



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

**Monday, January 17, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

**Remote Electronic Meeting South Huron Council Chambers**

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- Members Present: George Finch, Mayor  
Jim Dietrich, Deputy Mayor  
Marissa Vaughan, Councillor - Ward 1  
Dianne Faubert, Councillor – Ward 1  
Aaron Neeb, Councillor - Ward 2  
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  
Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire and Community Services  
Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk  
Katie Trebble, Administrative Assistant  
Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services
- Others Present: Vicki Lass, Cole Nicholson and Alex Ripley of Huron County  
Economic Development

1. Meeting Called To Order

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Addition of Item 6.5 - Councillor Board and Committee Reports

**Motion:** 001-2022

**Moved:** B. Willard

**Seconded:** J. Dietrich

**That South Huron Council approves the Agenda as amended.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)****3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None at this time. Councillor Neeb declared a Conflict of Interest at item 10: Mayor & Councillor Comments and Announcements.

**3.1 A. Neeb - Mayor & Councillor Comments and Announcements**

I, Aaron Neeb, hereby declare a potential (deemed/direct/indirect) to Council Agenda Item No.: 10 Item title: Councillor Comments and Announcements, the general nature thereof being: Not pecuniary; I am a member of the Brookside Plan Association which was referenced in a statement and question by Councillor Willard. The Association was asking about the installation of a streetlight at the end of Sanders and Brookside Place.

**4. Delegations**

6:09 p.m. Huron County Economic Development staff Vicki Lass, Cole Nicholson and Alex Ripley started the delegation.

**4.1 Huron County Economic Development - Business Retention and Expansion Project**

Mayor Finch welcomed Huron County Economic Development staff Vicki Lass, Cole Nicholson and Alex Ripley. Ms. Lass provided the presentation on behalf of the team. She provided an outline of the stages of the project and noted an impressive response and provided highlights of the main survey data summary report.

Ms. Lass noted areas for improvement and themes from support requests. She noted that next steps included hosting round tables and then providing a final report to communicate results. She noted that this presentation has been provided to County Council and at this time staff are setting up community and sector engagement then workplan implementation.

CAO noted that Huron County Economic Development previously provided representation on the Mayor's Task Force for Economic Recovery. There was a discussion on South Huron data on businesses relocating elsewhere and that some were relocating within South Huron. CAO Best and Director Lass will follow up on this data and provide

OMAFRA with information and clarification. Council encouraged having one of the round tables in South Huron.

6:27 p.m. Huron County Economic Development staff Vicki Lass, Cole Nicholson and Alex Ripley left the meeting.

**Motion:** 002-2022

**Moved:** T. Oke

**Seconded:** A. Neeb

**That South Huron Council receives the delegation from Huron County Economic Development as presented by Cole Nicholson, Vicki Lass and Alex Ripley.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

5. Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2021

**Motion:** 003-2022

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** B. Willard

**That South Huron Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2021, as printed and circulated.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

6. Councillor Board and Committee Reports

6.1 Police Services Board - November 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Council noted the positive reception of the OPP by the community of Crediton.

6.2 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

6.2.1 ABCA - December 16, 2021 Agenda Package

6.2.2 ABCA Conservationist of the Year - Invitation to Nominate

6.2.3 ABCA - 2022 Approved Budget

6.3 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

6.3.1 Transition Plan and Request for Primary Contact

6.3.2 2022 Draft Budget - for Comments

6.3.3 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

**Motion:** 004-2022

**Moved:** M. Vaughan

**Seconded:** J. Dietrich

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

- **Police Services Board - November 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- **Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority December 16, 2021 Agenda Package**
- **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Transition Plan and 2022 Draft Budget**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

6.4 Committee of the Whole - December 15, 2021

Council discussed the resolution and noted there are two different Council representatives for Perth South, Sue Orr and Sam Corriveau. Mayor Finch requested the motion be divided.

**Motion:** 005-2022

**Moved:** T. Oke

**Seconded:** B. Willard

**That South Huron Council receives the minutes of the December 15, 2021 Committee of the Whole.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

**Motion:** 006-2022 (Deferred)

**Moved:** T. Oke

**Seconded:** B. Willard

**That the two Council representatives and staff develop an agreement for the Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre and the Kirkton-**

**Woodham Pool and map out a framework and draft to go back to respective Councils.**

**Amendment:**

**Motion:** 007-2021 (to defer)

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** B. Willard

**That South Huron Council defer resolution 006-2022 to the next Council meeting.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

6.5 Exeter Rodeo Committee - Minutes of October 20, 2021

Council discussed the upcoming anniversary of the Rodeo and that Rodeo Management Group has been providing services since inception.

6:41 p.m. Mayor Finch called a recess.

6:45 p.m. Council resumed the meeting.

**Motion:** 008-2022

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** M. Vaughan

**That South Huron Council receive the draft minutes of the Exeter Rodeo Committee of October 20, 2021; and**

**That South Huron Council appoint the following as voting members of the Exeter Rodeo Committee: Mike Clarke, Stephen Clarke, Laura Connolly (BIA), Darcy Cook, Jim Dietrich, Jo-Anne Fields and Scott Nickles.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

**Motion:** 009-2022

**Moved:** J. Dietrich

**Seconded:** A. Neeb

**That South Huron Council accept the recommendation of the Exeter Rodeo Committee for a contract for 2022, 2023 and 2024 by Rodeo**

**Management Group be prepared and then be provided to the Municipality of South Huron for consideration; and**

**That SH Council authorizes single-sourcing to Rodeo Management Group for the 24th and 25th Rodeo event.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Planning

7.2 Fire and Community Services

7.2.1 Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire and Community Services - 2021 Q4 Fire Report

**Motion:** 010-2022

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** B. Willard

**That Council receives the report of Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire & Community Services regarding Q4 Fire Department Responses for information.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

7.3 Operations, Infrastructure and Development

7.4 General Government Services

7.4.1 Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services - RFP Results - Records Information Management System (RIM)

**Motion:** 011-2022

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** T. Oke

**That South Huron Council receives the report from R. Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services regarding the RFP Results - Records Information Management System (RIM); and**

**That South Huron Council accepts the proposal of Ricoh Canada Inc. in the amount of \$39,919 to evaluate and report on the municipality's records management program.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

- 7.4.2 Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services - Appoint Drainage Engineer - Request for Drain Improvement - Pickering Municipal Drain

**Motion:** 012-2022

**Moved:** J. Dietrich

**Seconded:** M. Vaughan

**That South Huron Council receives the report re Appoint Drainage Engineer under Section 78 of the *Drainage Act* for the Pickering Municipal Drain; and**

**That South Huron Council hereby appoints William J. Dietrich, P. Eng., of Dietrich Engineering Ltd. as the Municipal Engineer to prepare a report for the repair and improvement of the Pickering Municipal Drain.**

**Disposition: Carried (6 to 0)**

6:51 p.m. Councillor Faubert joined the meeting.

- 7.4.3 Dan Best Chief Administrative Officer - RFP Results: SHRC Upgrades Design and Contract Administration

CAO Best provided a high-level overview of the process for determination of recommendation and Council liaisons and reviewer provided their comments.

**Motion:** 013-2022

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** T. Oke

**That the memo of D. Best, Chief Administrative Officer dated January 17, 2022 regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) results for the SHRC Upgrades and Contract Administration be received; and**

**That Council authorize that Invizij Architects as the successful proponent for the SHRC Upgrades Design and Contract Administration for the amount of \$227,870.67 excluding HST.**

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**8. Deferred Business

## 8.1 Delegation Items from December 20, 2021 Meeting

CAO Best and Director S. Becker noted that they would follow up with MPAC for clarification on the information they provided in their presentation that they were completing 85% of assessment in year, as that has not been the experience but may be their goal.

Council directed staff to advise Huron & Area Search and Rescue the option of applying to the Sunset Foundation for a grant.

9. Notices of Motion

None.

10. Mayor & Councillor Comments and Announcements

Councillor Willard noted that she received a note from the organizer of the Exeter Pickleball Group petition received by Council at the December 20th meeting which referenced miscommunication and misinformation on the recreation centre project. She added that it is nice that people are commenting but disappointing that social media is spreading misinformation about not planning on doing second phase of arena project.

Councillor Willard received letter about a light standard west end of Sanders Street.

A. Neeb declared a conflict on this item. (I, Aaron Neeb, hereby declare a potential (deemed/direct/indirect) to Council Agenda Item No.: 10 Item title: Councillor Comments and Announcements, the general nature thereof being: Not pecuniary; I am a member of the Brookside Plan Association which was referenced in a statement and question by Councillor Willard; The Association was asking about the installation of a streetlight at the end of Sanders and Brookside Place.)

7:02 p.m. Councillor Neeb left the meeting.

CAO Best advised he will follow up with operations staff and a report will be brought to the next meeting on a light standard.

