

Committee of the Whole

March 25, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:10 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 disclosures of pecuniary interest.

With Council's permission, Principles Integrity then presented as the next agenda item.

Delegations

Principles Integrity-Jeffrey Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski - Annual Report

Jeffrey Abrams reported a moderate level of activity focused on education, training and advice-giving which is the main role for integrity commissioners. Integrity commissioners are also available as an independent party to receive and address complaints. The goal is to increase the confidence of the community in their elected officials.

Mr. Abrams highlighted ethical themes among integrity commissioners around the Province including disparagement with a focus on social media, identifying and avoiding conflicts of interest, maintaining the strategic role of Council, and promoting the collaboration with staff who fulfill the operational role.

There have been no requests for investigations during the period of the annual report.

Business Arising From the Minutes

CW60-21 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

WHEREAS it is desired that Grey County have a Collaborative Decision-making Framework to give clarity to the process of determining support of the County Council for the merits of delivering new services or new collaborative engagement with its member municipalities; and,

WHEREAS Council in 2013 adopted the County of Grey Collaborative Decision-Making Framework (the Framework) as a model for considering the merits of delivering a new service or a new collaborative engagement with local municipalities: and,

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 5, 2013, Grey County Council approved Resolution CC37-13 thereby adopting Report CAOR-GOV-03-13 dated February 19, 2013, including the County of Grey Collaborative Decision-Making Framework (the Framework); and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was confirmed by By-law 4827-13, A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Grey; and,

WHEREAS, according to Section 24.5 of the County of Grey Procedural Bylaw, this By-law confirmed the proceedings of every Meeting of Council and every decision of Council in that year and to deemed that every resolution thereof to have the same force and effect as if each and every one of them had been the subject matter of a separate by-law duly enacted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff be directed to follow the approved Collaborative Decision-making Framework as a by-law of the Corporation as its model for considering the merits of a new service or a new collaborative engagement;

AND THAT Staff include the actions necessary to follow the Framework in any future workplan or funding application which considers the merits of a new service or a new collaborative engagement.

Councillor O'Leary requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: McQueen 5, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6

Opposed: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, A. Desai 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

The motion was lost 18-72.

Council recessed briefly and then resumed.

CW61-21 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

Whereas the year 2019 was the one hundredth anniversary of legislation passed by the Ontario Legislature permitting women to run for elected office in the Ontario Legislature and on municipal councils in Ontario; and

Whereas 2020 was the hundredth anniversary of the first municipal election in Ontario in which women ran as candidates; and

Whereas 2021 is the hundredth anniversary of the election of Agnes MacPhail of South-East Grey riding as the first woman elected to the Canadian House of Commons;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That The Council of the County of Grey expresses its admiration and gratitude for the countless civic contributions of women locally, provincially and nationally, as electors, volunteers, candidates and elected officials, to the democratic wellbeing of our

communities, thereby immeasurably strengthening and enriching the life of this community, and of all communities across Canada; and

That the Pearls and Politics-Grey County's Women of Distinction exhibit be promoted annually in March to coincide with the anniversary of the birth of Agnes MacPhail and the celebration of International Women's Day.

Councillor Desai requested a recorded vote

In favour: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, P. McQueen 5, A. Desai 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

The vote was Carried unanimously.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW62-21 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

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 minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee dated March 10, 2021 be adopted as presented; and**

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. **That Report EDTC-TAC-08-21 regarding Q1 Tourism Workplan Priorities Update be received for information.**

- b. **That the minutes of the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee dated March 10, 2021 be adopted as presented; and**

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. **That Addendum to Report PDR-FM-06-21 regarding updates to the Forest Management Plan be received; and**

That the Final Draft Forestry Management Plan be adopted and approved as presented; and

That following approval of the Forest Management Plan, that the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee be dissolved.

- c. **That the Integrity Commissioner annual report dated March 2021 be received for information.**
- d. **That the Grey County Planning Active Local Planning Appeals Tribunal list be received for information.**
- e. **That the March 4, 2021 letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding COVID-19 funding support be received for information.**
- f. **That the March 8, 2021 resolution from the Town of The Blue Mountains regarding collaborative framework for County-wide waste management service provision be received for information.**
- g. **That Report FR-CW-08-21 and the attached 2020 Treasurer's Statement – Council Remuneration and Expenses be received for information.**
- h. **That Report EDTC-CW-09-21 regarding the Grey Roots Digital Funding be received for information.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

SSR-CW-03-21 Ontario's New Vision for Social Assistance

CW63-21 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report SSR-CW-03-21 regarding Ontario's New Vision for Social Assistance be received for information.

Carried

FR-CW-09-21 Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

CW64-21 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That the current Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program be updated; and

That staff be directed to prepare the necessary by-law to Provide for the Cancellation of Annual Tax Increases for the Purpose of Relieving Financial Hardship for Low-Income Seniors and Persons with Disability in accordance with Section 319 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

Councillor McQueen then left the meeting.

FR-CW-10-21 Vacant Unit Rebate Program

CW65-21 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That County Council receives Report FR-CW-10-21 regarding the Vacant Unit Rebate Program; and

That County Council supports the elimination of the Vacant Unit Rebate Program, and recommend that all local municipalities in the County of Grey pursue the elimination of the vacant unit rebate by passing a local municipal by-law; and

That staff circulate Report FR-CW-10-21 to local municipal councils for their information.

Carried

Council recessed briefly and then resumed.

Addendum to PDR-CW-35-18 White Rose Subdivision 42T-2018-08

CW66-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report Addendum to PDR-CW-35-18 be received; and

That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2018-08 known as White Rose Park were considered; the effect of which helped make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That in consideration of the draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2018-08, for lands described as Part Lot 227, Concession 2, SWTSR (geographic Township of Proton) in the Township of Southgate, the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves this plan of subdivision to create a total of 86 to 88 units, consisting of 30 single detached units, 24 townhouse dwellings, and 32-34 senior dwelling blocks, subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Decision.

Carried

Councillor McQueen then re-entered the meeting.

PDR-CW-11-21 Forest Management Plan

CW67-21 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That Report PDR-CW-11-21 regarding the updated Forest Management Plan as recommended by the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee be received; and

That the Forestry Management Plan be endorsed; and

That any future revenue from sustainable forest management be used to protect the overall health and preservation of Grey County forests; and

That following approval of the Forest Management Plan, correspondence be sent to the members of the Committee thanking them for their guidance and assistance in completing this Plan.

Carried

Addendum to PDR-CW-17-20 Municipal and Growth Boundaries Planning Report Update

CW68-21 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-17-20 be received for information purposes; and

That the Report be shared with member municipalities in Grey County for their information; and

That staff be directed to work with member municipalities, neighbouring municipalities, and neighbouring counties on facilitating discussions on future growth and infrastructure needs and the challenges therein where two or more municipal boundaries are involved.

Carried

Other Business

CAO Wingrove spoke about a behavioural support unit at Grey Gables. The Province approved a timeline extension for a two-year program which will start as soon as possible.

Councillor Desai asked for an update on return to in-person Council meetings. CAO Wingrove hoped to provide an update to Council in the early summer while continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

Notice of Motion

There were none.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Hutchinson and O'Leary, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:26 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk