

Corporate Services Committee October 11, 2016 – 10:00 AM

The Corporate Services Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Kevin Eccles; Councillors Bob Pringle, Dwight Burley, Paul McQueen, Selwyn Hicks, Harley Greenfield, Arlene Wright, Norm Jack and John McKean; and Warden Alan Barfoot

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk/Records Manager; Rob Hatten, Communications Officer and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Eccles called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

CS69-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the Corporate Services Committee agenda dated October 11, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated September 16, 2016 and the Building Task Force minutes dated October 4, 2016

The minutes were reviewed.

CS70-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

1. **That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Building Task Force minutes dated October 4, 2016 be adopted as presented; and**
2. **That the following recommendation be endorsed:**

THAT Report PDR-AAC- 33-16 regarding increasing the Accessibility of the St. Vincent Trail be received;

AND THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee support staff in proceeding with the development of more accessible features on the St. Vincent Trail.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Corporate Services Committee meeting minutes dated September 13, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on October 4, 2016

Reports – Finance

FR-CS-27-16 Request for Capital Funding to Construct Residential Hospice

Kevin Wepler presented the above noted report. Mr. Wepler provided a history of past funding initiatives provided by the County for health care. Staff are recommending that the request for funding for the Grey Bruce Residential Hospice be considered as part of the 2017 budget deliberations. It will be noted under the Health Care initiatives section of the budget and staff are recommending that it be funded from the one-time funding reserve.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee. It was noted that there is also a proposal for a hospice in Kincardine.

Discussion occurred on demographics of the area, the downloading of health care from the Province to municipalities, and the proposed amount to be donated. Past contributions to hospitals and future funding requests that may come forward were also

noted.

CS70-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

- 1. THAT Report FR-CS-27-16 regarding the funding request of \$200,000 from the Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce for its “Build a Home Hospice Campaign” to construct a permanent residential hospice facility be received; and**
- 2. THAT this funding request be budgeted to be funded from the One-Time Funding Reserve and be considered as part of the 2017 budget deliberations.**

Carried

FR-CS-28-16 2017 Corporate Budget Overview and Background

Kevin Wepler presented the above report. Mr. Wepler outlined the main impacts to the draft budget. The estimated net levy increase is 1.97%, net any projected assessment growth and changes to funding.

Mr. Wepler outlined proposed staffing changes and potential risks, including unpredictable legal and electricity costs.

Inquiry was made as to whether there was any consideration given to setting aside funds for Canada’s 150th birthday. Staff noted no direction has been given on this and that earlier discussions expressed concern with possibly taking away from local municipal events.

Committee discussed the suggestion as well as the events planned for lower tier municipalities. The difficulty in planning something that will impact the County as a whole was noted.

CS71-16 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor Burley

- 1. That Report FR-CS-28-16 regarding the 2017 Corporate Budget Overview and Background be received; and**
- 2. That any additional revenue generated by the 2016 assessment growth by exceeding the average of the previous three years, be transferred to the One-Time Funding Reserve for future capital needs in the 2018 budget.**

Carried

Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

FR-CS-29-16 Draft 2017 Corporate Services Committee budget Overview

Kevin Wepler addressed the Committee on the above report. Mr. Wepler outlined each of the proposed budgets under the Corporate Services Committee's portfolio.

CS72-16 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

1. **That Report FR-CS-29-16 regarding the Draft 2017 Corporate Services Budget be received; and**
2. **That the 2017 Corporate Services Budget as presented be forwarded to County Council for its consideration.**

Carried

Reports – Human Resources

HRR-CS-03-16 2016 Collective Bargaining Update

Grant McLevy presented the above report. Mr. McLevy noted that all but two contracts are coming up for negotiations in 2017.

Mr. McLevy outlined the statistics found in the report. It was noted that staff are seeking a mandate from Council with respect to benefits and wages. Mr. McLevy spoke to the increases in benefit costs due to premium cost and inflation.

CS73-16 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor McKean

1. **THAT HRR-CS-03-16 – Collective Bargaining Update be received for information.**

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

The Chair advised that the Committee will go into closed meeting at 12:17 PM for consideration of a certain matter.

CS74-16 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

1. **That the Corporate Services Committee do now go into closed session to discuss:**
 - i. **Labour relations or employee negotiations pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding Report HRR-CS-03-16 – Collective Bargaining Update; and**

- 2. That the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Sharon Vokes, Grant McLevy, Kevin Wepler, Heather Morrison, and Tara Warder.**

Carried

The Committee rose out of closed session at 12:44 PM.

Correspondence

2017 OGRA Conference Information and Report from Roger Cook – County Funding of SMART

Committee requested staff to follow up and continue discussions with SMART.

CS75-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

That the following correspondence be received for information:

- **2017 Ontario Good Roads Association Conference Information**
- **Report from Roger Cook – County Funding of SMART**

Carried

Other Business

There was none.

Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Kevin Eccles, Chair