

Committee of the Whole

February 24, 2022

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:18 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present or participating virtually.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following item was requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: c – TR-CW-07-22 Tender Results for RFT-TS-03-22 Grey Road 13 Rehabilitation

Consent Agenda

CW33-22 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

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.

- i. That the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee minutes dated February 9, 2022 be adopted as presented.**
- ii. That the County of Grey support the Resolution from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario regarding hospital capital funding; and**
That the resolution of support be sent to the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
- iii. That Report TR-CW-08-22 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-04-22 Grey Road 8 Resurfacing be received; and**

That Cox Construction Limited be awarded the Tender for a total amount of \$1,794,744.32 excluding HST.

- iv. **That Report EDTC-CW-04-22 regarding Digital Modernization Funding be received; and**

That the required County funds of \$17,808.00 be funded from any 2022 surplus realized by Grey Roots, or if a surplus is not available, from the Grey Roots General reserve; and

That the agreement be executed prior to Council approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.

- v. **That Report HDR-CW-03-22 regarding an update to the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Phase 3 be received for information.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

FR-CW-05-22 2021 Year End Transfers

CW34-22 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Council receive Report FR-CW-05-22 titled 2021 Year-End Transfers and approve the recommendations, as contained and estimated in Report FR-CW-05-22, regarding transfers to and from Reserve; and

That Council approve any surplus/deficit arising in the 2021 budget be transferred to/(from) the respective departmental reserves.

Carried

Delegations

Nadia De Santi – Practice Lead – WSP Consulting – Age Friendly Community Strategy

Nadia De Santi addressed County Council on the Age Friendly Community Strategy. The project was completed in four steps over two phases. She provided highlights of Phases 1 and 2 and noted that implementation will begin after Council's endorsement of the strategy.

She noted that engagement was a key priority for this project. A variety of key stakeholders were involved, and an engagement report was produced. The strategy document set the foundation for the action plan and built upon the background review report and further identified the strengths within Grey County. It also speaks to the leads and partners that are needed to implement the plan, as well as the improvements that can be made. Performance indicators and timelines can also be found within the plan. The plan provides a framework that Grey County can use to apply for funding and work towards a more age friendly community.

She identified key actions within the Plan, including implementation of a full-time position to ensure the plan's implementation and applying for the age friendly community designation through the World Health Organization.

Questions were then addressed.

Reports

Addendum to PDR-CW-14-21 Age Friendly Community Project Final Report

CW35-22 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

That Report Addendum to PDR-CW-14-21 regarding the County's Age-Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan project be received; and

That the Age-Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan be endorsed which will help guide corporate strategic plans and priorities; and

That staff be directed to develop a proposed workplan to move forward with the actions/recommendations identified in the Plan in collaboration with local municipalities and other community partners; and

That staff be directed to share the Strategy and Action Plan with all member municipalities for their information, with a presentation to local councils should that be requested.

Carried

Delegations (continued)

David Morris and May Ip – Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce – Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce Update

David Morris, Chair of Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce, addressed Council. He spoke to the vision and goals of the organization, which are to make this area a place where people will feel welcome regardless of where they came from. He provided a history of the organization and how it has changed and merged with other organizations.

He highlighted the work that has been done over the years, including assisting newcomers in settling successfully and engagement with community members to address social, cultural, racial, and institutional barriers to inclusion.

May Ip then addressed council and spoke to the projects that the organization has been working on. The Grey Bruce One World Festival, Making Grey Bruce Home, Rural Pathways for Employment for Newcomer Women in Grey Bruce, among others.

May Ip provided information on the tools for inclusive workplaces.

David Morris then spoke to the collaborative efforts, including work with the YMCA on settlement services.

He then spoke to the current plans for welcoming communities and community partners and funders.

Questions were addressed regarding engagement with other chambers of commerce. The critical role that volunteers play in this work was noted.

Councillor Boddy left the meeting at this time.

Reports (continued)

EDTC-CW-05-22 Update on the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership

CW36-22 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That Report EDTC-CW-05-22 regarding an update on the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership be received for information.

Carried

Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

PDR-CW-07-22 Planning Approval Delegation

Councillor Boddy returned to the meeting at this time.

CW37-22 Moved by: Councillor Gamble Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Report PDR-CW-07-22 regarding the delegation of planning approvals and process efficiencies, be received; and

That staff be directed to share the report with member municipalities in Grey County; and

That any municipality seeking delegated planning approvals for subdivisions, condominiums, condominium exemptions, and/or part lot control submit a motion from municipal council indicating their request for additional planning approval responsibilities; and

Should a request for delegation of the above-noted planning approvals be received, that County staff be directed to prepare a memorandum of understanding, in consultation with municipal staff, containing criteria discussed in this report, with respect to delegating approval, for consideration by County and Municipal Councils; and

That regardless of any delegation requests, that staff be directed to move forward with further improvements to the planning process, to streamline the timing of approvals, and minimize any duplication of efforts.

Carried

TR-CW-07-22 Tender Results for RFT-TS-03-22 Grey Road 13 Rehabilitation

CW38-22 Moved by: Councillor Bordignon Seconded by: Councillor Soever

That Report TR-CW-07-22 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-03-22 Grey Road 13 Rehabilitation be received; and

That Walker Construction Grey-Bruce, HSC be awarded the Tender for a total amount of \$ 1,165,709.30 excluding HST.

Carried

Other Business

CAO Wingrove noted that there is an option for council to request a delegation at the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference and asked if there were any matters that should be brought forward. She is awaiting confirmation from Bruce and Huron Counties on whether a joint delegation request will be submitted on transit on behalf of the three municipalities. She also noted that discussion had occurred on Highway 26 intersections recently and that this project is continuing to move forward, therefore no delegation is required at this time. No other items were brought forward.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Soever provided a notice of motion regarding incentivizing lower tier municipalities to capture supplementary assessment revenue by having any supplementary revenue in excess of the budgeted amount being contributed to that municipality's Community Improvement Program.

Before adjourning, Warden Hicks asked everyone to participate in a moment of silence to reflect on the ongoing issues in Ukraine.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Desai, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:54 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk