

Committee of the Whole

October 28, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:31 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillors Desai, Potter, McQueen and Woodbury. Alternate Councillor Little was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Desai.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

The motion for which notice was provided on October 14, 2021 by Councillor Desai pertaining to a general overview of governance items will be considered at the November 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting as requested by Councillor Desai.

Delegations

Norman Sandberg, Relationship Manager – Nuclear Waste Management Organization – Site Selection Update

Norman Sandberg addressed Council on a site selection update. Mr. Sandberg provided a background of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), noting that it was formed in 2002 as required by the Nuclear Fuel Waste Act. The organization operates as a not-for-profit organization.

Mr. Sandberg spoke to used nuclear fuel and its properties, noting that it does not easily dissolve. Used fuel bundles are stored on site at Bruce Nuclear, however a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) is the long term solution to storing used fuel bundles.

Mr. Sandberg further noted how the bundles will be stored. The bundles will be put into a steel container which will be surrounded by bentonite clay and then the natural geology will provide further protection at a depth of 500-600 metres.

He provided the project timelines. It is expected that the site selection process will be complete by 2023 and a 10 year approval process follows. The construction phase is 10 years, and the operating period is expected to be 50 years.

A DGR will only be established in a community that is a willing partner in the project. The Municipality of South Bruce and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation are the two proposed partners in southwestern Ontario. The Township of Ignace is a proposed partner in northern Ontario.

He then outlined the technical evaluation criteria for the site.

Planned community studies were then outlined, as well as economic and employment impacts. The NWMO is working closely with the SON and the Council of Elders and Youth.

The international best practice to house used fuel is through a DGR and there are many organizations and institutions that are included in this partnership.

Questions were addressed regarding technological developments and what would happen should these bundles become a resource in the future. Mr. Sandberg noted that this is being considered. The cost of the project in today's dollars is \$26 billion. The economic benefit to retrieve the used bundles would have to be significant, as it is estimated that the cost to retrieve would be similar to the cost to construct the DGR.

He then spoke to current storage practices. Current practices are not a long-term solution because it requires constant physical monitoring.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were requested to be removed.

Consent Agenda

CW166-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Burley

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 Health Care Funding Task Force minutes dated October 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.**
- b. **That Report FR-CW-25-21 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 3 of 2021 be received for information.**
- c. **That Report LSR-CW-02-21 which provides a Legal Services update, be received for information.**
- d. **That the correspondence from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to the Township of Clearview regarding the proposed reconstruction of Sideroad 26/27 and Clearview's classification of the Project, be received for information.**
- e. **That the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding**

Grey County's AMO delegation on supportive housing in Grey County be received for information.

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

CCR-CW-08-21 Inaugural Report

CW167-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Report CCR-CW-08-21 regarding 2022 inaugural considerations be received; and

That the 2022 Inaugural meeting to elect the 2022 Warden be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday December 7, 2021 and that the secret ballot be replaced with an online poll to allow for electronic participation should Council members chose to participate electronically; and

That nominations for the 2022 Warden be delivered in writing to the Clerk no later than 12:00 PM Thursday November 25, 2021; and

That the following sections of the County's Procedural By-law 5003-18, as amended, be waived for the purposes of the election of the 2022 Warden: Section 3.1 Date of Inaugural Session and Sections 5.3 Nominations, 5.7 Secret Ballot and 5.9 Scrutineers.

Carried

The required 2/3's vote to waive certain sections of the Procedural By-law was received.

PDR-CW-25-21 Award of Trail Maintenance

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That Report PCD-CW-25-21 containing the tender award recommendations for RFT-PCD-04-21 Grey County Rail Trail Grading, Stone Dusting & Compacting be received; and

That Bluewater Landscaping and Construction be awarded the Tender for a total amount of \$457,700.00 excluding HST for 20 km to be completed within the 2022 construction season.

Primary Amendment

CW168-21 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the motion be amended to reflect that 35.5 km of trail be completed, for a total amount of \$836,287.50 excluding HST to be completed within the 2022/2023 construction seasons.

Carried

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote on the amendment.

In Favour: B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, C. Little 5, S. Keaveney 5, B. O'Leary 8, B. Milne 3, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: S. Mackey 3, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, I. Boddy 8, A. Soever 7

The motion was carried 46-30.

Main Motion as Amended

CW169-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Report PCD-CW-25-21 containing the tender award recommendations for RFT-PCD-04-21 Grey County Rail Trail Grading, Stone Dusting & Compacting be received; and

That Bluewater Landscaping and Construction be awarded the Tender for a total amount of \$836,287.50 for 35.5 km excluding HST to be completed within the 2022/2023 construction seasons.

Carried

The Committee recessed, then reconvened.

Closed Meeting Matters

CW170-21 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That Committee of the Whole does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss:

- i. Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory, or a Crown agency of any of them (Accelerated High Speed Internet Program)**

That the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Randy Scherzer, Jody MacEachern, Savanna Myers, Mary Lou Spicer, Heather Morrison, Rob Hatten and Tara Warder.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 11:46 AM.

Council returned to open session at 12:24 PM.

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

CW171-21 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

Now therefore Be it Resolved That Grey County supports the concerns raised by the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus regarding the procurement process for the Advanced High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP), and;

That a letter of concern be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure, the Hon. Kinga Surma with copies to Premier Ford, the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Lisa Thompson and MPP Bill Walker requesting that the province pause the procurement until the issues of equity and transparency in the process are resolved.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: B. Gamble 3, S. Mackey 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, C. Little 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, S. Keaveney 5, B. Clumpus 6, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, B. Milne 3, A. Soever 7, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: None

The motion was Carried unanimously.

Other Business

ROMA Delegation Requests

CW172-21 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the following delegation requests be submitted for the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference:

- i. Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding funding for the continued implementation of the Community Safety and Well Being Project (Joint with Bruce County)**
- ii. Ministry of Education seeking support from the province to develop a strategy on recruitment and retention for the child care sector (Joint with Bruce County)**
- iii. Ministry of Infrastructure regarding the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program procurement process, pending the outcome of any upcoming meetings on this matter**

Carried

Warden Hicks noted that he is seeking reelection for the position of Warden for 2022.

Notice of Motion

No notices were provided.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Hutchinson and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:33 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk