

## Committee of the Whole

May 27, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:53 AM through electronic means. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

### Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### Delegations

#### Ontario Barn Preservation: Surplus Dwelling Policy and Protection of Heritage Barns

Wesley Wilson attended to explain the legislation that impacts the preservation of Ontario barns and possible solutions to encourage barn preservation.

Questions and comments then followed including applying for heritage designation. Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning, mentioned that there is opportunity to include barn preservation as part of a report for official plan amendment housekeeping items later in the year and that planning staff are happy to work with Mr. Wilson to consider some of the recommendations.

Warden Hicks then left the meeting. Deputy Warden McQueen assumed the chair.

Grey County Council extended an invitation to Mr. Wilson to present to the next Grey County Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Warden Hicks then returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.

#### Grey Road 17B Speed Concerns

Russ Pierson and Kevin Lind attended the meeting and Mr. Lind presented community concerns regarding speeding in the residential area on Grey Road 17B. All residents in the area of concern have signed a petition in support of reducing the speed limit. Mr. Lind provided a list of benefits to taking this approach to resolve the concern.

Comments and questions then followed regarding potential use of automatic speed cameras, the efficacy of lowering speed limits, and changing GPS algorithms to route traffic where infrastructure intended. The type of traffic and reasonableness of having large trucks in the residential area were raised. The opportunity to increased driver awareness of conservation

authority areas and pedestrian traffic through additional signage was also mentioned. Review of the transportation master plan was also suggested to ensure it is meeting the current needs.

CW87-21 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That staff be directed to bring back background information and recommendations related to speed on Grey Road 17B as part of a report related to changes to By-law 4788-13, being the County Traffic Control and Parking By-law, scheduled for July 2021; and**

**That transportation staff work with Georgian Bluffs operational staff to assess additional concerns raised on Grey Road 17B and bring back a report to Council later in the summer outlining the challenges, opportunities, and potential solutions.**

Carried

Warden Hicks declared a short recess following which Council resumed.

## WSP: Age Friendly Strategy

Stephanie Lacey-Avon introduced Nadia De Santi, Practice Lead who presented the provincial framework to create Grey County's age friendly community strategy and action plan.

The project strategy categories are engagement, visioning, community assessment, discussion series, action items and implementation plan. Extensive consultation is featured, and a working group will include participants from a wide variety of stakeholders.

This project will be for all ages: youth, families, young adults, and older adults, and is in line with the World Health Organization's definition of age-friendly community. Eight community dimensions will be utilized to achieve a plan for enhancing quality of life as people age.

Questions and comments then followed including overlap and existing groundwork through the community safety and wellbeing plan and attracting young families to Grey County.

## Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

## Consent Agenda

CW88-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**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. **Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and**

**Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent; and**

**Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and**

**Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline; and**

**Whereas Grey County recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that Grey County endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and**

**That Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate Grey County's support.**

- b. That the letter from Four County Labour Market Planning Board dated May 5, 2021 in support of the Grey Transit Route and encouraging expansion of service be received for information.**
- c. That Report FR-CW-17-21 regarding the 2020 Lease Financing Report be received for information.**

Carried

## Items for Direction and Discussion

### PDR-CW-14-21 Age Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan Report

*CW89-21* Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That Report PDR-CW-14-21 regarding the Age Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan be received for information.**

Carried

### HDR-CW-09-21 Divesting Grey County Housing Units

*CW90-21* Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

**That Report HDR-CW-09-21 regarding the divestment of identified Grey County Westmount housing properties be received; and**

**That staff be authorized to proceed with issuing a tender for real estate services and bring back a recommendation for Council approval; and**

**That staff be authorized to negotiate the sale of the identified, surplus properties in accordance with a standard real estate agreement, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services and subject to meeting all other requirements as outlined in the Sale of Land Procedure; and**

**That a by-law be brought back for Council's consideration in accordance with the Sale of Land Procedure to finalize each sale; and**

**That proceeds for the sale of property be directed to the Affordable Housing Fund for the development of affordable housing.**

Carried

## Other Business

CAO Wingrove provided an update on the concerns raised about the Old Durham Road Black Pioneer Cemetery located at Grey Road 14 and Old Durham Road. On behalf of staff, CAO Wingrove apologized to the cemetery committee, the community, and the descendants of those who are buried there for the concern and hurt they are feeling. CAO Wingrove stated that there should have been consultation with the cemetery committee at the beginning of the process to understand the history and the significance of the site and the committee who cares for it. Ms. Wingrove has committed to setting up a meeting with the group. Staff will bring back a report on the cemetery property and on the patrol property to a future Council meeting.

Councillor McQueen requested and received confirmation that Planning staff intend to explore further barn preservation opportunities.

Councillor Desai requested clarification that there was no need to bring forward a notice of motion regarding exploring the use of traffic cameras. Transportation staff will include this in a future report to Council.

## Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillors O'Leary and Woodbury, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:17 PM to the call of the Chair.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk