

Committee of the Whole

January 9, 2020

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:04 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Paul McQueen assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillors Paterson, Clumpus, Keaveney and Bartnicki.

Councillors Harold Fleet, Ross Kentner and Rob Potter were in attendance on behalf of Councillors Paterson, Clumpus and Bartnicki respectively.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Main Motion Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

Whereas the Town of Hanover and the City of Owen Sound are the only lower tier municipalities in Grey County that are wholly designated primary settlement areas; and

Whereas the Town of Hanover occupies 0.217% of Grey County's land mass and, according to 2018 statistics, produces 15.2% (6,688) of the jobs in Grey County. The City of Owen Sound occupies 0.538% of Grey County's land mass and produces 34.7% of the jobs in Grey County. Together, they occupy .755% of Grey County's land mass and produce 49.9% of the jobs in Grey County; and

Whereas 25% (191) of the people on Grey County's wait list for affordable housing are looking for a place in the Town of Hanover and 75% (586) are looking for a place in the City of Owen Sound, noting that those seeking affordable housing can place themselves on more than one waitlist; and

Whereas 11.5% of Ontario Works clients in Grey County are in the Town of Hanover and 49% are in the City of Owen Sound; and

Whereas 7% (416) of all ODSP clients in Grey and Bruce Counties combined are in the Town of Hanover and 29% (1677) are in the City of Owen Sound; and

Whereas according to the latest statistics available, the Town of Hanover was 2nd in the Province out of the 50 Municipal Police Services in Ontario for the number of criminal charges processed per officer (ccpo) per year; and

Whereas The Town of Hanover officers processed 56.6 criminal charges per officer per year, followed by The City of Owen Sound ranking in 3rd place in the Province with its officers processing 54.8 criminal charges per officer per year, Brockville being ranked 1st place with 60 ccpo and the provincial and national averages being 23.3 and 29.7 ccpo respectively; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That staff is directed to bring a report to Council setting out terms of reference for a Town of Hanover/City of Owen Sound Task Force which will meet for no more than eight (8) months. The Task Force will produce a report containing recommendations for Council's consideration to address issues affecting these two primary settlement areas.

Amendment

CW14-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That the motion be amended to reflect that the terms of reference extend these concerns to all municipalities in Grey County.

Lost

Amendment

CW15-20 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That the final clause of the main motion be amended to strike out "address issues affecting these two primary settlement areas" and insert "to address how issues affecting these two primary settlements affect Grey County".

Carried

Main Motion As Amended

CW16-20 **Whereas the Town of Hanover and the City of Owen Sound are the only lower tier municipalities in Grey County that are wholly designated primary settlement areas; and**

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Carried

CW17-20

Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

Whereas home prices and property values continue to rise making it difficult for individuals and families to find affordable housing; and

Whereas access to housing is critical to attracting new entrants to the regional labour force; and

Whereas there are several housing and homeless prevention initiatives in place to assist homeowners with the high costs associated with home ownership; and

Whereas there is a limited inventory of affordable housing in Grey County with a vacancy rate of 2% across the County;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that an Affordable Housing Task Force be created; and

That the Task Force consider:

- **Opportunities to work with all three levels of government to pursue all available funding options and local community solutions**
- **Work with the private sector to look at prospects for public-private partnerships with possible incentives to encourage the private sector to increase the supply of affordable housing in Grey County;**
- **Create a “Made in Grey” solution that will be specific to Grey County’s needs,**

That the Affordable Housing Task Force consist of Councillors Keaveney, Burley, O’Leary, Hicks, Soever and Warden McQueen; and

That staff be directed to develop a Terms of Reference for review following the first meeting of the Task Force.

Carried

CW18-20

Moved by: Councillor Desai

Seconded by: Councillor Soever

Whereas all levels of government need to show leadership and take proactive steps to combat climate change; and

Whereas Grey County, through a partnership with the University of Guelph Masters of Rural Planning and Development program presented a report titled “Climate-Conscious Grey: Developing a Climate Change Action Plan for Grey County, Ontario” to Council April 25, 2019; and

Whereas County staff are currently working on developing a Grey County climate change action plan;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that a Climate Change Task force be established to:

- **Provide input into the development of recommendations in support of Climate-Conscious Grey, the climate change action plan**
- **Provide input into measurable impacts for improved County operations related to the environment; and**

That the Climate Change Task Force include Councillors Desai, Woodbury, Hutchinson, Gamble, Clumpus, Hicks and Warden McQueen; and

That staff be directed to draft a Terms of Reference for review following the first meeting.

Carried

Delegations

Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services – First Responder and Military Family Wellness Event

Kevin McNab noted that there will be a First Responder and Military Family Wellness Event on Sunday, February 9 at the Bayshore Community Centre. Mr. McNab provided an overview of

the event which focuses on First Responders, their families and mental health. A trailer of a video to be screened at the event was presented.

The Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW19-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Milne

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.

- i. **That the BDO Audit Planning Report to Committee of the Whole be received for information.**
- ii. **That Report TR-CW-03-20 be received and that RFT-TS-41-19 for two tandem trucks be awarded to Lewis Motor Sales for the bid amount of \$623,495.64 exclusive of HST.**
- iii. **That Report TR-CW-04-20 regarding the acquisition of road widening be received and that the property identified as Part of Lot 18 Concession 12 Keppel shown as Part 5 on Plan 16R-10010; Geographic Township of Keppel, Township of Georgian Bluffs, County of Grey be acquired by The Corporation of the County of Grey for road widening purposes.**
- iv. **That Report PDR-CW-04-20 regarding an overview of proposed plan of subdivision application 42T-2019-02, consisting of eleven (11) residential parcels of land which would be divided into twenty-two (22) semi-detached residential dwellings, described as Town Plot Lots 35 to 39 Bay: W/S, (geographic Town of Thornbury), Town of The Blue Mountains, be received for information.**
- v. **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**
- vi. **That PDR-CW-05-20 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.

- vii. **That the correspondence from the Township of Southgate regarding a partnership with SMART be received for information.**
- viii. **That the public meeting minutes dated December 10, 2019 for the Housekeeping Official Plan Amendment be received for information.**
- ix. **That the Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task Force minutes dated December 12, 2019 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

CAOR-CW-01-20 Community Transportation Update

CW20-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Potter

That report CAOR-CW-01-20 Community Transportation Update be received; and

That County Council direct staff to proceed with an RFP to lease buses until March 2023; and

That County Council approves a single source contract with First Student; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute a Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI) agreement with Metrolinx; and

That further information be brought forward on an additional route along the Grey Road 4 corridor and the Wellington model.

Carried

EDTC-CW-04-20 Grey Roots KidsCamp Fees

CW21-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That Report EDTC-CW-04-20 regarding Grey Roots KidsCamp Fees, be received; and

That the proposed fees be included in the 2020 Fees and Service Charges Schedule G of Bylaw 4735-11.

Carried

HRR-CW-01-20 2020 WSIB Insurance Coverage Renewal

CW22-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Report HRR-CW-01-20 regarding Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) Insurance be received; and

That the Chubb Insurance Company Insurance Policy for excess indemnity insurance through Jardine Lloyd Thompson of Canada at a premium of \$196,822.44 be approved for 2020.

Carried

HRR-CW-03-20 Employee Group Benefit Renewal

CW23-20 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That Report HRR-CW-03-20 regarding the 2020 employee group benefit program renewal be received; and

That the insurance policies with AIG Insurance and Sun Life Financial be renewed for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2020 at the proposed premium level.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW24-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That Committee of the Whole does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss:

- i. **advice subject to solicitor-client privilege** (*Land Claims Update*)
- ii. **litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board** (*Land Claims Update*); and

That the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Heather Morrison, Michael Letourneau, Randy Scherzer and Tara Warder.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 1:39 PM.

Councillors Burley and Carleton declared a conflict of interest during the closed meeting and left the room for the remainder of the closed meeting.

Council returned to open session at 2:07 PM.

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

Other Business

Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference Delegation Requests

Kim Wingrove noted that a delegation request was submitted for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference to the Ministry of Transportation regarding a regional transportation master plan but no response to date has been received. She recommended it as a delegation request for the OGRA conference.

CW25-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That the following OGRA Conference Delegation Requests be submitted:

- **Ministry of Transportation – Regional Transportation Master Plan**

Carried

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Desai and Hicks, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:17 PM to the call of the Chair.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk