
Committee of the Whole

September 26, 2019

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:53 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillor Mackey.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

CW182-19 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Bartnicki

Whereas to the end of August 31, 2019 the Town of The Blue Mountains, working with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), has identified \$317,170,429 of supplementary assessment, \$155,726,722 from 2019, \$123,778,586 for 2018, and 37,665,121 for 2017, resulting in supplementary tax revenue of \$880,924 to Grey County; and

Whereas it is in the best interests of all the residents of Grey County to ensure that all parts of the county are properly and fully assessed, so as the be able to provide ratepayers with the lowest possible tax rate; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Grey County Council hereby encourages all of the Lower Tier Municipalities in Grey County to use their best efforts to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), to ensure that all properties in their municipality are properly and fully assessed, in order to maximize their assessment base and supplementary assessment.

Carried

CW183-19 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

Whereas there is currently a shortage of affordable and attainable homes in Grey County; and

Whereas the development of enabling land use policies to encourage affordable and attainable housing such as tiny homes and smaller lot sizes may require changes to official plans and zoning by-laws;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff bring back a report to Committee of the Whole on options for municipalities to consider when developing

planning policies and other initiatives in order to improve affordable and attainable housing options in Grey County.

Carried

Delegations

Alison Govier, Ian Reich, Clark MacFarlane and Corey Phair – Update on the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy

Alison Govier addressed County Council and provided an update on the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy. Ms. Govier introduced the members of the delegation and introduced Corey Phair who spoke to his experience with opioid addiction and recovery.

The challenges that are faced by the organization were highlighted, as well as the role of the organization in developing solutions.

The delegation emphasized the importance of changing stigmas surrounding mental health and the moralized views of addiction. Addiction is a health issue and not a moral failing.

Mr. Reich spoke to the opioid working group and the work the organization undertakes. Mr. Reich provided information on statistics related to the opioid crisis. This area's death rate from opioid poisoning is the same as the rest of the province.

Questions from Council were addressed.

The Committee recessed, then reconvened.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion:

Consent Agenda

CW184-19 Moved by: Councillor Burley 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.

- 1. That the Joint Accessibility Minutes dated September 5, 2019 be adopted as presented and that the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. **That Report CCR-JAAC-14-19 be received and that Council endorse the updates to A-GEN-006-001 being the Pets and Service Animals in the Workplace Policy.**
 - ii. **That Report CCR-JAAC-15-19 regarding the updated Accessible Customer Service Policy be received, and**
That the updated Accessible Customer Service Policy MS-AAC-001 be approved as presented, and
That MS-AAC-001-001, being the Accessible Customer Service Procedure be rescinded as it is now contained within the updated policy.
 - iii. **That Report CCR-JAAC-16-19 be received; and**
That the 2019 Accessibility Compliance Report be endorsed and submitted to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.
2. **That the Tourism Advisory Committee minutes dated September 6, 2019 be adopted as presented.**
 3. **That the Public Meeting Minutes dated September 9, 2019 regarding Official Plan Amendment 147 in the Municipality of Meaford be adopted as presented.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

HDR-CW-11-19 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Update

CW185-19 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Report HDR-CW-11-19 regarding the updated Housing and Homelessness Plan be received; and

That the updated Grey County Housing and Homelessness Plan be endorsed.

Carried

TR-CW-19-19 Capital Purchase of Tandem Trucks Ahead of Budget Approval

CW186-19 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Report TR-CW-19-19 be received; and

That staff be authorized to issue the tender for two tandem trucks prior to 2020 budget approval due to delivery time constraints in accordance with

Section 3.3 (c) of the Purchasing Procedure which allows the procurement of up to 50% of gross expenditures in year one of the ten-year capital forecast.

Carried

TR-CW-21-19 Capital Purchase Prior to 2020 Budget Approval - Construction

CW187-19 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report TR-CW-21-19 be received; and

That Staff be authorized to issue the tender for the Grey Road 9 Pulverize and Pave Construction Project prior to 2020 budget approval due to tender constraints in accordance with Section 3.3 (c) of the Purchasing Procedure which allows the procurement of up to fifty percent of gross expenditures in year one of the ten year capital forecast and section 10.0, 10.1 f) of the purchasing procedure stating that items requiring pre-budget approval must be reported to Council in order to have the expenditure authorized via resolution.

Carried

PDR-CW-39-19 Proposed Housekeeping Amendments – County Official Plan

CW188-19 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Bartnicki

That Report PDR-CW-39-19 be received which provides an overview of proposed changes to the County Official Plan in order to address some discrepancies identified post approval of the Plan; and

That staff be directed to advertise and schedule a public meeting to receive any comments on the proposed amendments to the County Official Plan and then to bring forward the proposed amendment for Council's consideration.

Carried

PDR-CW-40-19 Flato East Draft Plan Extension

CW189-19 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That Report PDR-CW-40-19 be received and that draft Plan of Subdivision 42T-2015-05 Flato East (Township of Southgate) be granted a five year extension as supported by the Township of Southgate which would extend draft approval to November 10, 2024 as per Section 51(33) of The Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.

Carried

CAOR-CW-14-19 Strategic Planning Day Overview

CW190-19 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That Report CAOR-CW-14-19 Council Strategic Planning Day Overview, be received for information.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW191-19 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Grey County Committee of the Whole does now move into closed session to discuss:

- i. **Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose regarding a land claims update pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001; and**

That the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Heather Morrison, Tara Warder, Randy Scherzer and Michael Letourneau.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 12:00 PM.

Council returned to open session at 12:31 PM.

The Warden confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed.

Councillors Burley and Carleton declared a conflict of interest and left the room during the closed meeting, as the Township of Georgian Bluffs is a party to the land claim.

Other Business

Councillor McQueen noted that municipalities have until October 21 to submit comments on the Provincial Policy Statement review. Mr. Scherzer noted that a staff report will be presented at the October 10th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor McQueen spoke to the need for rural development in Grey County and would like to discuss opportunities to create rural subdivisions in areas that do not have water or sewer infrastructure.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Desai provided a notice of motion regarding endorsement of Private Member's Bill 89, Teach the Reach Act, 2019.

Councillor Desai provided a notice of motion requesting the County write to the Attorney

General's Office supporting the findings of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Joint and Several Liability Task Force.

Councillor McQueen provided a notice of motion for the County of Grey to apply for 62 additional beds for Grey Gables to make it a 128 bed long term care home.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Woodbury, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:42 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk