
Corporate Services Committee

April 12, 2016 – 10:00 AM

The Corporate Services Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Kevin Eccles; Councillors Bob Pringle, Dwight Burley, Paul McQueen, Selwyn Hicks, Harley Greenfield, Arlene Wright, Norm Jack and John McKean; and Warden Alan Barfoot

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk/Records Manager; Sandra Shipley, Human Resources Manager; Rob Hatten, Communications Officer and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Eccles called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

CS30-16 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the Corporate Services Committee agenda dated April 12, 2016 be adopted as amended, by adding the following items under “Other Business”:

- **Hawk’s Nest Letter of Request**
- **Break the Silence BGH (Bruce Grey Huron)**

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Grey County Building Task Force minutes dated March 1, 2016 and April 5, 2016; Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated March 4, 2016

The minutes were reviewed.

CS31-16 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Jack

THAT the minutes of the Grey County Building Task Force dated March 1, 2016 and April 5, 2016 be approved as presented.

Carried

CS32-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated March 4, 2016 be approved as presented;

AND THAT the following recommendations contained therein be endorsed:

WHEREAS Grey County is required to submit an accessibility compliance report to the province every two years;

AND WHEREAS Grey County was randomly selected for a compliance audit, provided the requested documentation, and passed the audit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-AAC-12-16 be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to look for opportunities to improve job-specific training relating to accessibility and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulations after July 1, 2016.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Corporate Services Committee minutes dated February 9, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on March 1, 2016

Reports – Clerk's

CCR-CS-17-16 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 1 of 2016

Heather Morrison addressed the Committee on the above noted report, as required by the purchasing policy. Mrs. Morrison noted that the Communications Strategy will be a corporate wide strategy and aim to improve communications both internally and externally.

Kim Wingrove noted that the need for increased engagement with stakeholders was highlighted during Council's recent strategic planning session. Staff want to ensure that the right message reaches the most people.

CS33-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

THAT Report CCR-CS-17-16, being a quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 1 of 2016 for the Clerk's Departments, be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Finance

FR-CS-13-16 Corporate Services Draft 2017-2021 Five Year Capital

Forecast

Kevin Weppler introduced the draft five year capital forecast and highlighted the new items that have not been included in previous five year capital forecasts.

Staff spoke to their respective items and projects.

Discussion occurred on the proposal to equip the Council Chambers with audio/video capabilities. The benefits of such capabilities were noted, including reduced travel time for some meetings, and the ability to broadcast Council meetings. Further discussion occurred on the building condition assessment and their benefits.

CS34-16 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT Report FR-CS-13-16 regarding the Corporate Services 2017-2021 Draft Five Year Capital Forecast be received and forwarded as presented for inclusion in the corporate Five Year Capital & Extra-Ordinary Expenditures Forecast for consideration by County Council.

Carried

Correspondence

Town of Carlton Place – Request for Fair and Equitable Evaluation Criteria for Funding

CS35-16 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

THAT the County of Grey support the correspondence from the Town of Carlton Place regarding a request to the Province for fair and equitable evaluation criteria for funding.

Carried

Municipality of Burpee and Mills – Conservation Land Tax Credit Programs

CS36-16 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the County of Grey supports the Municipality of Burpee Mills' request that Provincial conservation land tax incentive programs be funded by all Ontarians rather than those municipalities with conservations lands absorbing the costs, as these lands are for the benefit of all of residents.

Carried

Request for Council Resolutions to Support AMO/LAS Request for Broader Municipal Investment Powers

CS37-16 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

WHEREAS municipalities are required to invest their reserves in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation

438/97 (as amended), which specifically outlines allowable investments;

AND WHEREAS to ensure the sustainability and sound stewardship of the municipality's investments, the municipality is of the opinion that changes should be made to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended), to allow for the prudent investment of reserves, if those investments are professionally managed and part of a broader investment strategy;

AND WHEREAS the Prudent Investor Standard is an industry accepted best practice in effectively managing a portfolio of investments, and the Standard applies to investments, not in isolation, but in the context of the portfolio of investments and as part of an overall strategy, that should incorporate acceptable risk and return objectives suitable to the stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS the Province is conferring "Prudent Investor" status on the City of Toronto to enable greater diversification in portfolio management,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Local Authority Services (LAS), and the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA), have long requested that the Prudent Investor Standard apply to all municipal investments that are invested with The One Investment Program;

AND WHEREAS in 2005, municipalities were granted the ability to invest in longer-term corporate bonds and Canadian equity investments via only the One Investment Program, and the One Investment Program has demonstrated strong investment returns for municipalities within these 'new' investment sectors;

AND WHEREAS the institutional portfolio managers utilized by the One Investment Program recommend that the Prudent Investor Standard approach is a more appropriate approach to investing;

AND WHEREAS operating municipal investments under the Prudent Investor Standard is precluded by the Municipal Act, Eligible Investments, in its current form;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the request of AMO, LAS, and MFOA to amend Ontario Regulation 438/97

(as amended) of the Municipal Act, 2001, to allow municipalities to invest consistent with the Prudent Investor Standard, if such investments are through the One Investment Program.

Carried

Receive for Information

CS38-16 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor McKean

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **OMERS Announces 2015 Investment Returns**
- **Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – Important Changes for the 2016 Assessment Update**

Carried

Other Business

Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce

The Hospice will be coming to May's Council, requesting financial assistance for its new build.

Hawk's Nest Letter of Request

Kim Wingrove noted that the County has been requested to sponsor this event. Ms. Wingrove noted that there is money available in the Economic Development budget.

CS39-16 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor McKean

THAT the Hawk's Nest Letter of Request be received for information.

Lost

CS40-16 Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the County of Grey support the request from the Hawk's Nest in the form of a gold sponsorship of \$1,000;

AND THAT the sponsorship be funded through any surplus realized in the Corporate Services budget, or if insufficient funds exist, that it be funded from the Sponsorship Reserve.

Councillor Burley requested a recorded vote.

In favour - B. Pringle, A. Barfoot, S. Hicks, H. Greenfield, N. Jack, K. Eccles

Opposed – D. Burley, P. McQueen, A. Wright, J. McKean

The motion was Carried 6-4.

Break the Silence Bruce Grey Huron

Kim Wingrove noted that during Mental Health week, Bruce Power participates in various initiatives to support mental health challenges.

Bruce Power wishes to engage leaders in actions that can be taken to support mental health. Bruce Power is looking to launch a social media campaign which will be linked to a financial contribution from Bruce Power. Bruce Power will provide \$1 for every “share” up to a maximum of \$80,000. The County has been requested to support this through social media.

Sandra Shipley spoke to the initiatives that the County has undertaken to assist employees with mental health. Ms. Shipley spoke to the employee assistance program, as well as Lunch and Learn sessions, psychological first aid, “Mental Health Matters” provided to supervisors and managers to help recognize signs of mental health issues and provide assistance to those employees. The completion of the physical demands cognitive assessments also assist.

Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Kevin Eccles, Chair