

Candidate Information Session

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So, you are thinking of running for Mayor or Deputy Mayor?

- We will help answer your questions about becoming a member of Huron County Council

Ontario divides municipalities into 3 distinct types:

- *Upper Tier
- *Lower Tier
- *Single Tier

The County of Huron is governed by County Council which is an upper tier municipality. There are 9 lower tier municipalities in Huron County, sometimes referred to as local municipalities or partner municipalities.



Huron County Council

Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh: Mayor & Deputy Mayor

Bluewater: Mayor & Deputy Mayor

Central Huron: Mayor & Deputy Mayor

Goderich: Mayor & Deputy Mayor

Howick: Reeve

Huron East: Mayor & Deputy Mayor

Morris-Turnberry: Mayor

North Huron: Reeve

South Huron: Mayor & Deputy Mayor



County Warden

- Two-year Term
- Elected by County Council
- Acts as Head of Council

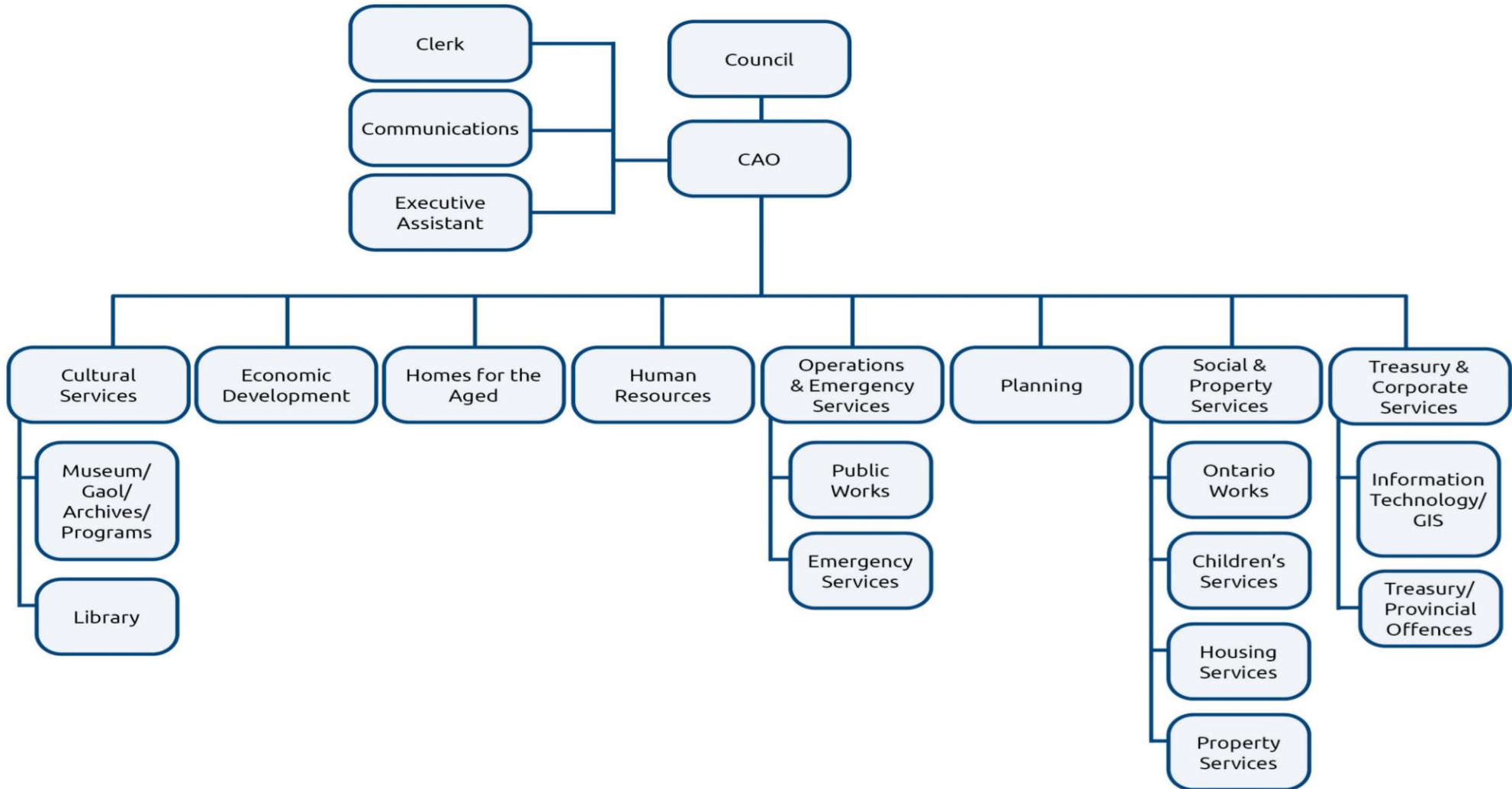
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Huron County Warden, Jamie Heffer
Term 2024-2026

County Services

- Planning and Economic Development
- Public Works - Roads and Bridges
- Emergency Services
- Homes for the Aged Long-term Care (Huronview & Huronlea)
- Cultural Services (Libraries, Museum, & Gaol)
- Social & Property Services (Children's Services, Housing & Ontario Works)
- Provincial Offences Court

Administrative Structure

- Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Communications
- Legislative Services (Clerk's Office, Accessibility, Information Management)
- Corporate Services Department (Treasury, POA, and Business Technology Solutions)
- Human Resources Department



County Meetings



Alternate in Your Absence

- Changes to the Municipal Act effective January 1, 2018 - lower tiers may appoint a councillor as an alternate member to attend a County Council meeting in the absence of the upper tier member
- One member may be appointed for the full length of term by each lower tier municipality
- An oath of office is taken at the County Level
- Paid per diem plus mileage for meetings attended
- Provided access to Council agenda packages, minutes and reports

County Meetings

Council Meetings:

- Meets twice a month (Wednesdays)
- Begins at 9:00 AM
- Special meetings/workshops/education days may occur
- Council Members generally attend in person, however, may attend virtually if available (Hybrid model)

Standing Committee Meetings:

- Library Board (meet 8 times per year)
- Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) (meet 5 times per year)

Some Advisory and Ad Hoc Committees

Compensation

- Compensation is based on the approved Remuneration By-law which is reviewed once every term of Council
- Members are paid mileage and a per diem (1/2 day or full day based on length of meeting)
- An annual honorarium is paid if 75% attendance for regular meetings is made
- Members of Council have a conference allowance

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