



Agenda

Committee of the Whole

May 11, 2023 – Following Council

Council Chambers, Grey County Administration Building

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Declaration of Interest**
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes (None)**
4. **Delegations**

10:15 AM Wayne Caldwell

Lot Creation Policies and the Future of Agriculture in Ontario

5. **Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**
6. **Consent Agenda**

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. Correspondence - Enbridge - Third-party Locate Charge - May 2, 2023

That the correspondence from Enbridge regarding third-party locate charge dated May 2, 2023, be received for information.

- b. Correspondence - Town of The Blue Mountains - Investigating Partnerships for the Protection of Green Space - March 27, 2023

That the correspondence from the Town of the Blue Mountains regarding investigating partnerships for the protection of green space dated March 27, 2023, be supported by the Council of the County of Grey.

- c. Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated May 4, 2023

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated May 4, 2023, be adopted as presented.

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. That member Keith Reid be nominated as Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2023.**
- ii. That member Rob Lipsett be nominated as Vice Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2023.**
- iii. That report PDR-AAC-20-23 be received, regarding the proposed update to the Provincial Policy Statement 2023; and**

That report PDR-AAC-20-23 be forwarded on to County Council for their consideration for inclusion in the County of Grey's comments on the 'Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to form a new provincial planning policy instrument' posted on the Environmental Registry through posting #019-6813; and

That the report be shared with member municipalities having jurisdiction within Grey County; and

That the report be shared with local agricultural stakeholder organizations including the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers, National Farmers Union, and Grey County Agricultural Services; and

That should the revised natural heritage policies be released with a limited commenting timeline, with no ability to prepare a further report for the Agricultural Advisory Committee, or County Council, that Council consider directing staff to submit comments directly to the province on those updated policies.

- d. Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated May 4, 2023**

That the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated May 4, 2023, be adopted as presented.

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. That Councillor Keaveney be nominated as Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee for 2023.**

- ii. **That Councillor Hutchinson be nominated as Vice Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee for 2023.**
- iii. **That report PDR-PEDAC-19-23 regarding proposed Bill 97, the ‘Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023’ and the proposed update to the Provincial Policy Statement 2023, be received; and**

That report PDR-PEDAC-19-23 be forwarded on to County Council for their consideration for inclusion in the County of Grey’s comments on the ‘Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to form a new provincial planning policy instrument’ posted on the Environmental Registry through posting #019-6813; and

That the report be shared with member municipalities having jurisdiction within Grey County; and,

That should the revised natural heritage policies be released with a limited commenting timeline, with no ability to prepare a further report for the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee, or County Council, that Council consider directing staff to submit comments directly to the province on those updated policies.

- e. **Community Services Committee meeting minutes dated April 25, 2023**

That the Community Services Committee meeting minutes dated April 25, 2023, be adopted as presented.

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. **That staff report CSR-CS-07-23, regarding an overnight warming centre in Owen Sound be received; and**

That Grey County enter into a one-year agreement with Safe n Sound to establish a warming centre in Owen Sound as a pilot project; and

That the operating funding required in the amount of \$150,000 be provided from the Safe Restart Funding Reserve.

- ii. **That report CSR-CS-08-23 Early Learning and Childcare Overview be received for information.**
- iii. **That report CSR-CS-09-23 on Winter Short Term Shelter Program be received for information.**

- iv. **That report CSR-CS-10-23 regarding a proposed Investment Plan for Homelessness Prevention Program for 2023-24 be received; and**

That Grey County Council endorses the Investment Plan for the Homelessness Prevention Program and approves the 2023-24 funding to be expensed by March 31, 2024.

- v. **That report CAOR-CS-12-23, regarding the Grey Transit Route Initiative, be received for information.**

- f. LSR-CW-01-23 - Conservation Authorities Prosecution Pilot

That report LSR-CW-01-23 regarding the Conservation Authorities Prosecution Pilot be received for information.

- g. Pending Activity List

That the pending activity list be received for information.

7. Items For Direction and Discussion

- a. PDR-CW-21-23 - County Comments on the 2023 Draft Provincial Policy Statement

That report PDR-CW-21-23 be received, regarding the proposed update to the Provincial Policy Statement 2023; and

That reports PDR-CW-21-23, PDR-PEDAC-19-23, and PDR-AAC-20-23 be forwarded on to the province as the County of Grey's comments on the 'Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to form a new provincial planning policy instrument' posted on the Environmental Registry through posting #019-6813; and

That should the revised natural heritage policies be released with a limited commenting timeline, with no ability to prepare a further report for County Council, that staff be directed to submit comments directly to the province on those updated policies; and

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 26.6(b) of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

- b. Addendum to PDR-CW-10-23 - Natural Heritage Review Options Update

That report Addendum to PDR-CW-10-23 regarding an update on natural heritage review options be received; and

That the report be shared with member municipalities and conservation authorities within Grey County for their review; and

That staff be directed to proceed with recruitment of a second County planning ecologist staff position for natural heritage review of municipal

applications, as funded in 2023 from any year-end surplus from the 2023 Planning Operating budget, application fees, along with funds from the waste management, planning studies, and one-time funding reserves; and

That staff work with member municipalities to ensure that the second planning ecologist position is paid for via cost recovery from developers and landowners undertaking planning applications for 2024 and onwards; and

That should the draft natural heritage policies in the 2023 Provincial Policy Statement propose significant alterations to the natural heritage review process, that hiring of a second planning ecologist may be paused or eliminated at the discretion of staff; and

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 26.6(b) of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

- c. ITR-CW-02-23 - IT Five-Year Strategic Plan

That report ITR CW-02-23 IT Five-Year Strategic Plan be received; and

That Council support the goals and objectives of the 2023 IT Strategic Plan as outlined in this report.

- d. CCR-CW-09-23 - Code of Conduct Update and Guideline for Electronic/Hybrid Meetings

That report CCR-CW-09-23 regarding a code of conduct update and guidelines for electronic meetings be received; and

That By-law 5107-21, a by-law to adopt a policy respecting a code of conduct for council members, be amended to include clarification on participating in and collecting more than one per diem for meetings held concurrently; and

That Council supports the guidelines noted in Report CCR-CW-09-23 regarding electronic/hybrid meetings.

- e. HRR-CW-08-23 - OPSEU Lee Manor Memorandum of Settlement

That report HRR-CW-08-23 regarding the OPSEU Lee Manor Memorandum of Settlement be received; and

That Grey County Council ratify and approve the attached Memorandum of Settlement dated April 25, 2023, between Lee Manor and OPSEU Local 299, to bind the new collective agreement; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the Collective Agreement ahead of Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-Law; and

That Grey County Council authorize staff to make the necessary amendments to rates of pay, benefits and other issues identified as agreed changes in the new Memorandum of Settlement.

- f. Correspondence - Bruce County - Response to Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) Pathways to Decarbonization Study

That the correspondence from Bruce County regarding their response to Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) Pathways to Decarbonization Study dated April 20, 2023, be received for information; and

That staff be directed to prepare a letter reaffirming Grey County's target of Net-Zero emissions, the importance of non-emitting electricity generation in achieving that goal, and the importance of Provincial investments in renewables to accelerate the market growth of that sector locally.

8. Closed Meeting Matters (None)
9. Other Business
10. Notice of Motion
11. Adjournment