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December 2, 2014

Grey County Council met at the call of the Clerk for the inaugural session on Tuesday evening, December 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held in the County of Grey Council Chambers at the County Administration Building, Owen Sound.

Derik Brandt, Chief Administrative Officer, welcomed those in attendance and provided opening comments.

Former Grey County Wardens and Directors of the County met in the Seminar Room and entered the Council Chambers.

Invited guests and County staff were also in attendance.

The processional including the County Clerk, the Honourable Justice Julia Morneau and County Councillors were then piped into the Chambers by Piper Bill Millman.

Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services presided over the inaugural session and called the meeting to order. The Clerk welcomed those in attendance and provided opening remarks.

## Roll Call

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present.

## Swearing in of Councillors

The Honourable Justice Morneau presided over the swearing in of the members of Grey County Council.

Best wishes were extended to Council members by Justice Morneau.

## Election of the Warden

CC01-15      Moved by: Councillor Ardiel                      Seconded by: Councillor Burley

**THAT the Warden of the County of Grey be elected for a one year term in accordance with By-law 4876-14 as amended by By-law 4880-**

**14, being the County's Procedural By-law and Section 233 (1) of the  
*Municipal Act, 2001.***

Carried

The Clerk outlined the procedures for the election of the Warden as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the County's procedural by-law.

The Clerk stated that nominations for Warden of the County of Grey for the next term were in order and nominations were received as follows:

CC02-15      Moved by: Councillor Wright      Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**THAT Kevin Eccles be nominated for the Warden for the County of Grey**

CC03-15      Moved by: Councillor Greenfield      Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

**THAT Alan Barfoot be nominated for the Warden for the County of Grey**

On motion of Councillor McQueen, nominations closed.

At the conclusion of nominations, the Clerk asked the intentions of each candidate to run for the office of Warden for which they have been nominated.

Councillor Eccles indicated his desire to stand for the position of Warden for 2015. Councillor Barfoot thanked his nominator and seconder, but declined to have his name stand for Warden at this time.

Councillor Wright and Councillor Pringle the nominators for Councillor Eccles spoke on his behalf.

Councillor Eccles was then acclaimed as Warden of the County of Grey for 2015.

## Swearing in of Warden

The Honourable Justice Morneau administered the Declaration of Office to Warden Eccles pursuant to the requirements of Section 233 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and offered her congratulations to the new Warden.

The Clerk also offered her congratulations to Warden Eccles.

## Presentation of the Chain of Office

Past Warden Arlene Wright was invited to the front of the Chambers where she congratulated Warden Eccles and presented him with the Chain of Office.

## Presentation of the Gavel

The Clerk presented Warden Eccles with the gavel and invited him to assume the Chair for the balance of the proceedings.

## Warden's Remarks and Introductions

Warden Eccles expressed his appreciation to the members of County Council for their support and thanked his nominators. Warden Eccles then introduced his family members, friends and council members of the Municipality of West Grey.

## Warden's Address

Warden Eccles presented his opening address to Council

CC04-15      Moved by: Councillor Wright      Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**THAT the Warden's Address be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.**

Carried

## By-Laws

CC05-15      Moved by: Councillor Barfoot      Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**THAT By-Law 4883-15 being a By-law to confirm the standing committees of the County of Grey for the term commencing December 3, 2014 be introduced and that it be taken as read a first, second and third time signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law book.**

Carried

## Remarks by Guest

On behalf of the Past Wardens, Al Bye (1995 and 1999) provided comments to Council. Past Warden's in attendance were introduced as follows: Lois Urdstadt (1982), Gerald Shortt (1990), Frank Biernes (1988) and Howard Greig (1993 and 2000).

## Adjournment

Warden Eccles thanked everyone for attending and announced that a reception would be held in the Seminar Room immediately following the session and invited all present to attend.

On motion of Councillor Paterson, Council adjourned at 8:25 PM until Tuesday January 6, 2015 at 10:00 AM.

Council closed with O Canada sung by the Georgian Bay Children's Choir.

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Kevin Eccles, Warden

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Sharon Vokes, County Clerk