribbon cutting at the Trivett Church yesterday. The church is hosting space for a non-denominational counselling centre from London to provide services and art therapy to youth and young adults from 12 to 25 years of age.

Councillor Oke noted Kirtkton/ Woodham Optimist club Pigtail and Rib Dinner Drive-through on November 17th and that advance tickets were available from Black Donnellys Brewing Company. He added that South Huron won the field hockey Huron Perth Championship last week and congratulated the team and coaches on a great season. Council directed a certificate of commemoration sent to the team.

Mayor Finch updated Council on a delegation on the Goderich Airport Strategy and Business Plan received by the Huron County Economic Development Board. Council discussed reviewing the minutes and reports from that meeting.

Motion: 416-2021

Moved: D. Faubert

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Council defer the Goderich airport discussion to the next Council meeting.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

Motion: 417-2021

Moved: T. Oke

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Council direct staff to invite Huron County Economic Development Board to a future Council meeting to update on initiatives, identify strategies that are specific to South Huron and provide information on potential investigations that may affect South Huron.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

12. Communications

Council pulled the following communication items: 12.2, 12.4, 12.5, 12.9, 12.10, 12.11 and 12.15.

- 12.1 Office of the Solicitor General - Community Safety and Well-Being plans
- 12.2 Ministry of Infrastructure - Follow-up from AMO and delegation
Council noted the invitation given to the Parliamentary Assistant to visit South Huron and CAO Best advised that he would follow-up.
- 12.3 MPAC - 2022 Provincial Municipal Levy Announcement
- 12.4 2022 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Delegation Form
Council discussed options for delegations to Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, OMAFRA and Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.
- 12.5 OGRA - Call for Nominations for 2022-2023 Board of Directors
No direction was provided by Council.
- 12.6 Enbridge Gas Inc. - 2022 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application
- 12.7 Bluewater Recycling Association - October 21, 2021 Board Meeting Notes
B. Willard declared a conflict on this item. (I, Barbara Willard, hereby declare a pecuniary interest to Council agenda item no. 12.7, Item Title: Bluewater Recycling Association, the general nature thereof being: regular place of employment.)
- 12.8 Sunset Community Foundation - 2019-2020 - Bi-Annual Report - South Huron Community Fund
- 12.9 Exeter Business Improvements Association (BIA) - Request - Road Closure and Waiver of Application Fee

Motion: 418-2021

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: B. Willard

That South Huron Council approve the Road Closure of Main Street from Huron Street to Victoria Street from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 20, 2021; and

That the \$50.00 non-refundable administration fee for the special event be waived.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

12.10 Lester Construction Group - Request - Extend Road Closure 228
McConnell Street Exeter

CAO Best noted that Council had provided staff authority to adjust the closing of McConnell Street but that he wanted to bring back to Council to see whether there were any concerns with this request. No direction was provided by Council.

12.11 Jim Chapman - Request - Establish Pathway Riverside Drive to
McNaughton Park Bridge

Council discussed the correspondence in detail and noted that this could be part of a Transportation Master Plan as part of a larger conversation on trails in South Huron. No direction provided by Council.

12.12 United Way Perth-Huron - Announcement - New Initiative Grant open

12.13 Municipality of Leamington - Resolution - Long Term Care Homes

12.14 Township of Enniskillen - Resolutions - Cannabis

12.15 City of Vaughan - Resolution - Teen Driver Safety

No direction provided by Council.

Motion: 419-2021

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Council receive communication items not otherwise dealt with.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

13. Closed Session

14. Report From Closed Session

15. By-Laws

15.1 By-Law No. 77-2021 - Limiting Distance Agreement (McKnight and Keys)

Motion: 420-2021

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: T. Oke

That the South Huron Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law #77-2021, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Limiting Distance Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron, Al McKnight and Daryl Keys for the property at 40769 Huron Street East, Exeter, legally described as Part Lot 15, Concession 4 being Part 1, 22R6065 in the Municipality of South Huron in the County of Huron.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

- 15.2 By-Law No. 78-2021 - Transfer Payment Agreement - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Modernization Program Intake

Motion: 422-2021

Moved: M. Vaughan

Seconded: A. Neeb

That the South Huron Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law #78-2021, being a by-law to authorize an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for funding under the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement (Modernization Fund).

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

16. Confirming By-Law

- 16.1 By-Law No. 79-2021 – Confirming By-Law

Motion: 423-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: A. Neeb

That the South Huron Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law #79-2021, being a by-law to confirm matters addressed at the November 1, 2021 Council meeting.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

17. Adjournment

Motion: 424-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Council hereby adjourns at 8:00 p.m., to meet again on November 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

George Finch, Mayor

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk