

Committee of the Whole

December 9, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:32 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden 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. Alternate Councillor Rob Sampson was also in attendance. Councillor Woodbury was attending virtually.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: f. Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Town of Hanover Employment & e. Correspondence from the Ministry of Infrastructure – Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Update

Consent Agenda

CW01-22 Moved by: Councillor 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 Report EDTC-CW-01-22 regarding Georgian College International Student Strategy, be received; and**

That in accordance with the approval provided by Council through endorsement of report EDTC-CW-03-20, staff be authorized to utilize the \$33,000 previously set aside from the Economic Development Initiatives Reserve for this project.

- b. **That Report FR-CW-01-22 titled 2021 Housing Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts be received; and**

That the recommended write offs in the amount of \$28,265 as outlined in the report be approved.

- c. That Report CCR-CW-03-22 be received and that the County of Grey (Group 1) supports the nomination of Mr. John Sepulis as the municipal representative on the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee for a term expiring in May 2023.**
- d. That the County of Grey supports the resolution from the County of Simcoe regarding an exemption for the annual exercise requirement for municipalities who have experienced an emergency.**
- e. That the correspondence from Sue Near regarding reconsidering CP Rail Trail upgrades be referred to the Climate Change Task Force.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

Health Care Funding Task Force minutes dated November 22, 2021

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That the Health Care Funding Task Force minutes dated November 22, 2021 be adopted as presented; and the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. That Report CAOR-HCF-14-21 be received; and**

That the proposed Grey County's healthcare funding policy reflecting the eligibility principles as outlined in the report be approved as amended; and

That the annual contribution to reserve for health care funding be increased to three quarters of 1% of County levy as resources are available to do so; and

That staff recommendations for resolution of the outstanding funding requests be approved; and

That upon final endorsement by County Council of the changes relative to health care funding, the Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task Force be dissolved.

Primary Amendment

CW02-22

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That the motion be amended to include that the policy will note that prorated contributions will also be considered with appropriate criteria.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW03-22 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

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i. That Report CAOR-HCF-14-21 be received; and

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That the policy will note that prorated contributions will also be considered with appropriate criteria; and

That the annual contribution to reserve for health care funding be increased to three quarters of 1% of County levy as resources are available to do so; and

That staff recommendations for resolution of the outstanding funding requests be approved; and

That upon final endorsement by County Council of the changes relative to health care funding, the Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task Force be dissolved.

Carried

CCR-CW-01-22 Committee Appointments

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report CCR-CW-01-22 be received, and the following appointments be confirmed for 2022; and

That Warden Hicks be appointed to the Owen Sound Community Advisory Committee for Georgian College; and

That elections for any committees required be voted on by single vote; and

That the Climate Change Task Force, Affordable Housing Task Force and Hanover-Owen Sound Task Force appointments continue in 2022 until the end of the respective Task Force mandates; and

That in accordance with the Terms of Reference, the membership of the Long-Term Care Redevelopment and Planning Task Force remain the same until the end of the council term; and

That all other required appointments contained in Report CCR-CW-01-22 be endorsed.

Amendment

CW04-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That the motion be amended to reflect removal of an election and inclusion of the following additional appointments:

Councillor McQueen be appointed to the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Hutchinson be appointed to the Tourism Advisory Committee, Councillor Robinson be appointed as the Alternate to the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, and Councillor O’Leary be appointed to the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy and Councillor Carleton be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW05-22 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report CCR-CW-01-22 be received, and the following appointments be confirmed for 2022; and

That Warden Hicks be appointed to the Owen Sound Community Advisory Committee for Georgian College; and

That the Climate Change Task Force, Affordable Housing Task Force and Hanover-Owen Sound Task Force appointments continue in 2022 until the end of the respective Task Force mandates; and

That in accordance with the Terms of Reference, the membership of the Long-Term Care Redevelopment and Planning Task Force remain the same until the end of the council term; and

That Councillor McQueen be appointed to the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Hutchinson be appointed to the Tourism Advisory Committee, Councillor Robinson be appointed as the Alternate to the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, Councillor O’Leary be appointed to the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy, Councillor Carleton be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee; and

That all other required appointments contained in Report CCR-CW-01-22 be endorsed.

Carried

HRR-CW-01-22 Human Resources Organizational Changes Proposed for Budget 2022

CW06-22 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Report HRR-CW-01-22 be received; and

That the organizational changes in the Human Resources department be included in the 2022 Budget package for consideration.

Carried

FR-CW-02-22 Budget Overview and Background Report

CW07-22 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report FR-CW-02-22 regarding the 2022 Budget Overview and Background Report be received.

Carried

Committee recessed, then reconvened.

EDTC-CW-02-22 Opportunities to Promote Black History

CW08-22 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Report EDTC-CW-02-22 regarding Opportunities to Promote Black History in Grey County be received; and

That a staff position be restructured to focus on Community Relations and \$10,000 of Grey Roots current funding be allocated as a Community Granting Fund beginning in the 2022 budget to prioritize this important work; and

That the opportunities presented be endorsed and an action plan be developed and brought back to Council annually as part of Grey Roots work plan updates.

Carried

PDR-CW-02-22 Hanover Minor Variance A3-21

CW09-22 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Report PDR-CW-02-22 regarding an overview of Town of Hanover minor variance application A3-21 on lands described as Part of Lot 10, Concession 1 North of the Durham Road, in the geographic Township of Bentinck, Town of Hanover, municipally known as 651 23rd Avenue, be received for information; and

That staff be directed to withdraw the appeal of minor variance A3-21 to the Ontario Land Tribunal; and

That should minor variance A3-21 get appealed by another party, that staff be directed to seek party status at the Ontario Land Tribunal proceeding as it pertains to defending the County's interest with respect to Grey Road 28.

Carried

Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Town of Hanover's Employment Lands

Councillor Woodbury left the meeting at this time.

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Town of Hanover's employment lands and future land needs be referred to the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force.

Primary Amendment

CW10-22 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That the motion be amended to receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Town of Hanover's employment lands and future land needs for information and take no further action.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote on the amendment.

In Favour: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, P. McQueen 5, C. Little 5, S. Keaveney 5, A. Soever 7, R. Sampson 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, B. Milne 3,

The motion was Carried 56-31.

Main Motion as Amended

CW11-22 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Town of Hanover's employment lands and future land needs be received for information and take no further action.

Carried

Correspondence from Ministry of Infrastructure – Building Broadband Faster in Ontario

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding building broadband faster in Ontario be received for information.

Primary Amendment

CW12-22 Moved by: Councillor Sampson Seconded by: Councillor Soever

That the motion be amended to include a follow up response to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting the ministry to engage with AMO immediately and with municipalities on the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program; and

That the correspondence be forwarded to the Ministry of Infrastructure prior to County Council approval as per Section 25 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18, as amended.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW13-22 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding building broadband faster in Ontario be received; and

That a follow up response be sent to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting the Ministry to engage with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and with municipalities immediately on the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program; and

That the correspondence be forwarded to the Ministry of Infrastructure prior to County Council approval as per Section 25 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18, as amended.

Carried

Councillor Gamble left the meeting at this time.

Closed Meeting Matters

CW14-22 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Committee of the Whole does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to discuss:

- i. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. (Patrol D)**

That the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Heather Morrison, Randy Scherzer, Pat Hoy, Michael Letourneau, Tara Warder, Rob Hatten and Mary Lou Spicer.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 2:24 PM.

Council returned to open session at 2:39 PM.

The Warden confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed.

Other Business

Councillor McQueen inquired as to the status of the upcoming Paramedic Services report from a notice of motion earlier this year. This report will be forthcoming in the new year.

Councillor McQueen inquired about the status of the feasibility study of repurposing Grey Gables. CAO Wingrove noted it is on the next Redevelopment Task Force agenda.

Councillor Robinson asked which Rural Ontario Municipal Association delegation requests were successful. CAO Wingrove noted that four were put forward and only one response has been received to date on the joint submission with Bruce County on the Community Safety and Well Being Plan delegation.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices given.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and O'Leary, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:45 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk