

## Committee of the Whole

March 9, 2023

Grey County Council met on the above date at the County Administration Building. Warden Milne assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM with all members present, except Councillor McKay. Councillor Pringle participated electronically.

### Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

The Committee unanimously agreed to consider the remaining items on the meeting agenda for this date in the following order.

### Determination of Items Requiring Further Discussion

Councillor Greig requested that item 6.a. on the consent agenda for this meeting regarding the resolution from AMO regarding a call to the provincial government to end homelessness in Ontario be pulled for further discussion.

### Consent Agenda

CW43-23      Moved by: Councillor McQueen      Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

**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 correspondence from AMCTO regarding 2023 pre-budget submission dated February 8, 2023, be received for information.**
- b. **That the correspondence from AMO regarding 2023 pre-budget submission and call to action on housing and homelessness dated February 13, 2023, be received for information.**

- c. That the correspondence from Nature Ontario regarding available land for development in the Greater Golden Horseshoe dated February 27, 2023, be received for information.**
- d. That the correspondence from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority regarding protection of raw sources of municipal drinking water through the Drinking Water Source Protection Program dated February 14, 2023, be received for information.**
- e. That report CCR-CW-08-23 be received and that the County of Grey (Group 1) supports the nomination of John Sepulis as the municipal representative on the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee for a four-year term.**
- f. That the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force minutes dated February 21, 2023, be adopted as presented; and That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**
  - i. That Councillor Greig be nominated as Chair of the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force for the 2022 to 2026 term of Council.**
  - ii. That Councillor Eccles be nominated as Vice Chair of the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force for the 2022 to 2026 term of Council.**
  - iii. That report TR-UR-07-23, regarding the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force, be received for information.**
- g. That the Community Services Committee minutes dated February 27, 2023, be adopted as presented. That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**
  - i. That Councillor Nielsen be nominated as Chair of the Community Services Committee for 2023.**
  - ii. That Councillor Dickert be nominated as Vice Chair of the Community Services Committee for 2023.**
  - iii. That report CSR-CS-05-23, regarding the CWELCC Notional Space Targets for Expansion Plan, be received; and That Grey County Council support the County's Expansion Plan for targeted notional space allocation from the Ministry of Education.**
- h. That report PSR-CW-04-23 regarding the 2022 response time performance plan results be received and that the results be submitted to the Ministry of Health by March 31st, 2023.**

- i. **That the Council of the County of Grey repeals Policy 3-18 and replaces it with Policy 3-25 regarding Closed Meetings as presented in report CCR-CW-07-23.**

Carried

## AMO Homelessness Resolution - A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario

*Main Motion – As Outlined on Agenda*

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;**

**WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;**

**WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;**

**WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;**

**WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,**

**WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Grey calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:**

- a. **Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;**
- b. **Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;**
- c. **Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.**

**AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

*Amendment #1*

CW44-23 Moved by: Councillor Greig Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

**That the motion be amended to insert a clause asking the provincial government to work with the federal government to financially support the homelessness issue.**

Carried

*Amendment #2*

CW45-23 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**That the motion be further amended to insert “and Federal Government” in the seventh clause after “Provincial Government”.**

Carried

*Main Motion – As Amended*

CW46-23 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;**

**WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;**

**WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;**

**WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;**

**WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,**

**WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Grey calls on the Provincial Government and Federal Government to urgently:**

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;**
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;**
- c. Provide financial support toward ending homelessness in Ontario; and**
- d. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and**

**implement an action plan to achieve this goal.**

**AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

Carried

Councillor McKay joined the meeting electronically at 10:25 AM.

## Delegations

### Paul Vickers & Joanne Hughes – Ontario Federation of Agriculture – OFA in Grey County

The presenters introduced Dianne Booker, President of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, and addressed the Committee to provide an overview of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). The presenters shared a snapshot of the OFA and spoke about their mission, policy research team, the member service representative role, and submissions made in advocacy to the province. Further, the presenters reviewed OFA resources and programs offered to support agriculture.

In response to questions from the Committee, Paul Vickers explained that the statistic of 319 acres of agricultural land being lost per day is the result of comparing 2016 and 2020 census data and spoke about land use planning might mitigate the future loss of agricultural land. Further, Paul Vickers discussed considerations for controlling sprawl and using density to preserve agricultural land.

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:06 AM.

## Items for Direction and Discussion

### CCR-CW-05-23 - Governance Topics

*CW47-23* Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**That report CCR-CW-05-23 regarding governance topics be received for information.**

Carried

### EDTC-CW-05-23 - Community Improvement Plan Update

*CW48-23* Moved by: Councillor Bordignon Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

**That report EDTC-CW-05-23 regarding the 2022 Community Improvement Plan Update be received; and**

**That municipalities be given a two-year extension to invest County CIP cash contributions in reserve from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2025; and**

**That following consultation, a future report be brought to Council for consideration of amendments and extension to the CIP Program.**

Carried

## Closed Meeting Matters

CW49-23      Moved by: Councillor McQueen      Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

**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:**

- i.      **Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Eden Oak Trailhead – Ontario Land Tribunal); and**
- ii.     **The security of the property of the municipality or local board (Cybersecurity Update).**

**That the following staff remain in attendance:**

**Kim Wingrove, Randy Scherzer, Michael Letourneau, Evan Davis, Jody MacEachern, Tara Warder, Rob Hatten, and Sarah Goldrup.**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 11:34 PM.

Council returned to open session at 12:38 PM.

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

## Other Business

Further to the discussion of governance topics, the Committee heard interest from its members in reestablishing previously held joint Grey and Bruce County meetings.

## Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Matrosovs and Paterson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:39 PM to the call of the Chair.

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Brian Milne, Warden

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Tara Warder, Clerk