

## Committee of the Whole

April 22, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:42 AM through electronic means. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

## Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

Report FR-CW-12-21 2021 Tax Policy Deferred by Resolution  
CW69-21 April 8, 2021

CW76-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson      Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

**That Report FR-CW-12-21 regarding 2021 property tax policies be received;  
and**

**That County Council eliminate the Commercial and Industrial vacant and  
excess subclass discounts with corresponding tax ratio reductions to the  
Commercial and Industrial class to maintain the class-by-class balance as  
outlined in Report FR-CW-12-21; and**

**That County Council adopt the remaining current 2020 tax ratios and the  
tax reductions for the 2021 taxation year; and**

**That in the absence of Provincial Regulations for the new Small Business  
Property Subclass, and the financial impact analysis required, that the new  
Small Business Property Subclass be considered in a future budget year;  
and**

**That the necessary By-laws be drafted for Council's consideration and  
approval.**

Carried

## Delegations

## Medical Director's Commendation Award to Paramedics

Kevin McNab explained the criteria used to qualify for the Medical Director's Commendation Award to Paramedics delivering exceptional care.

Four Grey County paramedics have been honoured with the Award: Paula Trombley, Katie Gibbons, Sonia Smart, and Alysha Carlaw. Dr. Matt Davis, Regional Medical Director and Dr. Shawn Doran, Local Medical Director, congratulated the recipients on providing exemplary care beyond the call of duty.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the four paramedics worked in a proactive role, engaging with patients who are part of the community paramedicine home visit program or community clinics. As the pandemic progressed the program was expanded to include other high-need patients. The program laid the foundation for the 911 Patient Navigator positions with Grey County. This role supports first response, but also follows up with patients who call 911 often.

The recipients spoke briefly. All participants expressed being privileged to work on the project and participate in the care of the community to make a difference in people's lives during these difficult times.

## Loon Call Subdivision

Randy Scherzer introduced Suresh Singh, CEO of Loon Call Development Group and Bob List, CEO of List Planning. Mr. Singh and Mr. List introduced themselves and spoke about the company focus on attainable housing development. Its roots were in Jasper National Park and the company spent the last ten years in the District of Muskoka before moving to Meaford. The company welcomes thoughts and suggestions.

They will launch the Loon Call Subdivision right away upon receiving draft approval. The group intends to provide suitable housing that a young family can afford. Their goal is to access the local market that has the most need.

Questions and comments then followed including appreciation to the group for creating affordable housing. When asked how they can provide affordable development, Mr. Singh responded that lower profits, building speed, and negotiating for materials and trades are the key factors.

## Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: Correspondence from Grey Highlands regarding broadband internet.

## Consent Agenda

CW77-21      Moved by: Councillor Carleton      Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**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 the minutes of the Climate Change Task Force dated April 1, 2021 be adopted as presented and**

**That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. That Report PDR-CCTF-01-21 be received; and**

**That staff be directed to hire a Climate Change Coordinator for a two-year contract, to fulfill the responsibilities as outlined in the job description; and**

**That the Climate Change Coordinator position be funded from the Energy Audit Reserve for the duration of 2021 and included for consideration in the 2022 Budget; and**

**That the Climate Change Coordinator position be re-evaluated before the two-year contract is complete, to determine if the contract should be extended, ended, or converted into a full-time staff position.**

- ii. That Report PDR-CCTF-02-21 be received for information; and**

**That staff be directed to support the Regional Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Network initiative and the feasibility study; and**

**That the County makes a grant of \$5,000, along with in-kind staff resources, to the County of Wellington for the project, contingent on the other project partners matching grant contributions; and**

**That Grey County's contribution to the Regional EV Charging Network Initiative be funded from the Energy Audit Reserve.**

- b. That the minutes of the Development Charges Steering Committee dated April 13, 2021 be adopted as presented, and**

**That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. THAT the Development Charges Steering Committee recommend that the County of Grey continue to impose development charges on a county-wide basis which is consistent with the current practice pursuant to Section 10(2)(c.1) of the Development Charges Act.**

- c. That Report FR-CW-14-21 regarding the 2020 Investment Report be received for information.**

- d. That Report FR-CW-13-21 regarding the 2020 Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement be received; and

**That Council accepts the Treasurer's declaration that the County is in compliance with the reporting requirements of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* and any additional reporting requirements identified by the Smart Growth for our Communities Act, 2015 (Bill 73); and**

**That Report FR-CW-13-21 and related attachments be made available on the County's website or upon request.**

Carried

## Items for Direction and Discussion

### Addendum to Report PDR-CW-34-20 Loon Call Plan of Subdivision Final Report

CW78-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**That Report Addendum to PDR-CW-34-20 be received; and**

**That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2020-06, known as the Loon Call subdivision, were considered; the effect of which changed the draft plan of subdivision and helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and**

**That in consideration of the draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2020-06, for lands described as 206105 Highway 26, being Part of Lots 4 and 14, Judge's Plan 541 in the geographic Township of St. Vincent, Municipality of Meaford, the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves this plan of subdivision to create a total of two hundred and one (201) residential lots, in addition to parkland, stormwater management, access, and road blocks, subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Decision.**

Carried

Warden Hicks declared a brief recess following which, Council resumed.

### FR-CW-02-21 Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy

CW79-21 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**That Report FR-CW-02-21 regarding a Reserves & Reserve Fund Policy be received; and**

**That the transfers, closures, and naming modifications to the Reserves and Reserve Funds as detailed in this report be approved; and**

**That Council adopt the attached Reserves and Reserve Fund policy; and**

**That the Treasurer and any staff member they designate shall be authorized**

**to carry out all delegated functions described in the Policy.**

Carried

## FR-CW-15-21 Quarterly Purchasing Report Quarter 1 2021

*CW80-21* Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

**That Report FR-CW-15-21 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 1 of 2021 be received for information.**

Carried

## CAOR-CW-06-21 Appointment of Treasurer and Finance Department Restructuring

*CW81-21* Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That Report CAOR-CW-06-21 be received; and**

**That the unbudgeted 2021 costs to related to the restructuring of the finance department for staffing, furniture and equipment, not to exceed \$40,600 be funded from any year end departmental surplus and if insufficient surplus exists, be funded from the One-Time Funding Reserve and**

**That Mary Lou Spicer be appointed as the County Treasurer and a bylaw be brought forward to confirm the appointment; and**

**That staff be authorized to begin the recruitment processes outlined in Report CAOR-CW-06-21 ahead of Council approval in accordance with Section 25.6 (b) of the County's Procedural By-law.**

Carried

## Grey Highlands Broadband Collaboration Communication

*CW82-21* Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Potter

**That the resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands Regarding Broadband Collaboration be received for information.**

Carried

## Other Business

There was none.

## Notice of Motion

Councillor Soever provided a notice of motion regarding the timely posting of staff and

delegation presentations in advance of meetings.

## Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Director of Corporate Services Kevin Wepler expressed his sincere appreciation to Grey County Council, CAO Kim Wingrove, and staff and for their support over the years. County Council offered congratulations to Mr. Wepler on his retirement.

On motion of Councillors Burley and Clumpus, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:08 PM to the call of the Chair.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk