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## Committee of the Whole

### March 22, 2018

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:02 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Stewart Halliday assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillors Jack, McQueen and Bell.

Councillors Woodbury and Mokriy were in attendance on behalf of Councillors Jack and McQueen respectively.

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### Business Arising from the Minutes

*CW85-18*      Moved by: Councillor Mackey      Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**That staff be directed to investigate the current status and future requirements necessary to enable the extension of Grey Road 40 between Highway 6 and Highway 10 and bring a report back for Council's consideration.**

Carried

*CW86-18*      Moved by: Councillor Clumpus      Seconded by: Councillor Wright

**That Report HDR-CW-03-18 regarding a proposed transfer of Golden Town Residential Company assets to Grey County be deferred in order for Golden Town Residential Community auditors to attend Committee of the Whole to provide an overview of its financial information on April 12, 2018.**

Carried

Sue Paterson provided an update on the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) discussed at the March 8, 2018 meeting. After further discussion with the Conservation Authority, the Authority said it is their mandate to provide comments on natural hazard matters but not natural heritage matters. Natural Heritage comments are over and above the mandate and the Authority would like each municipality to pass a resolution stating its wishes regarding comment provision and it

will be reviewed by the Authority. Staff noted the report and the MOU will be put on the Committee of the Whole agenda for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

## Consent Agenda

CW87-18      Moved by: Councillor Barfoot      Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

**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 letter from the Grey Bruce Christian Farmers Association regarding agricultural taxation in rural municipalities be received for information.**
- 2. That the letter from the City of Owen Sound regarding support for federal action on the conservation of heritage properties be received for information.**
- 3. That the correspondence from MP Larry Miller regarding Grey County receiving the Best New Special Event for Communities with populations of 50,000 to 250,000 for the Ag 4.0 event be received for information.**
- 4. That the correspondence from MPP Bill Walker regarding Grey County receiving the Best New Special Event for Communities with populations of 50,000 to 250,000 for the Ag 4.0 event be received for information.**

Carried

## Items for Direction and Discussion

### HDR-CW-05-18 Owen Sound Housing Company Additional Funds

CW88-18      Moved by: Councillor Eccles      Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

**That Report HDR-CW-05-18 regarding additional funds for Owen Sound Housing Company be received and that Grey County Council approves the additional funding from the Province in the amount of \$880,000 to build affordable housing; and**

**The Grey County enters into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the**

**Province; and**

**That Grey County enters into a Contribution Agreement with the Owen Sound Housing Company; and**

**That staff be authorized to proceed with the project prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.**

Carried

## **FR-CW-10-18 2017 Treasurer's Statement – Council Remuneration and Expenses**

*CW89-18* Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor McKean

**That Report FR-CW-10-18 and the attached 2017 Treasurer's Statement – Council Remuneration and Expenses be received for information.**

Carried

## **FR-CW-11-18 2018 Tax Policy**

*CW90-18* Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor McKean

**That Report FR-CW-11-18 regarding 2018 property tax policies be received; and**

**That the 2017 tax policies remain the same for 2018 for:**

- Tax Ratios
- Tax Reductions for Mandated Subclasses of Vacant Lands
- Tax Reductions for Farmland Awaiting Development Subclasses
- Optional Classes of Property; and

**That the County utilize all of the optional capping tools available in order to move as many commercial properties towards full current value assessment (CVA) based taxation; and**

**That the necessary By-laws be drafted for Council's consideration and approval; and**

**That future reports be provided to Council on any recommended changes and/or updates to the current Tax Relief and Rebate Programs, and any recommended changes to the current vacant unit rebate program for Council consideration.**

Carried

Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

## PDR-CW-13-18 Recolour Grey – Overview of Comments Received to Date on Draft Official Plan

CW91-18 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

**That Report PDR-CW-13-18 which provides highlights of the comments received to date on the new draft Official Plan be received.**

Carried

## SSR-CW-07-18 Coordinated Rural Transportation Pilot Project Extension

CW92-18 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**That SSR-CW-07-18 regarding an extension of the Owen Sound to Shelburne transportation pilot project, pending notification of the outcome of the grant application made to the Ministry of Transportation Community Transportation Grant Program - Municipal Stream, be received and;**

**That the \$10,000 cost to extend this service from April 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018, be funded from the Social Services Caseload Reserve.**

Carried

## Other Business

Councillor Ardiel inquired as to whether the Board of Health has held any workshops on the roll out of the legalization of non-medical marijuana and the potential effects on the community. It was noted there is a plan to hold such sessions across Bruce and Grey Counties.

Councillor Eccles requested that a response letter be forwarded to the Christian Farmer's Association in response to the letter they sent on agricultural taxation in rural municipalities.

There are upcoming workshops and information sessions regarding the municipal election and information related to these will be shared via the County website and social media.

## Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Pringle and Eccles, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:50 PM to the call of the Chair.

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Stewart Halliday, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk