

February 4, 2014

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:00 AM at the County Administration Building. The County Clerk called Council to order and Warden Brian Milne assumed the Chair.

The Warden invited members of Council to join him in prayer or observe a moment of silent reflection.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillors Barfoot and Anderson.

Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer, Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services and Heather Morrison Deputy Clerk/Records Manager were also in attendance.

The following staff members were in attendance for the presentation of their respective reports:

Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long Term Care; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development and Mike Muir, Director of Emergency Medical Services.

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

## Adoption of Minutes

CC17-14      Moved by: Councillor Haswell      Seconded by: Councillor Burley

**THAT the minutes of the January 9, 2014 Session of Grey County Council be adopted as circulated.**

Carried

## Retirement Presentation

Mrs. Ina Bentley was presented with a retirement gift after 28 years of employment with the County as a Receptionist/Bookkeeper at Lee Manor and most recently as the Administrative Assistant for Long-Term Care. Warden Milne extended congratulations on behalf of County Council to Mrs. Bentley on her retirement.

## Communications and Correspondence

The Clerk presented correspondence and recommendations for its disposition as follows:

- Perth-Wellington Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Randy Pettapiece regarding Private Members Bill on Joint and Several Liability

CC18-14      Moved by: Councillor Eccles      Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**WHEREAS the costs of municipal insurance premiums continue to rise;**

**AND WHEREAS municipalities are often targeted as insurers of last resort in claims frequently totaling in the millions, even if the municipality is deemed just one percent responsible;**

**AND WHEREAS municipalities have been asking the Province of Ontario to address joint and several liability, which is a primary contributor to rising insurance premiums;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The County of the County of Grey support Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth-Wellington Randy Pettapiece's private member's resolution requesting the Province of Ontario implement a comprehensive, long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities no later than June 2014;**

**AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the MPPs and lower tier municipalities in Grey County, Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

Carried

- Town of the Blue Mountains support of Grey County's Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces By-law
- Note of thanks for expression of sympathy:

- o Evelynne Hazen in passing of husband (Housing)

Received for information

CC19-14 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**THAT the disposition of Council correspondence as recommended by the Clerk be approved.**

Carried

## Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion was given by Councillor McKinlay requesting the Province of Ontario pursue a predictable and sustaining infrastructure funding model for local infrastructure.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

## Presentation and Adoption of Reports

### *Board of Health*

Council considered the minutes of the Board of Health and the Report of the Board.

CC20-14 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**THAT the minutes of the Board of Health dated December 13, 2013 and the Report to the Board dated January 2014 be received.**

Carried

## Special Presentation

Director of Emergency Medical Services, Mike Muir introduced Paramedic Rob Bell. Mr. Bell received the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal for 20 years of service. On behalf of County Council, Warden Milne expressed his appreciation and congratulations.

## Presentation and Adoption of Reports continued

### *Transportation and Public Safety Committee*

Council considered the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

CC21-14 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor White

**THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated January 23, 2014 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.**

Carried

*Planning and Community Development Committee*

Council considered the minutes of the Planning and Community Development Committee.

CC22-14 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT Resolution PCD-19-14 regarding the approval of a request for proposal for consulting services for a signage strategy is hereby rescinded;**

**AND THAT staff are hereby directed to develop a signage plan and recommended funding model of county owned road signage and entry way signage along County boundaries.**

Carried

CC23-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

**THAT the minutes of the Planning and Community Development Committee dated January 21, 2014 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as amended and engrossed in the minutes.**

Carried

*Corporate Services Committee*

Council considered the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee.

CC24-14 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor Jack

**THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee dated January 14, 2014 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.**

Carried

*Social Services Committee*

Council considered the minutes of the Social Services Committee.

CC25-14 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated January 15, 2014 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.**

Carried

## By-Laws

CC26-14 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Burley

**THAT By-Laws 4836-14 to 4842-14 inclusive be introduced and that they be taken as read a first and second time and that Council go into Committee of the Whole on these By-Laws.**

Carried

Councillor Pringle assumed the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Councillor McKinlay, Committee arose and Council resumed with Warden Milne in the Chair.

CC27-14 Moved by: Councillor Maskell Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**THAT the following By-Laws as passed in Committee of the Whole be taken as read for a 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.**

- 4836-14 A By-law to establish tax ratios for prescribed property classes for the year 2014**
- 4837-14 A By-law to set tax rate reductions for prescribed property subclasses for the year 2014**
- 4838-14 A By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for eligible properties within the meaning of Section 331 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (new construction) for commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes**
- 4839-14 A By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes**
- 4840-14 A By-law to establish and levy tax rates for upper tier purposes for the year 2014**
- 4841-14 A By-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute an occupancy agreement between the Corporation of the County of Grey and the Corporation of the Town of**

**The Blue Mountains for sanitary sewer work on Grey Road 21**

- 4842-14 A By-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Grey and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for land ambulance services grant transfer payment funding**  
Carried

Business on Motion

CC28-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

**WHEREAS the Government of Ontario on April 26, 2013 announced plans to create a fund of \$100 million for 2013 – 2014, to help small, rural and northern municipalities build roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure;**

**AND WHEREAS the 2013 Ontario budget featured a one-year \$100 million infrastructure fund to help small, rural and northern municipalities undertake critical infrastructure projects to be made available October 1, 2013;**

**AND WHEREAS the Ministries of Infrastructure and Rural Affairs sought advice on the design/allocation for the 2013 \$100 million funding program and advice on options for a permanent fund to be considered in the 2014 Budget;**

**AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario received feedback from municipalities on the design of a permanent fund for infrastructure, encouraging the Province to implement as soon as possible a permanent, predictable, non-competitive infrastructure fund designed specifically for small, rural and remote areas;**

**AND WHEREAS the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund – Capital Program, announced October 2013, is a competitive infrastructure fund requiring municipalities to undergo a two stage selection process and does not reflect the advice provided to the Province on the design and allocation of funding for a permanent fund to be considered in the 2014 Budget;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Grey hereby requests that the Province pursue a predictable formula based approach for a permanent program which would provide funding to**

**all eligible local governments to provide funding for local infrastructure priorities.**

Carried

## Good News and Celebrations

Council was apprised of good news and celebrations occurring within the County.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Burley, Council adjourned at 11:23 AM to the call of the Warden.

Council closed with the singing of O Canada.

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Brian Milne, Warden

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Sharon Vokes, County Clerk