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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 20, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers

Members Present Don Murray, Mayor
Larry Allison, Councillor
Shari Flett, Councillor
Scott Gibson, Councillor
Ed McGugan, Councillor
Carl Sloetjes, Councillor

Members Absent Jim Hanna, Deputy Mayor

Staff Present Jennifer White, Clerk
Christine Heinisch, Manager of Financial Services/Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 01

Moved By Carl Sloetjes

Seconded By Larry Allison

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of October 15, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Delegations

None.

5. Financial Reports

5.1 Previous Month Actual Accounts – September 2025, TRE-2025-44

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 02

Moved By Shari Flett

Seconded By Scott Gibson

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby ratifies and confirms payment of the September 2025 accounts in the amount of \$4,142,765.75.

Carried

5.2 Revenue and Expenditure Reports to September 30, 2025, TRE-2025-45

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 03

Moved By Ed McGugan

Seconded By Carl Sloetjes

THAT Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby reviews and receives the summary revenue and expenditure reports to September 30, 2025 prepared by Christine Heinisch, Treasurer.

Carried

5.3 Accounts October 2025, TRE-2025-49

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 04

Moved By Larry Allison

Seconded By Shari Flett

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby authorizes payment of the October accounts in the amount of \$ 899,400.77

Carried

6. Staff Report

6.1 Treasury

a. 2024 Audited Financial Statements, TRE-2025-47

Council discussed the position of reserves, cash and debt for the Township. Staff provided additional clarity that the reserves indicated in the statements are investments which are allocated for future capital replacements. The debts noted include debentures for tile drain loans and are held on behalf of the province for landowners.

Council requested additional information be brought back regarding where monies for the purchase of additional lands for the landfill would be allocated from.

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 05

Moved By Scott Gibson

Seconded By Ed McGugan

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives Report TR-2025-47 prepared by Christine Heinisch, Treasurer;

AND FURTHER approves the 2024 audited financial statements as presented.

Carried

b. Audit Renewal Proposal 2025-2027, TRE-2025-48

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 06

Moved By Carl Sloetjes

Seconded By Shari Flett

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report TRE-2025-48 prepared by Christine Heinisch, Treasurer;

AND FURTHER accepts the proposal of Seebach & Company, appointing the firm as municipal auditors for the fiscal years of 2025-2027 inclusive;

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law coming forward as matters arising.

Carried

7. Correspondence Requiring Direction

8. By-Laws and Agreements

8.1 Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling Potential Municipal Services Corporation

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 07

Moved By Shari Flett

Seconded By Carl Sloetjes

WHEREAS the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council received Confidential Report CAO 2025-22 Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling Governance Review and Legal Recommendation, prepared by Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council supports, in principle, the establishment of a municipal services corporation with the other participating municipalities to assume responsibility for recycling services currently operated through a joint undertaking;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer or their delegate to a Municipal Working Group to oversee the preparation of a Business Case Study in support of a proposed Municipal Services Corporation, with the Study to be subject to public consultation and open Council review upon completion.

Carried

8.2 Matters Arising

a. Auditors Appointment 2025-2027 (Seebach and Company) By-law

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 08

Moved By Ed McGugan

Seconded By Larry Allison

THAT the "Auditors Appointment 2025-2027 (Seebach and Company) By-law" be considered to be read a first, second, third time and finally deemed passed and numbered as By-law No. 2025-106.

Carried

9. Information

Council discussed the wildlife compensation predation program and the Township's policies which may apply or be restrictive. Staff confirmed that these policies had recently been reviewed and were not considered restrictive for farmers with guardian livestock.

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 09

Moved By Scott Gibson

Seconded By Ed McGugan

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 9.

Carried

9.1 Ministry of Health - Update from Special Advisor Regarding Work with the Board of Health for Grey Bruce Health Unit

9.2 Ontario Sheep Farmers - Growing Issue of Livestock Predation

10. Township Committee Minutes Received

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 10

Moved By Shari Flett

Seconded By Scott Gibson

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 10.

Carried

10.1 Lucknow and District Fire Board

10.2 Lucknow and District Joint Recreation Board

11. Other Agency Minutes and Reports Received

The Council representative to the SMART Board reported that the Board had received a 3.2 million dollar grant which was used to purchase new vans. The representative confirmed that the fuel bill having purchased hybrid vans for the fleet was as expected, significantly lowered.

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 11

Moved By Carl Sloetjes
Seconded By Ed McGugan

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 11.

Carried

11.1 Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit

11.2 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

11.3 Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling

12. New Business/ Council Reports

The Clerk noted that Rural Ontario Municipal Association delegations to the ministers are now open.

Council discussed the Circular Economy recycling program having noted that the final list is available of materials and requesting this listing be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Mayor provided a verbal report of the Morning Break with the Mayor. Council discussed flood plain mapping completed by Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. Staff confirmed that the SVCA has been invited to present the mapping at a regular Council meeting.

Council discussed the Fire Department Open Houses recently held.

13. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 12

Moved By Ed McGugan
Seconded By Scott Gibson

THAT the "Confirmatory October 2025 (2)" By-law be deemed to be read a first, second, third time and finally passed and numbered as By-law No. 2025-107.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Resolution No.: 10/20/2025 - 13

Moved By Shari Flett
Seconded By Larry Allison

THAT this meeting adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk