

## Committee of the Whole

March 11, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:53 AM through electronic means. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

### Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

### Business Arising From the Minutes

The Notice of Motion regarding review of the collaborative decision-making framework provided February 25, 2021 by Councillor Potter is deferred to the March 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

### Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

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

### Consent Agenda

CW56-21 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**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 minutes of the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force dated February 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.**
- b. **That the minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee minutes dated February 24, 2021 be adopted as presented.**
- c. **That the Affordable Housing Task Force minutes dated March 3, 2021 be adopted as presented; and**

**That the following resolution contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. **That Addendum to Report PDR-AF-01-20 be received which provides an update on the actions and initiatives that are underway to**

**address both affordable and attainable housing and includes an updated Housing Action Plan; and**

**That Council endorse the updated Housing Action Plan attached to this report as amended to add engaging with known landlords/developers and direct staff to implement the next steps and actions that will assist with creating more affordable and attainable housing throughout the County.**

- d. That CCR-CW-04-21 being an update to Grey County's Records Retention Schedule be received; and**

**That a by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration to amend the current records retention by-law.**

- e. That Report PDR-CW-09-21 regarding a proposed County Official Plan Amendment be received; and**

**That the proposal proceeds to a Public Meeting to consider an amendment to the County of Grey Official Plan on lands designated 'Rural' and 'Hazard Lands', to re-establish two parcels that inadvertently merged, with frontage along Connell Lake Road at 200 and 201 Connell Lake Road, Concession 10 EGR PT Lot 12, Township of Chatsworth, geographic Township of Holland, provided the Township is prepared to hold a joint public meeting in consideration of the necessary local amendment requirements.**

- f. That Report PDR-CW-10-21 regarding an overview of proposed plan of subdivision application 42T-2021-01, that proposes to create a plan of subdivision with one hundred and twenty-four (124) residential units on lands described as Part of Lots 9 and 10, Concession 1 and 2 North of the Durham Road (NDR), in the geographic Township of Bentinck, Town of Hanover, be received for information.**

- g. That Report SSR-CW-04-21 regarding the use of Provincial Child Care and Early Years Funding Re-Investment be received; and**

**That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute any documentation required to issue the Provincial Child Care and Early Years Funding Re-Investment to eligible licensed childcare and EarlyON programs within the County of Grey.**

- h. That the correspondence from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario be received for information.**

- i. That Report PSR-CW-06-21 CPLTC Funding Agreement be received for information; and**

**That That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario for the delivery of the CPLTC program as outlined by the CPLTC Agreement and its schedules; and**

**That due to the Ministry program timelines, the required agreement be executed ahead of Council approval as per Section 25.6 b) of the Procedural By-law.**

- j. That the correspondence from the Town of Hanover regarding the Town's Growth Management Strategy be received for information.**
- k. That the correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey endorsing the Bruce Grey Food Charter be received for information.**

Carried

## Items for Direction and Discussion

### EDTC-CW-07-21 Quarter 1 Workplan Priorities Update

CW57-21      Moved by: Councillor Keaveney      Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That Report EDTC-ED-06-21 / EDTC-CW-07-21 Quarter 1 Workplan Priorities Update be received for information.**

Carried

## Delegations

### *Mike Baker, Executive Director Bluewater Wood Alliance – Update, Challenges and Opportunities*

Mike Baker provided an overview of the Bluewater Wood Alliance from its inception in 2010 as a not-for-profit industry cluster to where it is today with 125 member companies, seven of which are in Grey County. Programs include training in sales, leadership, lean manufacturing, health and safety, social media platforms and digital marketing. They conduct plant tour Kaizen and networking B2B events. They promote export readiness and trade show projects. This year, they are launching a buying group.

The group has evolved and is currently launching a re-branding campaign. The new brand is: Wood Manufacturing Cluster of Ontario.

CAO Wingrove offered congratulations on the success of the organization.

Discussion ensued regarding current supply chain issues. Mr. Baker highlighted sporadic challenges with obtaining material. During the pandemic, people are spending money normally earmarked for travel on furniture and home improvements. The logistics include getting product across the border and labour for domestic supply. Mr. Baker is hopeful that sawmills will be ramping up production to meet demands.

Manufacturing process and waste was discussed. When asked if members are looking to be more innovative regarding waste, Mr. Baker advised that optimization of technology to maximize yield as part of the business plan is absolutely necessary.

Some of Grey County's sawmills are members or associate members. One challenge is limited kiln capacity as manufacturers want to purchase kiln-dried wood.

Warden Hicks thanks Mr. Baker for his presentation.

Council recessed briefly and then resumed.

***Anthony Fleming, Account Manager and Rebecca Webb –  
Regional Manager – Municipal Property Assessment Corporation  
Municipal Partnerships Report***

Anthony Fleming and Rebecca Webb attended to provide Grey County Council, staff, and citizens with an update. MPAC is an independent, not-for-profit corporation, funded by municipalities and reporting to the Province of Ontario.

Updates included accessing information to capture new assessment dollars across Ontario, with increases across all sectors. MPAC has stayed connected with municipal partners virtually and is transforming ways MPAC shares data with municipalities. Many changes have happened that provide municipalities with assistance during the pandemic with some new processes being adopted on an ongoing basis.

Property values are based on the market as of January 1, 2016. This is the current valuation date. The next province-wide assessment update will be at the direction of the Province. MPAC is monitoring property sales and current rents. Mr. Fleming shared what property owners can do if they disagree with MPAC's assessment.

MPAC's updates property values based on information from building permits and plans. Municipalities can then realize new property tax revenue.

Questions and comments ensued including how MPAC can work with municipalities to account for more assessment connected to registered building permits. Discussion took place on a date for new assessment value and whether it would be phased-in over four years. Mr. Fleming noted there have been no updates from the Province on this issue. Based on current timing, and not accounting for timeline changes from the Province, assessment notices will be sent out at the end of 2021, based on January 1, 2019 property values and phased in over four years.

Warden Hicks thanks Mr. Fleming and Ms. Webb for their presentation.

**FR-CW-07-21 2020 External Audit – BDO Planning Report**

CW58-21      Moved by: Councillor Paterson      Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

**That Report FR-CW-07-21 titled 2020 External Audit – BDO Planning Report and the Audit Planning Report for the year ending December 31, 2020 prepared by BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants be received for information.**

Carried

## HDR-CW-06-21 Additional Funding Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2

CW59-21 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

**That Report HDR-CW-06-21 be received; and**

**That the additional \$120,000 in unbudgeted Social Services Relief Fund  
Phase 2 funds be approved for use in 2021.**

Carried

## Other Business

There was no other business.

## Notice of Motion

Councillor Desai provided a Notice of Motion that Grey County recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Agnes MacPhail's election as the first female MP to Canadian Parliament.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Hutchinson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:24 AM to the call of the Chair.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk