

Committee of the Whole

February 25, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:36 AM through electronic means. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillor Desai. Councillor Little was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Desai.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

CW44-21 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That the motion for which notice was given on February 11, 2021 regarding Grey County submitting an Expression of Interest to the Municipal Modernization Program to assess waste management services being provided at the County level, be deferred until later in the meeting following Report CAOR-CW-05-21.

Carried

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: g – Resolution from the Town of the Blue Mountains – Grey County Audit of Tax Rolls

Consent Agenda

CW45-21 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

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 SSR-CW-02-21 Social Assistance Update – 2020 A Year in Review be received for information.**

- b. **That Council receive Report FR-CW-06-21 titled 2020 Year-End Transfers and approve the recommendations, as contained and estimated in Report FR-CW-06-21, regarding transfers to and from Reserve; and**
That Council approve any surplus/deficit arising in the 2020 budget be transferred to/(from) the respective departmental reserves.
- c. **That Report TR-CW-10-21 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-02-21 Grey Roads 17, 17B and 170 Rehabilitation be received; and**
That EC King Contracting be awarded the Tender for a total amount of \$3,344,062.52 excluding HST.
- d. **That Report TR-CW-11-21 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-01-21 Grey Roads 3, 5 and 16 Rehabilitation be received; and**
That Arnill Construction be awarded the Tender for a total amount of \$3,242,666.13 excluding HST.
- e. **That the correspondence from Dr. Bruce Stanners in support of the Expanding Paramedicine in the Community Program (EPIC) be received for information.**
- f. **That the County of Grey support the correspondence from the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation regarding opposition to Minister's Zoning Orders and Recent Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act that fast track sprawl style development and avoid public consultation.**
- g. **That the correspondence from the County of Perth regarding negative impacts of current value assessment be received for information.**
- h. **That the correspondence regarding Grey County providing funding towards the Blue Mountain Attainable Housing Project be received for information.**
- i. **That the County of Grey support the resolution from the Township of Guelph Eramosa regarding advocating for reform to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

CAOR-CW-05-21 County Wide Waste Management Study

CW46-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That Report CAOR-CW-05 -21 County Wide Waste Management Study be received; and

That Council direct staff regarding next steps.

Carried

CW47-21 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

Whereas a resolution from the Municipality of Meaford was received for information on October 2, 2020, which requested that the County of Grey consider the merits of delivering waste collection and disposal systems at the County level in accordance with the County of Grey's Collaborative Decision-making Framework; and

Whereas there are long-term sustainability issues related to exporting garbage out of the county or country, including the fossil fuel gas consumption and impact on regional roads required to truck garbage long distances; and

Whereas it may be more viable and environmentally friendly to make better use of local facilities, including the Biodigester jointly owned by the Township of Chatsworth and Township of Georgian Bluffs; and

Whereas in many parts of the province, the upper-tier is responsible for waste collection and disposal; and

Whereas at the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference (ROMA), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced a second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program to allow municipalities to benefit from provincial funding to implement projects to increase efficiency and effectiveness and lower costs in the longer term with particular emphasis on the following priorities:

- Digital modernization
- Service integration
- Streamlined development approvals
- Shared services/alternative delivery models.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That staff be directed to submit an Expression of Interest to the Transfer Payment Ontario system by March 15 to access the second phase of the province's Municipal Modernization Program in order to hire a consultant to assess the feasibility of delivering waste collection and disposal systems at the County level; and

That due to the tight timeframes related to the application deadline, this proceed ahead of Council approval in accordance with Section 25.6 b) of the County's Procedural By-law.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, P. McQueen 5, C. Little 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: A. Soever 7,

The motion was Carried 83-7.

HDR-CW-04-21 Social Services Relief Fund Update

CW48-21 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That report HDR-CW-04-21 regarding an update on the Social Services Relief Funds and COVID 19 related housing initiatives be received for information.

Carried

HDR-CW-05-21 Investment Plan for Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative for 2021-2022

CW49-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Report HDR-CW-05-21 regarding a proposed Investment Plan for Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative for 2021-22 be received; and

That Grey County Council endorses the Investment Plan for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative and approves the 2021-22 funding to be expensed by March 31, 2022.

Carried

EDTC-CW-05-21 Wayfinding Signage Policy

CW50-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report EDTC-CW-05-21 be received and the Wayfinding Signage Policy #12-5 be endorsed; and

That the 2020 fees for Grey County Tourism Oriented Destination Signage (GC TODS) be written off, or the Operators provided with a reimbursement due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic impacts, totaling approximately \$12,000 in lost revenue, to be offset by utilizing the Federal-Provincial Safe Restart Municipal Operating funding.

Carried

Addendum to PDR-CW-27-20 Dundalk Medical Clinic Memorandum of Understanding

CW51-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That Addendum to PDR-CW-27-20 be received which provides an update with respect to the proposed medical health centre in the community of Dundalk, Township of Southgate; and

That the proposed Memorandum of Understanding be endorsed which details the terms with respect to transferring a portion of the County owned lands adjacent to the CP Rail Trail to the Township of Southgate and to establish an easement across portions of the CP Rail Trail; and

That staff be directed to proceed with finalizing and implementing the Memorandum of Understanding which includes:

- a. preparing a land donation agreement to transfer lands to the Township of Southgate,**
- b. granting of an easement(s) for the pedestrian crossing, and**
- c. preparing a facility and maintenance agreement to permit the development of the pedestrian crossing and trail user parking area, as well as to address on-going maintenance requirements; and**

That such by-laws be prepared for the consideration of County Council as may be required to implement the Memorandum of Understanding.

Carried

Addendum to PDR-CW-06-19 Ridge Estates Subdivision / Condominium

CW52-21 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-06-19 be received; and

That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2018-13A and plan of condominium 42-CDM-2018-13B known as Ridge Estates were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That in consideration of the draft plan of subdivision and condominium applications 42T-2018-13A and 42-CDM-2018-13B, for lands described as Block 38, Plan 16M-24, Town of The Blue Mountains, the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves the plan of subdivision and condominium to create a total of thirty one (31) single detached residential lots (Lots 1 to 31) and one block for a 12 to 16 metre wide private condominium road and for a private open space/private recreation area (Block 32), subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Decision.

Carried

PDR-CW-05-21 County Forest Tract Renaming

CW53-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That Report PDR-CW-05-21 be received; and

That in accordance with the corporate asset naming policy, the identified

County forest properties (19) be renamed as proposed in the report and be formally endorsed by County Council; and

That County Forest Property #35 be renamed to the preferred name to be provided by Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON).

Carried

Resolution from the Town of the Blue Mountains – Grey County Audit of Tax Rolls

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That the resolution from the Town of the Blue Mountains regarding a County audit of the tax rolls of all the lower tier municipalities in Grey County be received for information.

Amendment

Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Potter

That the motion be amended to strike out “for information” and add the clause “That staff be directed to undertake an assessment of the potential shortfalls in assessment for Grey County.”

CW54-21

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the pending motions related to the resolution from the Town of the Blue Mountains regarding an audit of the tax rolls, be deferred until the April 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting to give the lower tier municipalities time to consider the value of Grey County undertaking an audit of assessment shortfalls.

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

In Favour: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, P. McQueen 5, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6,

Opposed: D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, C. Little 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, I. Boddy 8, B. O’Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, T. Hutchinson 5

The motion to Defer was Lost 30-60.

Amendment

Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Potter

That the motion be amended to strike out “for information” and add the clause “That staff be directed to undertake an assessment of the potential shortfalls in assessment for Grey County.”

The motion to Amend was then withdrawn by Councillor Soever.

Main Motion

CW55-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That the resolution from the Town of the Blue Mountains regarding a County audit of the tax rolls of all the lower tier municipalities in Grey County be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Rob Hatten noted that Rogers TV has approached Grey County, as they are interested in airing Grey County's Council and Committee of the Whole meetings on Rogers TV. There is no cost for this service. Mr. Hatten noted that everyone should consider themselves to be live leading up to and during the meetings. The process for closed meetings was discussed with Rogers as well. Coverage can only be confirmed until approximately 12pm. They are prepared to begin on March 11th.

Kim Wingrove noted that the new Director of Human Resources, Jennifer Moreau has started with Grey County. Ms. Wingrove welcomed her to Grey County.

Ms. Wingrove noted that today is the Deputy Clerk's last meeting until the fall, as she will be on leave until September 2021.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Potter provided a notice of motion regarding undertaking a review of the collaborative decision-making process for Grey County.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:45 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk