



Minutes

Committee of the Whole

October 14, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:31 AM at the County Administration Building. 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.

Councillor Potter left the meeting at this time.

Business Arising From the Minutes

CW158-21 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for mental health supports across all sectors of the population; and

Whereas Grey County currently has an Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) that offers mental health support, among others, for current employees; and

Whereas Grey County Council members are not currently part of the EAP program;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be directed to bring back a report outlining the costs associated with including Grey County Council in the County's EAP program.

Carried

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

None of the items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW159-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

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 HDR-CW-18-21 regarding an update to the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) be received for information.**
- b. **That Report HDR-CW-19-21 on Grey County's enumeration of persons who are homeless, be received for information.**
- c. **That Report PDR-CW-22-21 be received; and**

That the application for a Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for Lot 22, Plan 550; 138 Wilson Drive, in the Geographic Township of Keppel, Township of Georgian Bluffs be approved.

- d. **That Report EDTC-CW-15-21 be received; and**

That the artefacts identified in the report be disposed of according to the Grey Roots' Acquisition and Deaccessioning Policy; and

That any revenue from the disposal of these artefacts be transferred to Grey Roots' Artefact Reserve.

- e. **That Report CCR-CW-07-21, Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment be received; and**

That Brooke Sillaby be appointed as a member of the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for the remainder of the current term.

- f. **That the Ontario Land Tribunals Active Appeals Listing be received for information.**

Carried

Council recessed briefly, then resumed.

Delegations

Trevor Graham – Grey Road 32 Speeding Concerns

Trevor Graham provided an outline of the area in concern on Grey Road 32 and reviewed the posted speed limits. He highlighted the average speeds of traffic travelling along this portion,

noting that these speeds are in excess of the speed limit. Speed statistics were collected with a radar gun.

He encouraged Council to keep in mind that the speed issues involve all types of vehicles. He expressed concern over vehicles crossing the centre line on the bend, and further increasing their speed as they come out of the bend. There have been several near misses involving people entering and exiting their driveway, as well as incidents involving pets and vehicles.

He noted that there are also other factors that haven't been considered with these statistics, including vehicle weight and road conditions. He requested Grey County review the concern. If staff agree with the findings, the hope is that the issue be rectified through a speed limit reduction on a portion of the road and a four way stop install at East Back Line and Grey Road 32. Residents in the area would also like some signage which displays vehicle speed, as well as increased enforcement.

Staff responded to the delegation with recent data and impacts of reducing the speed limit on certain County roads. Mr. Hoy noted that a review could be included in the traffic and parking by-law report which is expected in the new year.

Items for Direction and Discussion

CAOR-CW-12-21 Georgian College Nursing Program Donation

CW160-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That Report CAOR-CW-11-21 be received; and

That a contribution to Georgian College in the amount of \$1,000,000 to support the implementation of the B.ScN program be included in the 2022 budget with funds to be drawn from the Healthcare Initiatives Reserve.

Carried

TR-CW-21-21 Natural Snow Fence and Crop Snow Fence Program

CW161-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That TR-CW-21-21 be received and that the Natural Snow Fence Policy 12-6 be endorsed; and

That staff be directed to develop, in consultation with the Clerks Department, template agreements for the tree fence program and the corn crop use program; and

That, the Director of Transportation Services be given approval authority for the natural snow fence agreements and that this delegation be included in the next update to the Delegation of Duties Policy; and

That staff be given approval to reach out to potential farmers and landowners to implement the Natural Snow Fence Policy ahead of Council approval in accordance with Section 25.6 (b) of the County's Procedural By-law.

Carried

Addendum to PDR-CW-03-21 Southgate Meadows Flato Glenelg Phase 2 County OPA 6

CW162-21 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-03-21 regarding a proposed County Official Plan Amendment be received; and

That all written and oral submissions received on proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 6 were considered, the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That the Committee support the proposed amendment to the County of Grey Official Plan on lands designated 'Rural' and 'Hazard Lands' to redesignate a portion of the subject lands to 'Primary Settlement Area' and 'Hazard Lands' to allow for the consideration of a proposed plan of subdivision (42T-2020-09) on lands described as Part of Lots 225 and 226, Concession 2 SWTSR, geographic Township of Proton, Township of Southgate; and

That the appropriate by-law be prepared for consideration by County Council.

Carried

SSR-CW-07-21 Service System Manager Consortium Agreement – Employment Services Ontario Transformation

CW163-21 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That Grey County enter into a consortium agreement including the Consolidated Municipal Service Managers in the Stratford-Bruce catchment area including Huron County, Bruce County, Grey County and Stratford with Bruce County would act as the lead; and

That staff are authorized to complete the Provincial Call for Proposals to be considered for the role of Service System Manager of community-based employment and training services; and

That any proposed final agreement between the Province and the consortium will be signed by Bruce County as the lead Consolidated Municipal Service Manager be 100 percent funded by the Province and cost neutral to the participating CMSM's.

Carried

SSR-CW-08-21 Child Care Sector Status Update

CW164-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That Report SSR-CW-08-21 be received for information.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW165-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

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:

- a. **Labour relations or employee negotiations** (*CUPE Negotiations and Non Union cost of living adjustment*)

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

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 12:18 PM.

Council returned to open session at 12:30 PM.

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

Councillor Potter returned to the meeting during the closed meeting.

Other Business

Introduction of Manager, Climate Change Initiatives and Verbal Update

Randy Scherzer introduced Linda Swanston, Manager, Climate Change Initiatives. Ms. Swanston came to Grey County from the City of Toronto where she oversaw the implementation of Toronto's climate action strategy, TransformTO.

Ms. Swanston provided an update on the Plan. The Climate Change Task Force reviewed the draft action plan in July. Currently, staff are seeking feedback from municipalities, key stakeholders, and the internal working group. She highlighted the partnerships with the local level and the work being done to coordinate efforts and avoid duplication. Upcoming public engagement session information can be found on the County's website. Grey County staff are also willing to attend any community meetings to promote the Plan and welcome feedback.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Desai provided a notice of motion to request a staff report on a general overview of governance items.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Desai, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:42 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk