
Committee of the Whole January 25, 2018

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:59 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Stewart Halliday assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillors Jack, McQueen and Wright. Councillor Woodbury was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Jack.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Business Arising from the Minutes

CW39-18 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

Whereas By-law 4545-08 was passed October 7, 2008 approving the Conference and Seminar Attendance for County Council Members Policy and Procedure G-GEN-007;

And Whereas Section 3 g) of the procedure provides for an additional per diem allowance if a conference is held 500 road kilometres or more from the County Administration Building to recognize travel time but does not provide for an additional night of accommodation;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Policy G-GEN-007, being the Conference and Seminar Attendance for County Members and its accompanying procedure be amended to include an additional clause under Section 3 g) to allow for an additional night of accommodation prior to the start of the conference if the conference is held in excess of 500 road kilometres from the County Administration Building.

Carried

Delegations

Exemplary Services Recognition

Kevin McNab introduced Diana Graham and Rick Trombley who were recognized for their receipt of the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal for emergency medical services.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW40-18 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

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.

- 1. That Report TR-CW-06-18 be received and that RFT-TS-07-18 for three tandem trucks be awarded to Team Truck Centres for the bid amount of \$789,000.00 exclusive of HST**
- 2. That Report TR-CW-04-18 be received and that the request for a setback exemption of 52 feet (15.8 metres) from the centreline at 505035 Grey Road 1 in the Township of Georgian Bluffs to accommodate an existing private electrical service shed be approved.**
- 3. That Report TR-CW-05-18 be received and that the request for a setback exemption of 55 feet (16.8 metres) from the centreline at 504477 Grey Road 1 in the Township of Georgian Bluffs to accommodate a garage separate from the existing residential house be approved.**
- 4. That the Active Development File List be received for information.**
- 5. That Report FR-CW-07-18 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 4 of 2017 be received for information.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

PSR-CW-02-18 Single Source of a Consulting Psychologist for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Prevention and Mental Wellness Programs

CW41-18 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That Report PSR-CW-02-18 be received and that staff upon approval of the 2018 budget proceed with the implementation of PTSD prevention and mental wellness programs; and

That Dr. Lori Gray Clinical Psychologist be single sourced to provide services of peer support member selection, training, team clinical oversight and quality assurance.

Carried

Delegations (continued)

Alternative Land Use Services Update

Keith Reid, Program Coordinator – Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) talked about ALUS, a community developed, not-for-profit, farmer led and delivered program which is supported by corporate sponsors. Their mandate includes sustaining agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces for all Canadians and promotes looking after the environment. ALUS provides a financial incentive to farmers to take marginal areas out of production.

Warden Halliday declared a five minute recess following which Council resumed.

Grey Agricultural Services Update

Ray Robertson and Lori Smith of Grey Agricultural Services attended to provide an update. They are a point of contact for the producers. Grey Agriculture Services produces the Grey County Rural Guide and the Ag Courses Brochure which outlines courses provided by Grey Agricultural Services. Contracts with partner organizations are in place and meeting space is provided. The success of Grey Bruce Farmer's Week, being a week-long agricultural conference attended by over 1000 people each year, was noted as well. Live streaming of events is proving to be a positive addition to the services that Grey Agricultural Services provides.

Farm Assessments and Taxes

Mike Ryan, Grey Federation of Agriculture President and Ben Lefort, Ontario Federation of Agriculture Senior Farm Policy Analyst attended to speak about farm assessments and taxes. Grey County has seen the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's farm assessments go up by over 71%. This has led to an increase in tax burden to farmers. The presenters requested that Grey County reduce the farm levy of 25% of the residential tax rate to 20%. This has been done in five other counties in the province.

CAOR-CW-02-18 Community Hub Update

CW42-18 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council receives report CAOR-CW-02-18 titled Surplus Property Transition Initiative Update for information.

Carried

CAOR-CW-03-18 Small Business Enterprise Centre Transition

CW43-18 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That Council receives report CAOR-CW-03-18 titled Small Business Centre Transition; and

That staff be directed to enter into negotiations with the Province of Ontario to transition the Business Enterprise Centre to Grey County Economic Development under a new agreement.

Carried

Scott Mackey then left the meeting.

SSR-CW-02-18 Approval of Children's Services Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement

CW44-18 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

That SSR-CW-02-18 regarding approval of the 2018 child care services agreement be received; and

That a By-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the 2018 Child Care Service Agreement with the Ministry of Education.

Carried

FR-CW-08-18 Results From Canada Revenue HST Audit

CW45-18 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That Report FR-CW-08-18 regarding Results from Canada Revenue Agency HST Audit be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-04-18 Solcorp (Peaks Ridge) Condominium Exemption Exception – Town of the Blue Mountains

CW46-18 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Report PDR-CW-04-18 be received and that support be given for processing a proposed condominium road through a condominium exemption application that will provide access for up to five townhouses on Block 37, Registered Plan 16M-24 (Peaks Ridge).

Carried

Ontario Municipal Board Appeals File List

CW47-18 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

That the OMB Appeals File List be received for information.

Carried

FR-CW-06-18 2018 Insurance Renewal

CW48-18 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That Council receive Report FR-CW-06-18 titled 2018 Insurance Renewal for information.

Carried

Other Business

Councillor Pringle spoke of the invitation to host an international plowing match. Councillor Barfoot suggested potential to partner with Bruce County.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Good News and Celebrations

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

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Pringle, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:54 PM to the call of the Chair.

Stewart Halliday, Warden

Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator