

## Council

August 13, 2020

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 9:30 AM through electronic means. The Clerk called Council to order and Deputy Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillors Gamble and Boddy. Councillor Richard Thomas was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Boddy.

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

The following staff members were participating:

Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture; Grant McLevy, Senior Manager of Human Resources; Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology and Melissa McCulloch, Ontario Works Manager.

## Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

## Adoption of Minutes

CC69-20      Moved by: Councillor Potter      Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That the minutes and resolutions of the County Council meeting dated July 23, 2020 be adopted as presented and that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes and resolutions dated July 23, 2020 be adopted as amended with Resolution CW140-20 being amended to correct the membership of the Hanover-Owen Sound Task Force to Councillors Milne, Desai, Hicks and O'Leary and Warden McQueen.**

Carried

## Closed Meeting Matters

There was no closed meeting held.

## Reports

### Board of Health

CC70-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

**That the Board of Health minutes dated June 26, 2020 be received for information.**

Carried

## By-Laws

CC71-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That By-Law 5090-20 be introduced and that it be taken as read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law book.**

**5090-20 A By-law to Update the Fees and Service Charges for the County of Grey**

Carried

## Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Mackey extended appreciation to the provincial and federal governments for the emergency COVID-19 funding received by municipalities. He further noted that the Township of Chatsworth is planning on going back to in person Council meetings in September.

Councillor Burley noted that the Township of Georgian Bluffs recently held its first in person meeting in the Chambers and it was well received. Despite COVID-19, flights in and out of the airport have surpassed last year's numbers.

Councillor Carleton noted that Bell has recently upgraded internet services in the Township.

Warden McQueen noted that the AMO conference is next week in a virtual format. The Municipality of Grey Highlands has about 50% staff in the office and the front counter is being reconstructed to include plexiglass.

Councillor Desai noted that the Feversham Kinsman are working on hosting a drive-in movie night. The Municipality of Grey Highlands plans to return to in person council meetings in October.

Councillor Paterson noted that the Hanover virtual fall fair was a success. P & H Milling in Hanover is constructing six new silos. There is one gas station is being reconstructed and another gas station has opened at the south end of the Town.

Councillor Clumpus noted that traffic is heavy in Meaford and Memorial Park is full. The shoreline parks are under construction. Beaches are open and people are being responsible. She is looking forward to discussions on moving out of the emergency state.

Councillor Keaveney noted that Meaford was named one of the Top 17 small towns in Ontario. The Farmer's Market has returned to an in person market. There are also many farm gate markets open as well.

Councillor Thomas noted that the Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library is now open to the public. The City's restaurants are doing well with patios. The Planning Department is busy, and the City is trying to organize some drive in movie nights in September.

Councillor O'Leary noted that the winter season is on its way.

Councillors Burley and Warden McQueen left the meeting at this time.

Councilor Woodbury noted that the Agri-expo is happening this coming weekend in Southgate. The Agricultural Society is doing a drive through fall fair this year.

Councillor Milne noted that the Farmer's Market is now open for in person shopping. Grey Road 9 construction is now complete, and he thanks County staff for the work.

Councillor Soever noted that municipal projects are proceeding well. The former Foodland has been demolished and was done so under budget. All the material from the building demolition is being recycled. The sidewalks in Clarksburg are being completed and Little River park reconstruction is complete. The launch of the tree trust has occurred. Lobster fest has raised \$22,000 for the Grants and Donations Committee, the Marsh Street Centre and Beaver Valley Outreach. The Town has received a grant for \$300,000 for a mobile victims unit that includes a service dog and child advocacy personnel so that victims can be interviewed in a more comfortable environment. The

initiative was pioneered by the local OPP with the support of the Police Services Board. This will serve a broad area around The Blue Mountains.

Councillor Potter is pleased the sidewalks and park construction is complete. The library will reopen to the public this week.

Councillor Robinson noted that she participated as a delegation on the provincial Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs and spoke to impacts of COVID-19 on certain sectors of the economy.

Councillor Hutchinson noted that the Economic Development Committee completed its portion of the Community Improvement Program and is one step closer to having that in place.

Councillor Hicks congratulated Councillors Keaveney and Clumpus and their staff on the operation of Memorial Park in Meaford.

## Adjournment

On motion by Councillors O'Leary and Milne, Council adjourned at 10:03 AM to the call of the Warden.

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Selwyn Hicks, Deputy Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk