

## Corporate Services Committee

August 11, 2015 – 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 Bob Pringle; Councillors Dwight Burley, Paul McQueen, Selwyn Hicks, Harley Greenfield, Arlene Wright, John McKean and Warden Kevin Eccles

Regrets: Councillor Norm Jack

### Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Tim Scott, Technology and Infrastructure Manager and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

## Call to Order

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

## Adoption of the Agenda

CS86-15 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor McKean

**THAT the Corporate Services Committee agenda dated August 11, 2015 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

### *Corporate Services Committee minutes dated July 14, 2015*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on August 4, 2015.

## Reports – Finance

### *FR-CS-25-15 2016 Budget Assumptions*

Kevin Weppler presented the above noted report regarding the proposed 2016 budget assumptions.

Mr. Weppler outlined the timelines for budget preparation and consideration.

Mr. Weppler then highlighted the corporate budget assumptions and directions, including a proposed tax levy increase of 2%.

Staff are requesting comments and direction on the assumptions in order to set a target for staff to work towards.

Staff addressed questions and comments from Committee regarding the upload of Ontario Works' client benefits, the possibility for changes in federal policy and priorities due to the upcoming election, and the need to be prepared for these changes.

Further discussion occurred regarding anticipated federal gas tax funding.

CS87-15      Moved by: Councillor Greenfield      Seconded by: Warden Eccles

**THAT the proposed budget assumptions and directions as presented in Report FR-CS-25-15 be approved and used to develop the Draft 2016 County of Grey budget.**

Carried

### *FR-CS-27-15 Moving Ontario Forward – Infrastructure Consultations*

Kevin Weppler addressed the Committee on the above report. Staff are recommending that a submission be made to the Province in response to its request for comments on the "Moving Ontario Forward Infrastructure Funding".

Mr. Weppler outlined the proposed submission and staff's recommendations to the Province on administering the funding. Staff noted that Committee and Council

suggestions are encouraged as well.

CS88-15      Moved by: Councillor Wright                      Seconded by: Councillor Burley

**WHEREAS the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure is seeking comments in regards to Moving Ontario Forward - Infrastructure Funding for areas outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Areas;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report FR-CS-27-15 regarding Moving Ontario Forward – Outside of the GTHA - Infrastructure Consultation be received;**

**AND THAT Council direct staff to submit to the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the feedback as in Report FR-CS-27-15 as amended, by changing the populations noted in Paragraph 3 to “0-24,999, and 25,000-49999” from “0-19,999 and 20,000 – 49,999”, and adding in provisions that require the Province to report to municipalities on reasons why funding applications have been rejected.**

Carried

## Reports – Information Technology

### *ITR-CS-10-15 Software Funding*

Tim Scott addressed the Committee on the above report, noting that Microsoft is changing its licensing programs and is increasing pricing.

Staff recommend that the County renew the software licenses for a three year term in order to avoid an increase in price and fund the unbudgeted expenditure from reserve.

CS89-15      Moved by: Councillor Hicks                      Seconded by: Councillor McKean

**WHEREAS the County has a software reserve with a projected 2015 year-end balance of \$351,785.73;**

**AND WHEREAS Microsoft has recently changed its software licensing programs and announced an overall 13% price increase;**

**AND WHEREAS the County will save \$30,000 over three years if software is purchased prior to the price increase;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report ITR-CS-10-15 be received;**

**AND THAT \$86,510.06 plus the non-recoverable portion of HST be transferred from the Information Services Planned Software Purchase Reserve to fund the purchase of Microsoft software;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the transfer occur immediately, staff are hereby authorized to proceed with the purchase of the software in advance of Council's approval of this recommendation under the authority of the Procedural By-law section 24.13 b.**

Carried

## Correspondence

### *Haldimand County – Vacancy Rebate Program*

The Committee considered the correspondence.

CS90-15      Moved by: Councillor Wright      Seconded by: Warden Eccles

**THAT the County of Grey support the resolution from Haldimand County regarding the review of the legislation surrounding Vacancy Rebate Programs;**

**AND THAT the Haldimand County resolution be circulated to the lower tier municipalities in Grey County requesting support.**

Carried

## Other Business

There was no other business.

## Next Meeting Dates

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Burley, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Bob Pringle, Chair