7:04 p.m. Councillor Neeb returned to the meeting.

Councillor Faubert noted the Stephen arena light is not working and CAO Best noted that he will follow up with Director J. Becker.

Deputy Mayor Dietrich noted there were some issues at the park and South Huron Recreation Centre with snow mobile tracks and he has contacted OPP inspector who will be arranging an inspection for safety and assessment of building.

Councillor Oke asked if there is any information on Sanders Street potential expansion and any other developments that the County is working on. CAO Best noted nothing further at this time.

## 11. Communications

Council pulled the following communication items: 11.3, 11.5, 11.6, 11.13

11.1 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks - Annual Report on Drinking Water 2021 and 2020-21 Chief Drinking Water Inspect

11.2 Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, Forestry - Letter re Excess Soil Notification

11.3 2022 Ontario Good Roads Association Registration

No direction provided.

11.4 Huron County Economic Development Board - Update - Request for Delegation

11.5 Alexandra Marine and General Hospital and South Huron Hospital Association - Request - Letter of Support re MRI machine

CAO Best noted that correspondence was previously forwarded due to the original deadline of January 14th for comments.

Council directed staff to provide an amended response letter.

**Motion:** 014-2022

**Moved:** B. Willard

**Seconded:** A. Neeb

**That South Huron Council provide a letter of support to the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital and South Huron Hospital Association for the installation of an MRI unit at the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital site.**

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**

- 11.6 Huron Plowmens Association - Request - Support for Annual Huron County Plowing Match

Direction to staff to send correspondence to the Association to suggest applying to the Sunset Community Foundation prior to submitting to Council.

- 11.7 Jeff Musser - Postponed - Family Day WinterFest South Huron
- 11.8 Maureen Cole - Recreational Needs Assessment
- 11.9 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Resolution - Against Quebec Bill 21
- 11.10 City of Sarnia - Resolution - Catch and Release Justice
- 11.11 Township of South Frontenac - Resolution - Joint and Several Liability
- 11.12 Township of South Frontenac - Resolution - Standard Time - Ontario and Quebec
- 11.13 Township of Southgate - Resolution - Annual Emergency Exercise Requirement

CAO Best spoke in support of this resolution as South Huron Emergency Control Group has been meeting bi-weekly and coordinating responses throughout the pandemic.

**Motion:** 015-2022

**Moved:** M. Vaughan

**Seconded:** D. Faubert

**That South Huron Council support the Corporation of the Township of Southgate resolution that requests the Province of Ontario to amend Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to provide an exemption to the annual exercise requirement for municipalities that have activated their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Response Plan in response to an actual emergency that year in recognition of the significant resources used to respond to the emergency and the effectiveness of such response in evaluating the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures; and**

**That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson and the Township of Southgate.**

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**

**Motion: 016-2022**

**Moved: J. Dietrich**

**Seconded: A. Neeb**

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

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**

12. Closed Session

13. Report From Closed Session

14. By-Laws

14.1 By-Law No. 1-2022 - Municipal Borrowing of Current Expenditures

**Motion: 017-2022**

**Moved: T. Oke**

**Seconded: M. Vaughan**

**That the South Huron Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law # 01-2022, being a by-law for the Municipal Borrowing of Current Expenditures.**

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**

14.2 By-Law No. 2-2022 - Interim Tax Levies

**Motion: 018-2022**

**Moved: A. Neeb**

**Seconded: B. Willard**

**That the South Huron Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law # 02-2022, being a by-law to provide for Interim Tax Levies for the year 2022.**

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**

14.3 By-Law No. 3-2022 - Buckingham Estates Subdivision - Road Naming

**Motion:** 019-2022

**Moved:** J. Dietrich

**Seconded:** D. Faubert

**That the South Huron Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law # 03-2022, being a by-law to authorize the assigning of names to highways to a Plan of Subdivision (Buckingham Estates Subdivision 40T15002).**

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**

15. Confirming By-Law

15.1 By-Law No. 4-2022 – Confirming By-Law

**Motion:** 020-2022

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** M. Vaughan

**That the South Huron Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law # 04-2022, being a by-law to confirm matters addressed at the January 17, 2022 Council meeting.**

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**

16. Adjournment

**Motion:** 021-2022

**Moved:** J. Dietrich

**Seconded:** D. Faubert

**That South Huron Council hereby adjourns at 7:18 p.m., to meet again on February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.**

**Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)**

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George Finch, Mayor

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Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk