

Committee of the Whole

October 8, 2020

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:17 AM through electronic means. Deputy Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members participating, except for Councillors Gamble and Keaveney. Councillor Ross Kentner was participating on behalf of Councillor Keaveney.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following item was requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: h)

Consent Agenda

CW171-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

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 Report HRR-CW-05-20 regarding the update of the County of Grey's Health and Safety Policy, Respectful Workplace Policy, and Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention Policy be received;**

That the current policies be rescinded and the following updated policies be endorsed:

- i. **Policy 2-4 Health and Safety Policy,**
- ii. **Policy 1-12 Respectful Workplace Policy,**
- iii. **Policy 2-1 Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention Policy.**

- b. **That the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force minutes dated September 18, 2020 be adopted as presented; and**

That the following resolution contained therein be endorsed:

- i. That the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force Work Plan be adopted as amended.**
- c. That the Affordable Housing Task Force minutes dated September 21, 2020 be adopted as presented; and**

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. That staff bring back a report for consideration on Grey County’s critical housing needs, key assets and opportunities for affordable housing for consideration in the 2021 budget.**
- ii. That Report HDR-AF-09-20 regarding an Odawa Heights update be received for information.**
- iii. That the County of Grey contribute \$1500.00 to the Out of Cold Feasibility Study regarding permanent homeless shelter services.**
- d. That the County of Grey support the resolution from the Region of Niagara regarding the prioritization of childcare.**
- e. That the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding changes to the Development Charges Act, the introduction of the community benefits charge (CBC), and changes to parkland dedication under the Planning Act, be received for information.**
- f. That the correspondence from the Municipality of South Bruce regarding the Nuclear Waste Management Organization’s (NWMO) site selection process for a deep geological repository, be received for information.**
- g. That the correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding Grey County’s AMO delegation on Broadband funding be received for information.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

FR-CW-22-20 High Level Budget Assumptions and 2021 Budget Timelines

CW172-20 Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That Report FR-CW-22-20 regarding the 2021 High Level Budget Assumptions and the 2021 Budget Timelines be received; and

That the proposed budget assumptions outlined in Report FR-CW-22-20 be incorporated into the draft 2021 County of Grey budget for council's consideration and direction; and

That the 2021 draft budget schedule as set out in Report FR-CW-22-20 be approved.

Carried

EDTC-CW-14-20 Youth and Diversity Report

CW173-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Report EDTC-CW-14-20 outlining projects and partnerships that demonstrate an inclusive community and support youth engagement be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-33-20 ATV and Side by Side Request

Main Motion

CW174-20 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Report PDR-CW-33-20 Use of Side by Side ATVs on the CP Rail Trail be received for information; and

That the request to have larger All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and Side by Sides (SxS's) up to a maximum width of 65 inches on the CP Rail Trail and in Harkaway Forest, be refused as the request does not meet the criteria as per the approved Recreational Trails Master Plan; and

That staff assist the interested parties to find alternative routes to connect trails for ATV's and SxS's greater than 54 inches.

Motion to Defer

CW175-20 Moved by: Warden McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the motion regarding the request to permit larger ATVs and Side by Sides be deferred until such time that further details regarding cost, insurance, liability and opportunities for partnering with the Dufferin Grey ATV Club can be explored.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote on the motion to Defer:

In Favour: P. McQueen 5, A. Desai 5, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, A. Soever 7, C. Robinson 6, T.

Hutchinson 5

Opposed: S. Mackey 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, R. Kentner 5, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, R. Potter 5.

The motion to Defer was Lost 34-53.

Councillor Burley then requested a recorded vote on the Main Motion.

In Favour: D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, B. Milne 3, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, T. Hutchinson 5.

Opposed: S. Mackey 3, A. Desai 5, P. McQueen 5, R. Kentner 5, J. Woodbury 3, C. Robinson 6.

The Main Motion was Carried 60-27.

The Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

PDR-CW-38-20 Overview of a New Proposed Residential Crossing Over the CP Rail Trail

CW176-20 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That Report PDR-CW-38-20 regarding a new proposed residential crossing over the CP Rail Trail be received; and

That the proposed residential crossing be supported in principle and that staff be directed to continue working with Grey Highlands, the property owner, and utility companies to enter into the necessary agreements without the need for additional reports to council; and

That by-laws be prepared for Council's consideration to implement the necessary agreements; and

That staff be directed to prepare a policy regarding how these types of requests for CP Rail Trail crossings will be dealt with in the future.

Carried

Correspondence from the Town of the Blue Mountains – Approval Authority for Plans of Subdivision, Plans of Condominium, Condominium Exemptions and Part Lot Control

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Warden McQueen

That the correspondence from the Town of the Blue Mountains requesting approval authority from the County of Grey for certain planning matters be received; and

That staff bring forward a report on the considerations of Grey County transferring delegated authority to the Town of the Blue Mountains for plans of subdivision, plans of condominium, condominium exemptions and part lot control.

Amendment

CW177-20 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Kentner

That the motion be amended by including an additional clause stating:

That the staff report also include a review of the current planning processes county-wide and exploration of other options which may identify further efficiencies within the overall planning process and the costs associated with those.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW178-20 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Warden McQueen

That the correspondence from the Town of the Blue Mountains requesting approval authority from the County of Grey for certain planning matters be received; and

That staff bring forward a report on the considerations of Grey County transferring delegated authority to the Town of the Blue Mountains for plans of subdivision, plans of condominium, condominium exemptions and part lot control; and

That the staff report also include a review of the current planning processes county-wide and exploration of other options which may identify further efficiencies within the overall planning process and costs associated with those.

Carried

Provincial Offences Court Update-Audio Hearing

Amanda Kokas addressed the Committee on the Provincial Offences Court audio hearing update. The Province has passed legislation to allow for greater capabilities with technology which further permits the use of telephone hearings. The Grey – Bruce Courts chose to be one of the very few courts in the Province use technology to allow audio hearings to take place. There has been great feedback received and it will be passed on to the Province. Ms. Kokas thanked the IT and Court staff for all their hard work on making this a success.

Closed Meeting Matters

CW179-20 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Potter

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. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees** (Organizational Reports)
- ii. Labour relations or employee negotiations** (2021 Budget)

That the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Heather Morrison, Kevin Wepler and Rob Hatten.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 12:39 PM.

Council returned to open session at 12:54 PM.

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

Other Business

Warden McQueen announced that he will be running for the position of Warden for the 2021 year.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Milne provided a notice of motion related to drafting a first nations land acknowledgement statement to be read at the beginning of County Council meetings.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Hutchinson and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:56 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Deputy Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk