
Committee of the Whole

April 12, 2018 – Following Council

Grey County Council met on the above date at 11:08 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Stewart Halliday assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillor Norm Jack.

Councillor John Woodbury was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Jack.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Kris Kreutzweiser, Auditor from Collins – Barrow - Golden Town Financial Statements

Kris Kreutzweiser of Collins-Barrow provided an outline of the Golden Town Residential Community Inc. financial statements as they relate to Report HDR-CW-03-18 as requested by County Council.

The dollar value of the total assets were noted as well as existing mortgages.

Net assets both restricted and unrestricted were then outlined.

Ms. Kreutzweiser then highlighted that statement of operations and unrestricted net assets for Golden Town Manor. Generally this has been on budget. A small deficit of just over \$4,000 was realized in 2017. Albert Place and Victoria Village operations have been stable from year to year.

HDR-CW-03-18 Golden Town Residential Community (Deferred from the meeting of March 22, 2018)

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

That Report HDR-CW-03-18 regarding a proposed transfer of Golden Town Residential Company assets to Grey County be received; and

That staff be directed to carry out the process to transfer such assets to the County of Grey.

Amendment

CW93-18 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

That the motion be amended to reflect that the report be received and request staff to bring back a report to an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting on the timelines of the transfer and the projected capital upgrades that may be required over the next 20 years.

Councillor Eccles requested a recorded vote on the amendment.

In Favour: A. Barfoot 5, D. Burley 5, P. McQueen 5, S. Halliday 5, A. Fosbrooke 4, J. Woodbury 3, J. McKean 6, G. Ardiel 5, K. Eccles 6, J. Bell 6

Opposed: B. Pringle 4, S. Mackey 3, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 5, H. Greenfield 5, I. Boddy 9, A. Wright 8

The motion was Carried 50-40.

Motion as Amended

CW94-18 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

That Report HDR-CW-03-18 regarding a proposed transfer of Golden Town Residential Company assets to Grey County be received; and

That staff be requested to bring forward a report to an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting on the timelines of the proposed Golden Town Residential transfer and the projected capital upgrades that may be required over the next 20 years.

Carried

Councillor Boddy left the meeting at this time.

Delegations

Mike Ryan, President and Hugh Simpson, First Vice President - Grey County Federation of Agriculture - Farm Assessments and Taxes

Mike Ryan noted that the County has the opportunity to lower the agricultural rate to less than 25% of the residential rate. A reassessment increase of over 70% is significant.

Some counties have lowered it to less than 25%.

The federation is asking recognition of farms as businesses and requests the agricultural tax rate be 22% of the residential rate. This is more bearable to the sector.

Grey County Federation of Agriculture understands that from the County's perspective, this will not translate to much money, however a decision to maintain the ratio as it is favours the residential sector and puts a considerable burden on many farms. The rate reduction proposal makes an insignificant economic change yet is a positive change to farmers.

Councillor Hicks left the meeting at this time.

Pam Hillier, Executive Director – 211 - Review of 211 Service Usage Statistics, Gaps for 2017 and Program Highlights

Pam Hillier addressed Council on a review of 211 service usage statistics. Grey County continues to be high users of 211 services.

Ms. Hillier noted that the average wait time and cue is 50 seconds and the abandonment rate is 7%. There is an option for individuals to leave a callback number so they do not have to wait on the phone.

It was noted that information on utility assistance is the number one reason for calling.

In terms of unmet needs, the biggest gap was in health.

Ms. Hillier then outlined 211's emerging role in bridging the gap between primary care and community, social and government services.

Councillor Hicks then re-entered the meeting.

Committee recessed, then reconvened.

Closed Meeting Matters

CW95-18

Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

That Committee of the Whole does now go into closed session to discuss:

- i. Advice subject to solicitor – client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding Indigenous land rights; and**

That the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Heather Morrison, Anne Marie Shaw, Jennifer Cornell, Randy Scherzer, Pat Hoy, Kevin McNab, Grant McLevy, Debbie Pegelo, Kevin Weppler, Tara Warder and Erroll Treslan.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at: 1:11 PM.

Council rose back into open session at: 1:44 PM.

Addendum to PDR-CW-39-17 Saugeen Valley Revised Memorandum of Understanding (Deferred from the meeting of March 8, 2018)

CW96-18 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That the comments outlined in the Addendum to Staff Report PDR-CW-39-17 be provided to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) in response to the revised draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for plan review and technical services that the SVCA circulated to the County and the watershed municipalities, and

That Council requests that the SVCA continue to provide both natural hazard and natural heritage comments for the County of Grey as part of its review of planning applications in order to maintain consistency with other conservation authorities and municipalities in Grey County, and

That when providing comments on natural hazards and natural heritage matters that the comments be provided in the context of Provincial Policy Statement as well as the County Official Plan, and local planning documents for all Planning Act applications, and

That Council supports the recommended revisions to the revised draft MoU and directs staff to circulate a copy of the Report and the revised draft MoU to the SVCA and the member municipalities within Grey County that are located within the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority watershed and to work with the SVCA to finalize an MoU for Council's consideration.

Carried

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW97-18 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

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.

- 1. That Report FR-CW-13-18 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 1 of 2018 be received for information.**
- 2. That Report TR-CW-19-18 be received and that the request for a setback**

exemption of 52.49 feet (16 metres) from the centreline at 504569 Grey Road 1 in the Township of Georgian Bluffs to accommodate a garage separate from the existing residential house be approved.

- 3. That the County of Grey supports the Town of Hanover's resolution urging the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local libraries.**
- 4. That the correspondence from the Township of Chatsworth regarding the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority commenting on County and Local Official Plan policies, be received for information.**
- 5. That the correspondence from the Township of Georgian Bluffs thanking the CAO and Warden for their presentation to Council be received for information.**
- 6. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated March 23, 2018 be adopted as presented.**
- 7. That the joint public meeting minutes dated March 28, 2018 regarding Official Plan Amendment 141 in the Township of Southgate be received for information.**
- 8. That the Grey County-The Blue Mountains Task Force minutes dated November 28, 2017 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

Homelessness Enumeration Verbal Update

Anne Marie Shaw addressed Council on homelessness enumeration. This will be the first time enumeration is happening. A prior staff report, HDR-CW-09-17 outlined what type and how the process would be occurring.

Ms. Shaw outlined the vision and goals and the 10 year housing and homelessness plan.

The initiative will be called the County Campaign Targeting Homelessness and is a five day campaign to better understand homelessness. The campaign will take place from April 23-27, 2018. There are going to be 15 drop-in hubs throughout the County and staff can visit those that cannot attend the hubs. It is a short questionnaire. Those participating in the campaign will be volunteering to do so.

Ms. Shaw then outlined the plan moving forward including hub locations and staff training.

HDR-CW-07-18 Transfer of Twin Pines Property to Grey County

CW98-18

Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Report HDR-CW-07-18 be received and that the properties identified as

Part of Park Lot 8 North Side of Chester Street West Plan 500 Durham as in GS38555 except R443637; Geographic Township of Bentinck, Municipality of West Grey, County of Grey be acquired from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by The Minister of Infrastructure; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the transfer agreement to transfer ownership from Her Majesty the Queen to Grey County; and

That the County proceed with option two and issue a Request for Proposal for interested parties to build affordable housing; and

That once the transfer of land is finalized, staff proceed with a notice of intent to declare the land surplus.

Carried

HDR-CW-06-18 Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program Additional Funding

CW99-18 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Wright

That report HDR-CW-06-18 regarding additional funding through the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program be received; and

That Council endorses the business plan for the additional year one funding from the Province of \$111,547 and the 2018-2021 business plan and that the plans be submitted to the Province.

Carried

TR-CW-20-18 Award of RFT-TS-03-18 Grey Road 32 Pulverizing and Hot Mix Paving

CW100-18 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor McKean

That Report TR-CW-20-18 regarding tender award recommendations for RFT-TS-03-18 be received and that the tender be awarded to E.C. King Contracting for \$1,947,652.43 excluding taxes; and

That a 5% construction contingency be added to the tender price resulting in a revised estimated project cost of \$2,081,027.67 net HST; and

That the project deficit of \$81,027.67 will be funded from any surplus realized from within the 2018 capital construction budget or, if a surplus is not available, from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve.

Carried

TR-CW-21-18 Engineering Technologist Position

CW101-18 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor McKean

That Report TR-CW-21-18 regarding the Engineering Technologist position be received and that Grey County proceed with hiring an Engineering Technologist; and

That the position be funded from the Transportation General Reserve in 2018 and included in the 2019 budget.

Carried

PDR-CW-14-18 Sunvale Homes Information Report

CW102-18 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Report PDR-CW-14-18 regarding an overview of proposed application 42T-2018-05, to establish a plan of subdivision consisting of two hundred and forty-seven (247) lots on lands described as Part of Lot 24, Division 2, Concession 1 EGR, (geographic Township of Glenelg) in the Municipality of West Grey, be received for information.

Carried

Ontario Municipal Board Appeals File List

CW103-18 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That the Ontario Municipal Board Appeals File list be received for information.

Carried

Administration Building Addition / Renovation Update

Anne Marie Shaw provided an update on the Administration building renovation. Occupancy has been received for the Finance and Transportation areas as well as the staff room.

It is anticipated that the grand opening will take place in June. Staff are hoping that complete occupancy will be received by mid-May.

Other Business

There is a candidate information session on April 17th at the Bayshore for anyone who is interested in running in the municipal election in October 2018. A second event will be held in Flesherton on June 21st.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Fosbrooke provided a notice of motion regarding allotting a specific amount of time

for an open forum at the beginning of County Council meetings.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Pringle, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:58 PM to the call of the Chair.

Stewart Halliday, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk