

Committee of the Whole

October 22, 2020

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:53 AM through electronic means. Warden Paul McQueen assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillor Burley. Alternate Councillor Ryan Thompson was in attendance on Councillor Burley's behalf.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

CW180-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Potter

Whereas Grey County recognizes the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who called this area home before the arrival of settlers; and

Whereas in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, Grey County Council acknowledges the importance of continuing to build and foster relationships and partnerships with the Indigenous community;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That staff work with the M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre to bring back a report that offers options related to the implementation of a First Nations Territorial Acknowledgement.

Carried

Delegations

Cristina Valente, Senior Project Planner and Gregory Hanson,
Transportation Planner – WSP – Cycling and Trails Master Plan

Cristina Valente and Gregory Hanson addressed the Committee on the Cycling and Trails Master Plan. Ms. Valente provided an outline of the Plan, and the various phases involved, including reviewing existing conditions, building upon the existing conditions to build a recommended network of trails, and to develop a recommended implementation strategy.

She then reviewed the milestones that were achieved throughout the process, including hosting a Public Information Centre, presentations to local councils and committees, and updating the Plan to address all the comments received.

Ms. Valente reviewed the subject matter of the comments received, and highlighted the key changes resulting from these comments.

The consultants and staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding coordination between different municipalities and stakeholders, the potential for return on investment in the long-term and liability.

Councillor Clumpus then joined the meeting.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following item was requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: Correspondence from the Municipality of Meaford regarding a County – wide waste management program.

Consent Agenda

CW181-20 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney 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. **That the correspondence from the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus regarding funding to support broadband infrastructure and the SWIFT GigaProject be received for information.**
- b. **That the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force minutes dated October 2, 2020 be adopted as presented.**
- c. **That Report TR-CW-20-20 be received and that the property identified as Part of Lot’s 16 and 17 Concession 5, being Part 11 16R-382; Geographic Township of Derby, Township of Georgian Bluffs, County of Grey be acquired by the County of Grey for road widening purposes; and**
That Staff be directed to proceed with the road acquisition prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 b) of the procedural by-law in order to allow for a timely closure of the real estate transaction pending on the abutting land.
- d. **That Report FR-CW-23-20 regarding the Quarterly Purchasing Report for Quarter 3 of 2020, be received for information.**
- e. **That Report FR-CW-24-20 regarding Temporary Pandemic Pay be received for information.**

- f. That report LSR-CW-03-20 which provides a Legal Services update, be received for information.
- g. That Report TR-CW-22-20 regarding Capital Equipment Purchase prior to 2021 Budget Approval be received; and
That staff be authorized to issue the tender for two tandem trucks prior to 2021 budget approval due to delivery time constraints in accordance with Section 3.3 (c) of the Purchasing Policy.
- h. That Report TR-CW-23-20 regarding Capital Purchase-Construction Prior to 2021 Budget Approval be received; and
That staff be authorized to issue the tenders for the Grey Roads 17, 17B and 170 Rehabilitation and Grey Roads 3, 5 and 16 Rehabilitation construction projects prior to 2021 budget approval due to tender constraints in accordance with Sections 3.3 (c) , 10.0 and 10.1 f) of the Purchasing Policy.
- i. That all written and oral submissions received on the proposed redline revisions to plan of subdivision 42T-2015-05 were considered which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and
That PDR-CW-39-20 be received, and that in consideration of the draft plan of subdivision 42T-2015-05, and the matters to have regard for under Subsection 51(24) of the Planning Act, the County of Grey Committee of the Whole hereby approves the revised plan of subdivision on lands described as Part of Lots 233 and 234, Concession 1, (geographic Township of Proton) in the Township of Southgate.

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

EDTC-CW-16-20 Cycling And Trails Master Plan

Bryan Plumstead outlined the initial six recommendations from the Plan for the Committee to consider implementing.

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor O'Leary

Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

That Report EDTC-CW-16-20 outlining priority recommendations be received; and

That the Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan be approved as presented; and

That staff be directed to implement the recommendations/action items identified in the Plan within the timeframes indicated, subject to annual budget approval.

Amendment

CW182-20 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the motion be amended by adding a clause that the Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan be circulated to the local municipal councils for endorsement.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW183-20 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

That Report EDTC-CW-16-20 outlining priority recommendations be received; and

That the Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan be approved as presented; and

That staff be directed to implement the recommendations/action items identified in the Plan within the timeframes indicated, subject to annual budget approval; and

That the Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan be circulated to the local municipal councils for endorsement.

Carried

Committee briefly recessed, then reconvened.

FR-CW-25-20 Municipal Operating Funding

CW184-20 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That Report FR-CW-25-20 regarding the Federal-Provincial Safe Restart Agreement – Municipal Operating Funding be received; and

That based on the Municipal Operating Funding Phase 1 allocation, in the amount of \$3,088,500 and the eligibility criteria for the Phase 2 application, that the Phase 1 allocation is deemed to be sufficient to support the County's 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures; and

That as a result, a Phase 2 application will not be submitted to the Province requesting additional financial assistance.

Carried

CAOR-CW-16-20 Housing Options – Durham Lands

CW185-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That report CAOR-CW-16-20 Housing Options Study – Durham Lands be received for information; and

That based on a staff review of consultants with expertise in this field, staff have retained SHS consulting for a total project cost of \$57,500 plus HST which includes an architect subconsultant to prepare a concept plan for the potential options, to be funded from the Redevelopment Reserve Fund.

Carried

CCR-CW-12-20 Inaugural Considerations

CW186-20 Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Report CCR-CW-12-20 regarding 2021 Inaugural considerations be received; and

That Council provide direction on their preferred process for the 2021 Inaugural session.

Carried

PSR-CW-06-20 EMS Coverage for County

CW187-20 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report PSR-CW-06-20 be received, and that a response time enhancement be considered in the 2021 budget; and

That staff participation continues in the development and implementation of new models of care in the community.

Carried

Addendum to PDR-CW-22-20 Cedar Rail Campground OPA 3

CW188-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That all written and oral submissions on Official Plan Amendment Number 3 were considered and helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-22-20 be received, and that Amendment Number 3 to the County of Grey Official Plan on lands designated 'Agricultural' and 'Hazard lands' to recognize the existing campground facility and permit an expansion on lands described as Part Lots 26 and 27, Concession 13, geographic Township of Sullivan, now in the Township of Chatsworth, be supported, and a by-law to adopt the County Official Plan Amendment be prepared for consideration by County Council.

Carried

Correspondence from the Municipality of Meaford – County – Wide Waste Management Program

CW189-20 Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That the correspondence from the Municipality of Meaford regarding a
County-wide waste management program be received for information.**

Carried

Other Business

Update on Grey Transit Route Ridership

Kim Wingrove updated the Committee on the Grey Transit Route Ridership numbers.

She spoke to the ability to provide accessible options, noting that the County's commitment from the beginning was to connect people to an accessible transit service if they required one. Questions on this subject continue to arise.

It was further noted that the County is being charged a significant amount of money to have snow cleared from the bus stops by some lower tier municipalities and alternative arrangements may need to be examined.

Ms. Wingrove then noted that there was a tragic accident on the Grey Bruce Line involving a vehicle and a horse and buggy. Everyone in Grey County wants to extend their sympathies to the families involved. Staff have reached out to Bruce County to discuss measures that can be taken to prevent these types of accidents from happening in the future. It was noted that the Bruce County Director of Paramedic Services has reached out to MPP Bill Walker asking for consideration to be given to amending the Highway Traffic Act making it illegal for buggies to travel after dusk without proper lighting and illumination.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Desai provided a notice of motion regarding proposed amendments to the Municipal Elections Act involving ranked ballots and asking that Grey County take a position on the amendments.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors O'Leary and Desai, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:13 PM to the call of the Chair.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk