Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building. The County Clerk called Council to order and Warden Duncan McKinlay 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. Councillor Wright joined the meeting in progress.

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 Weppler, 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.

Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Hazel Lynn was also in attendance.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC164-13 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the minutes of the November 5, 2013 Session of Grey County Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried
Communications and Correspondence

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

i. Resolution from Municipality of West Grey requesting provincial funding for enforcement of animal welfare laws

ii. Resolution from Municipality of Meaford supporting Grey County’s proposed smoking in public places by-law

iii. Note of thanks:
   o Edith Huehn for retirement gift

iv. Request from MPP Bill Walker supporting the establishment of a Rural and Northern Transportation Committee
   Refer to Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee

Received for Information

CC165-13 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Haswell
That Grey County Council support the resolution from the Municipality of West Grey requesting provincial funding for the enforcement of animal welfare laws.

Carried

CC166-13 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Haswell
THAT the request from MPP Bill Walker regarding the establishment of a Rural and Northern Transportation Committee be supported by Grey County Council.

Carried

CC167-13 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Burley
THAT the request from MPP Bill Walker regarding the establishment of a Rural and Northern Transportation Committee be referred to the Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee.

Lost

CC168-13 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Richardson
THAT the disposition of the remainder of the Council correspondence as recommended by the Clerk be approved.

Carried
Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion was given regarding the submission of an expression of interest for funding under the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund for Grey Road 119. The request to deal with the motion at this time was supported.

CC169-13 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS TAPS123-13 regarding submission of Expression of Interest for a continuing phase on Grey Road 119 for the 2013 Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund was endorsed by Council on November 5, 2013;

AND WHEREAS staff have been advised by the Rural Programs Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food that further declaration by Grey County Council is required prior to assessment of the Expression of Interest as noted in the bulleted clause below;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

• the information in the Expression of Interest is factually accurate;
• the municipality has a comprehensive asset management plan that includes all of the information and analysis described in "Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans" in place or will have one in place by December 31, 2013;
• the comprehensive asset management plan will be publicly available, including online if the municipality has a website, by May 30, 2014; and
• the project put forward in this application will be completed by December 31, 2015.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

Councillor Wright joined the meeting.
Presentation and Adoption of Reports

Board of Health

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

CC170-13 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

THAT the minutes of the Board of Health dated October 18, 2013 and the Program Report dated November, 2013 be received. Carried

2014 Corporate Budget Overview and Summaries

Director of Finance, Kevin Weppler provided an overview of the 2014 budget. He highlighted the overall increase in the net levy of 1.14% along with the financial increase to residents within Grey County of $10.89 per average single family dwelling of $237,000. He noted that 47% of the county tax dollar goes towards taking care of people including long-term care homes, social services, housing and emergency medical services. Mr. Weppler also stated that over the past eight years, the average tax increase by Grey County has been 1.06%.

Mr. Weppler provided an overview of new initiatives for 2014 including funding the Grey Bruce Health Services for the hospital campaign, bridge reconstruction projects, and coordinated transportation review to provide transportation options for those who require this service throughout the county.

He spoke about the province’s reaffirmation of its commitment to the upload of municipal costs. He also noted that these savings will offset future capital asset and infrastructure investments.

Mr. Weppler thanked County Council and staff for their commitment to bring in a well balanced budget for 2014.

Questions and comments then followed.

Mr. Weppler provided an overview of how surplus funds are treated at year end. He noted that surplus funds are transferred, with the approval from the various standing committees, to reserves to cover anticipated capital costs for items such as rehabilitation/repair of housing units based on completed building condition assessments, the proposed renovation of the County Administration Building and an allocation of reserves out to the social services budget to be applied to caseload increase requirements.
CC171-13 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT Grey County Council does not support the funding requests from the Roxy Theatre for building improvements and the Bruce Grey Child and Family Services for furniture for 2014;

AND FURTHER THAT correspondence be sent to the parties regarding the decision of County Council.

Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor

THAT the above noted resolution CC171-13 regarding funding support for the Roxy Theatre and Bruce Grey Child and Family Services be tabled.

Councillor Haswell withdrew the motion to table resolution CC171-13.

The original motion CC171-13 was then voted on.

Councillor Haswell requested a recorded vote.


Opposed: B. White 3, D. Haswell 8, K. Eccles 6

The motion was Carried 72 to 17.

CC172-13 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the 2014 budget be adopted as presented. Carried

Council recessed briefly and reconvened with Warden McKinlay in the Chair.

Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee Update

The Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee provided an update on the proposed plan in hope of gathering information on how to move forward with the plan. Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development and Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services outlined the purpose of the Transportation Master Plan and noted that the following high level items were included in the plan:

- review of transit service types
- review of active transportation including the trail network and paved shoulders along county roads within Grey County
- review the goods movement strategy including a review of truck routes and signage
Mr. Scherzer then requested input on the options outlined above. Overall, Council supported the initiatives within the plan and confirmed that a further review of the road and bridge rationalization were key elements in the plan and reinforced a longer term implementation of any recommended changes.

Council recessed for lunch and reconvened with Warden McKinlay in the Chair.

The next steps will be outlined and provided to the steering committee based on the discussion that took place at today’s council session.

Deputation

Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing and Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services provided an overview of the Housing and Homelessness Plan. Mr. Wyatt outlined the ten year plan for housing and homelessness in Grey County. The plan provides for collaboration with community partners and private enterprise. The plan also outlines several key goals including:

- Sustain and create affordable housing
- Homelessness prevention
- Review of transitional housing
- Service coordination and collaboration

Mr. Wyatt then provides a summary of the anticipated outcomes of the plan over the next ten years and plans on how to measure the success of the strategy.

Questions and comments the followed.

It was requested and supported that the resolution below be pulled from the Social Services Committee minutes and voted on separately.

CC173-13 Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor Burley

WHEREAS Report HDR-SS-24-13 pertaining to the Grey County Housing and Homelessness Ten Year Plan was received and supported in principle by County Council on September 3, 2013 and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for comment as required by the Housing Services Act;
AND WHEREAS comments received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing were addressed in the revised draft of the Grey County Housing and Homelessness Ten year Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report HDR-SS-30-13 pertaining to the revised Grey County Housing and Homelessness Ten Year Plan be received;

AND THAT the revised Grey County Housing and Homelessness Ten Year Plan be hereby endorsed.

Carried

Warden McKinlay noted that a letter has been received from the Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing offering her congratulations and support in the creation of the County of Grey Housing and Homelessness Ten Year Plan.

Corporate Services Committee

Council considered the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee.

CC174-13 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Jack

THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee dated November 12, 2013 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.

CC175-13 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT the minutes of the Planning and Community Development Committee dated November 14, 2013 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.

CC176-13 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Wright
THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated November 13, 2013 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

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

Councillor Anderson declared a pecuniary interest related to resolutions TAPS129-13 to TAPS131-13 inclusive related to NextEra Energy entrance permits for a wind turbine development and did not partake in discussions related to this resolution. Councillor Anderson also requested that the Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes of November 7, 2013 be clarified as well to include this declaration.

Councillor Haswell left the meeting.

CC177-13 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated November 7, 2013 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as amended and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

CAOR-CC-24-13 SWEA Regional Transportation Summit

CAO Lance Thurston presented the above noted report.

CC178-13 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

THAT Report CAOR-CC-24-13 be received for information purposes.

Carried

By-Laws

CC179-13 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT By-Laws 4797-13 and 4822-13 to 4827-13 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 Eccles assumed the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

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

CC180-13 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Bell
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.

4797-13 A By-law to establish certain lands in the Municipality of Grey Highlands (Geographic Township of Euphrasia) described in Schedule ‘A’ as part of the County highway upon which the land abuts

4822-13 A By-law to confirm the standing committees for the County of Grey for the term commencing December 4, 2013

4823-13 A By-law to establish certain lands in the Township of Chatsworth (Geographic Township of Sullivan) described in Schedule ‘A’ as part of the County highway upon which the land abuts

4824-13 A By-law to adopt a policy with respect to the delegation of minor Council powers and duties to Committees and/or staff

4825-13 A By-law to authorize the transfer of certain lands to the Municipality of West Grey described as the County of Grey’s portion of the joint jurisdiction of the Normanby Carrick Boundary Bridge (Ministry of Transportation Site No. 8-257)

4826-13 A By-law to adopt the Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the year 2014

4827-13 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Grey

Carried

Warden’s Closing Address

Warden McKinlay presented his closing address.

Councillor Arlene Wright presented Warden McKinlay with his Warden’s pin and thanked him for his leadership over the past year.

CC181-13 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Wright
THAT the Warden’s Closing Address be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

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

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Richardson, Council adjourned at 3:13 p.m. to the call of the Clerk.

Council closed with the singing of O Canada.

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Duncan McKinlay, Warden  Sharon Vokes, County Clerk