



## Bruce County Council Minutes

The regular meeting of Bruce County Council was held in the County of Bruce Council Chambers, Walkerton at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

### 1. Roll Call

**Present:** Warden Mitch Twolan  
Councillors David Inglis, Robert Buckle, Anne Eadie, Paul Eagleson, Janice Jackson, Mike Smith and Milt McIver

**Staff:** Kelley Coulter, CAO  
Darlene Batte, Deputy Clerk  
Bettyanne Cobean, Director of Corporate Services  
Brian Knox, Engineer  
Melissa Legacy, Director of Library Services  
Chris LaForest, Director of Planning  
Christine MacDonald, Director of Social Services and Housing  
Cathy McGirr, Museum Director  
Marianne Nero, Director of Human Resources  
Donna Van Wyck, Clerk  
Charles Young, Director of Health Services

### 2. Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

### 3. Minutes

**Moved by Councillor David Inglis**  
**Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle**

**That the minutes of the February 2, 2017 Council Session be adopted as circulated.**

**Carried**

#### **4. Communications**

##### **A. City of Hamilton**

Resolution requesting the Province to develop legislation to establish updated guidelines for ward boundary reviews and to create an independent body to conduct the reviews, taking into consideration the principle of effective representation and having sensitivity to the relevant interests of Ontario's rural and urban communities.

##### **B. Municipality of Meaford**

Resolution (1) to address the agenda of patient-centred care, the provincial funding formula should be adjusted to support Grey Bruce Hospital Services as a six hospital rural health care provider; and,  
(2) to ensure patient services are delivered closer to home, the Meaford Hospital surgical program should be maintained.

##### **C. Municipality of Neebing**

Resolution requesting the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Legislature, when considering the policies associated with carbon taxes and carbon tax credits, to accrue any carbon tax credits applicable to tax-exempt private properties within Ontario municipalities, to the Municipality in which the land is situated, rather than to the property owner.

##### **D. Township of Muskoka, New Tecumseth, Port Hope and Thames Centre**

Resolution petitioning the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward.

##### **E. Prince Edward County**

Resolution supporting the Counties of Bruce and Grey as it relates to urging the Minister of Education to rewrite the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline to take into consideration community and economic value consideration of rural communities and provide for a more democratic process.

##### **F. Prince Edward County**

Resolution requesting the Minister of Education to initiate an immediate Stay of Execution on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the impacts on small rural communities can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered.

## **5. Delegations**

### **A. Vital Signs**

Mr. Stuart Reid, Executive Director accompanied by Mr. Cliff Billyea, Ambassador for Community Foundation Grey Bruce made a presentation on the Foundation's Vital Signs Initiative. Vital Signs is a community check-up conducted by Community Foundations across Canada that measures the vitality of our communities, identifies significant trends and supports action on issues that are critical to our quality of life.

## **6. County Officer Reports**

There were no County Officer reports.

## **7. Inquiries and Announcements**

Councillor Eagleson expressed his appreciation to the CAO for her presentation to the Bluewater District School Board February 28, 2017.

## **8. Committee Minutes**

**Moved by Councillor Robert Buckle  
Seconded by Councillor David Inglis**

**That the minutes of the following meetings be approved:**

**February 2, 2017**

- **Executive Committee**
- **Corporate Services Committee**
- **Highways Committee**
- **Homes Committee**
- **Museum Committee**
- **Paramedic Services Committee**
- **Social Services and Housing Committee**

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- **Highways Committee**
- **Planning & Development Committee**
- **Executive Committee**

**Carried**

## **9. Notice of Motion**

There were no Notice of motions.

## **10. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**11. By-laws**

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver  
Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle

That the following by-laws be approved:

2017 - 018 - A by-law to adopt estimates, tax ratios and tax rates for the Year 2017

2017 - 019 - A by-law to rescind By-law 2017-006, a by-law to authorize the execution of a Municipal Contribution Agreement 2016 SIF Social Housing Improvement Program Component (SHIP) between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and Golden Dawn

2017 - 020 - A by-law to establish fees and charges for The Corporation of the County of Bruce

2017 - 021 - A by-law to authorize the execution of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Education and the Corporation of the County of Bruce for the Journey Together - Early Years Capacity Funding Allocation

2017 - 022 - A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Bruce at its meeting held the 2nd day of March, 2017

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Robert Buckle  
Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That the meeting of Bruce County Council adjourns at 9:55 a.m.

Carried

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Mitch Twolan, Warden

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Donna Van Wyck, Clerk