

Council

September 23, 2021

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 9:31 AM through electronic means. The Clerk called Council to order, and Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillors Mackey and Soever. No alternates were in attendance.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; and Kathie Nunno, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator were also participating.

The following staff members were in attendance:

Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services - County Solicitor; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology; and Rob Hatten, Communications Manager.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabek, Six Nations of the Grand River, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples on whose traditional territories we gather and whose ancestors signed Treaties with our ancestors. We recognize also, the Metis and Inuit whose ancestors shared this land and these waters. May we all, as Treaty People, live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC70-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated September 9, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented.

Carried

CC71-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That the Development Charges Steering Committee minutes dated September 13, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented and

That the resolutions contained therein be adopted as follows:

- i. **THAT the presentation of Hemson Consulting Ltd. regarding the Development Charges Background Study and By-Law Update 2021 be received; and**

THAT staff instruct Hemson Consulting Ltd. to prepare the draft Development Charges By-laws on the basis of the updates to the growth-related capital programs; and

THAT staff hold a Public Meeting on October 28, 2021 to receive comments on the Development Charges Background Study and Draft Development Charges By-law.

Carried

CC72-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That the Long-Term Care Committee of Management minutes dated September 14, 2021 be adopted as presented; and

That the resolutions contained therein be adopted as follows:

- i. **That report LTCR-CM-19-21 regarding a Long-Term Care COVID-19 Status Update be received for information.**
- ii. **That Report LTCR-CM-20-21 Long-Term Care Operational Report from June 15-August 14, 2021 be received for information.**
- iii. **That Report LTCR-CM-22-21 regarding Grey Gables Optimizing PSW Schedules be received; and**

That the short shifts (less than 7.5 hours) at Grey Gables be extended to full shifts (7.5 hours), for a period of October 1 to December 31, 2021; and

That the financial impact of \$41,438.25 as phase one in a strategy to optimize staffing resources be funded from the

**Ministry of Long-Term Care COVID Containment and
Prevention funding.**

Carried

CC73-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That the Long-Term Care Committee of Management closed meeting minutes dated September 14, 2021 be adopted as provided to County Council.

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Potter advised that the Blue Mountains Public Library is in the second phase of its strategic planning study. Focus groups are scheduled. Current flooding is posing challenges to development and rural areas.

Councillor Keaveney spoke about the struggles businesses are having with finding staff. The Town of Meaford, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, Employment Ontario, RTO7 and Y Employment Services, is holding a job fair on October 7, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Councillor Keaveney encouraged job seekers to register at ymcaowensound.on.ca/Meaford-job-fair to guarantee a spot to come in and speak to businesses attending. Proof of vaccination will be required to enter the community centre.

Councillor Hutchinson welcomed the Landing Gear Diner. The grand opening was held recently at the Saugeen Municipal Airport.

Councillor Boddy spoke about September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Owen Sound city hall will be closed that day in recognition. At the M'Wikwedong Friendship Centre, there will be a sacred fire ceremony starting at 1:00 PM. There will be a sacred fire and gathering at the Gitche Namewikwedong Reconciliation Garden at the South end of Nawash Park at Kelso Beach at 3:00 PM. On Saturday, October 2nd, the Gitche Namewikwedong sturgeon fish garden sculpture installation is happening at 2:00 PM with the Ojibway Nation of Saugeen. Warden Hicks added that municipal websites and municipal libraries will have good resources on what's happening.

Councillor Desai spoke about proof of vaccination stating that this is a provincial regulation and to be kind to people and businesses who are just doing their jobs and following regulations provided by the Province.

Councillor McQueen reminded everyone that the proceeds of Ram Rodeo will be going to the Markdale Hospital Foundation. Tickets are still available online for the event

which is happening September 25th and 26th. Grey Highlands enjoyed a very successful kitefest. Councillor McQueen is looking forward to the fall colours.

Councillor Gamble talked about Chatsworth's first annual car and tractor show which was held last weekend. Funding is going to support the new arena and community hub.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Paterson and Milne, Council adjourned at 9:47 AM to the call of the Warden.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk