

Committee of the Whole

May 13, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:13 AM through electronic means. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Keaveney declared interest regarding Report PDR-CW-13-21 Skydevco Plan of Condominium Report 42CDM-2021-02 (Meaford) on the basis that she has an ownership interest in the portion of land under consideration.

On Council's approval, Council supported hearing the delegation next in the agenda.

Delegations

Ontario Barn Preservation: Surplus Dwelling Policy and Protection of Heritage Barns

This presenter was unable to attend and will be rescheduled.

Four County Labour Market Planning Board: Local Labour Market Overview, Partnerships and Next Steps

Gemma Mendez Smith attended to provide Council with an update on what the board has learned through 2020 and 2021 data collection. This data collection will provide a baseline benchmark and assist with creating post-pandemic building and rebuilding strategies.

The local labour market plan has shown some economic recovery in some industries and sectors but not all.

Employment insurance recipients have increased due to COVID-19 and show an increase for marginalized individuals like persons with disabilities and women.

Results of a public survey with specific questions around employment and COVID-19 provide information that can be used to plan for post-pandemic employment. Physical and mental health was identified as significant for the respondents and their family members.

The Four County Labour Market Planning Board worked with the Poverty Task Force and Children's Alliance to deliver the Understanding the Prevalence of Precarious Employment in the Four County Area research project.

The purpose of the research was to understand and measure the prevalence of precarious employment in the region to have a benchmark and to use as a foundation for creating plans. Compared to the provincial numbers, our four-county region has a higher number of people who are choosing to work part-time. Self-employment represents approximately one in five workers in the region, with agriculture being the largest segment.

Family income data has shown that the rising costs of housing and transportation are two significant areas of challenge.

The Grey Transit Route is appreciated and expanded five-day-a week service would help people who need consistent, reliable transit for employment and give employers confidence that they have access to a local workforce.

Questions and comments then followed including the definition of precarious employment, the risk of centralized services such as training programs, dependability of transportation, gender and ethnicity and new resident demographic information collection.

Council recessed briefly and then resumed.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Notice of Motion

CW83-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

WHEREAS it is desirable and good governance practice that all County Councillors have had a chance to review in advance material to be presented at all Council, Committee of the Whole, and Committee meetings, so that they have a chance to consider and further research the information to be presented; and,

WHEREAS The current provisions of Section 27 of the Procedural Bylaw suggest timelines, but are unclear about the need to adhere to them;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Clerk to bring back a report on how the Procedural Bylaw could be amended to include a provision that all materials, including presentation materials related to delegations and staff reports, be posted on the Council Meetings page no later than 72 hours before a meeting, and if the material is not available at that time, the matter in question be removed from the Agenda, unless the matter is determined to be urgent as currently determined under Section 27.17 or in the case of Emergency Meetings.

Councillor O'Leary requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: P. McQueen 5, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6

Opposed: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, A. Desai 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, T. Hutchinson 5

The motion was lost 24 – 66.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Keaveney stepped away from the meeting during discussion of the consent agenda in relation to her earlier declaration of interest.

Consent Agenda

CW84-21 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That the following Consent Agenda items be received; and

That staff be authorized to take the actions necessary to give effect to the recommendations in the staff reports; and

That the correspondence be supported or received for information as recommended in the consent agenda.

- a. **That the letter from Premier Doug Ford dated April 8, 2021 regarding appreciation for Grey County's support of work being done on reopening guidelines for Ontario's ski industry be received for information.**
- b. **That the April 12, 2021 press release announcing the newly incorporated Grey County Black Heritage Society (GCBHS), a new organization to increase public awareness of the region's black history, be received for information.**
- c. **That Report PDR-CW-13-21 regarding an overview of plan of condominium application 42CDM-2021-02 on lands described as 226 Boucher Street East and 138 Bridge Street East in the geographic Town of Meaford, Municipality of Meaford, be received for information.**
- d. **That staff report HDR-CW-10-21 be received; and**

That the County exercise its authority as sole shareholder of the Grey County and Owen Sound Housing Corporation (the "Housing Corporation") to appoint Mary Lou Spicer as a Director of the Housing Corporation to replace Kevin Wepler; and

That the directors of the Housing Corporation from time to time be authorized to direct it to take all actions, appoint all officers, do all

things, and execute all documents necessary to give effect to any resolution or By-law enacted by Council or to any action of the County approved by Council; and

That the Clerk and Warden be authorized on behalf of the County to call, attend, participate in, and vote at all shareholders' meetings of the Housing Corporation, to execute all documents and resolutions, and to do all other things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

Councillor Keaveney returned to the meeting.

Items for Direction and Discussion

HDR-CW-08-21 Housing and Homelessness Plan update

CW85-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That report HDR-CW-08-21 regarding the Housing and Homelessness Plan update for 2020-21 be received for information.

Carried

Councillor Boddy then left the meeting.

AMO Delegation Topics

CW86-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That the County of Grey submit the following topics as delegation requests for the AMO Conference:

- a. **Long-term stable funding for community paramedicine including oversight and coordination of mandates – Minister of Health and Long-Term Care**
- b. **Long-Term Care Redevelopment Projects and LTC Commission Report – Minister of Health and Long-Term Care**
- c. **Additional Funding for Affordable and Supportive Housing – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- d. **Request continuation of virtual court process in Grey and Bruce – Minister of the Attorney General**

Carried

Other Business

There was none.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Gamble, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:09 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk