
Committee of the Whole

May 9, 2019

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:59 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

The Notice of Motion provided by Councillor Soever on April 25, 2019 was withdrawn at the Request of Councillor Soever.

Delegations

Georgian College Update

MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO and Brian Davenport, Vice Chair Board of Governors from Georgian College provided an update to Council. Mr. Davenport expressed appreciation of Grey County's continued support of Georgian College.

Ms. West-Moynes advised that Georgian College has seven campuses across Ontario. She provided an overview of the students and the programs offered at the Owen Sound Campus. She highlighted some programs, including the new pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship, marine centre, nursing program, and co-operative education. She provided information on the economic impact of Georgian College.

Discussion occurred on the apprenticeship program.

Discussion occurred on attracting international students and housing challenges. Ms. West-Moynes noted that attracting students begins with having the right programs, affordable housing, and transportation. She suggested that the community will need to work together to retain graduates. Discussion occurred on creative solutions for housing challenges and Ms. West-Moynes noted that the hospitality students attending the Barrie Campus live at the Blue Mountains Village.

Discussion occurred on the degree programs offered by Georgian College and Ms. West-Moynes noted that Georgian College can currently offer eight degrees. She advised that a

partnership with Lakehead University will enable further degree opportunities for Georgian College.

Ms. Wingrove highlighted the positive relationship between Grey County and Georgian College. She noted that the County is looking to move forward on the transportation grant and that a funding application for a Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership has been submitted.

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

CW103-19 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

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 Tourism Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated April 15, 2019 and the resolutions therein be adopted as presented.**
- b. **That the Grey County Federation of Agriculture correspondence dated April 18, 2019 regarding the farm property tax ratio be received for information.**
- c. **That the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing correspondence dated April 17, 2019 regarding funding for housing and homelessness programs be received for information.**

Carried

The Committee recessed briefly and then reconvened.

Effects of Provincial Changes to Conservation Authorities Funding and Legislation

Cathy Little, Chair; Marion Koepke, Vice Chair; Sonya Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer; Tim Lanthier, Lands and Habitats Coordinator; and John Bittorf, Water Resources Coordinator were in attendance on behalf of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

Cathy Little expressed appreciation for the positive working relationship between Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Grey County, and member municipalities and noted changes to Conservation Authorities funding and legislation.

Sonya Skinner discussed the recent unprecedented floods and storms. She highlighted the work by Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to protect people and property from flooding. She provided an overview of the structure of Conservation Authorities.

Ms. Skinner advised that the Conservation Authorities flood-related funding has been cut in half. She highlighted the province's perception. She advised that the funding change greatly affects Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and noted services that will be impacted. She highlighted other provincial funding cuts. Ms. Skinner discussed the impact of limiting the Conservation Authorities "core" programs, highlighting the potential for increased municipal Memorandums of Understanding. She emphasized that water does not respect boundaries.

Ms. Skinner noted the commenting period for the provincial changes is open until May 20th. She encouraged participation and support.

Ms. Little advised that Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has prepared a draft motion and are seeking support from Grey County Council. She confirmed that a similar resolution has been circulated to member municipalities for support.

Items for Direction and Discussion

PDR-CW-22-19 Conservation Authorities Act Changes

CW104-19 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Report PDR-CW-22-19 which provides an overview of the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, proposed changes to the permitting process related to natural hazards, and the funding reductions to conservation authorities be received; and

That this report be forwarded onto the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as the County of Grey's comments on the proposed changes posted on the Environmental Registry through postings # 013-5018 and # 013-4992; and

That this report be forwarded onto member municipalities, conservation authorities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and local MPPs within Grey for information; and

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.

Carried

CW105-19 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Milne

WHEREAS Climate Change and flooding are mounting threats in Grey and Conservation Authorities provide services including real-time flood forecasting, emergency planning support and water-related studies; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the total provincial Section 39 Transfer Payment to all of Ontario's conservation authorities for Flood and Erosion Control and Natural Hazard Prevention was reduced from \$50-million to \$7.4-million, and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority's share of this payment has remained static at \$71,779 and \$157,669 since 1996; and

WHEREAS the recent Provincial Budget has further reduced Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority's Section 39 Transfer Payments about 50% to \$37,055 and \$81,396; and

WHEREAS this will affect emergency management supports and municipal planning, zoning, and development input provided by Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS there is a provincial role in province-wide flood risks reduction and emergency management, and investments in prevention can potentially avoid or reduce losses to life and property and major expenditures during and after an emergency; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government's Proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario 013-5018 on Modernizing Conservation Authority (CA) Operations proposes to define a limited list of the core mandatory programs and services for CAs; and

THAT Grey County recognizes the value provided by the work of the CAs, supports the current multi-municipality governance model for the selection of programs, and the current municipal levying approach that includes annual input from Local Municipal Councils; and

THAT Grey County recommends that the province acknowledge their strong and positive provincial role in flood risk reduction programs and reinstate funding to CAs; and

THAT Grey County Staff be directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Environmental Registry of Ontario prior to the May 20th deadline, to Ministers Bill Walker and Lisa Thompson, Ministers MECP, MNRF and MOF, the Premier, AMO, ROMA, OSUM, and Conservation Ontario.

Carried

PDR-CW-23-19 Niagara Escarpment Amendment – Sideroad 26/27 and the associated closure of Simcoe Road 91 – Grey Highlands

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report PDR-CW-23-19 which provides background information regarding the closure of Simcoe Road 91 and proposed upgrades to Sideroad 26/27 in Clearview Township be received for information.

Motion to Defer

CW106-19 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Soever

That Report PDR-CW-23-19 be deferred to the May 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

**Addendum to PDR-CW-14-19 Grey County Comments on
*Endangered Species Act***

CW107-19 Moved by: Councillor Bartnicki Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-14-19 regarding an overview of the '10th Year Review of Ontario's Endangered Species Act: Proposed Changes' be received; and

That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-14-19 be forwarded onto the Province of Ontario as the County of Grey's comments on the proposed legislation review posted on the Environmental Registry through posting # 013-5033; and

That the Report be shared with member municipalities and conservation authorities having jurisdiction within Grey County; and

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.

Carried

The Committee recessed and then reconvened.

Councillor Woodbury left the meeting during the recess.

Addendum to PDR-CW-33-18 Saugeen Cedar Heights East Final Report - Hanover

CW108-19 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-33-18 be received; and

That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2018-09 known as Saugeen Cedar Heights East were considered, the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That in consideration of the draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2018-07, for lands described as Part of Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14, Concession 1 NDR, Town of Hanover, geographic Township of Bentinck, the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves this plan of subdivision to create seventy-nine (79) residential units, a block for a further twenty (20)

residential units, in addition to blocks for open space and utilities, and roads, subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Decision.

Carried

CCR-CW-08-19 Alternate Land Use Services (ALUS) Representation

CW109-19 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report CCR-CW-08-19 regarding Grey County Council representation on the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)-Grey Bruce Chapter Board Partner Advisory Committee be received; and

That the Warden be appointed annually as Grey County's representative to the ALUS Partner Advisory Committee.

Carried

TR-CW-16-19 Tender Award Grey Road 9 (Dundalk) Reconstruction - Southgate

CW110-19 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That Report TR-CW-16-19 containing the tender results for the Township of Southgate Contract No. 5619-19 be received; and

That Moorefield Excavation be awarded the Grey County portion of the tender for a total amount of \$3,537,559.50 (excluding HST).

Carried

TR-CW-17-19 Award of RFT-TS-04-19 Grey Road 4 and 18th Avenue, Hanover Traffic Signals

CW111-19 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That Report TR-CW-17-19 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-04-19 Grey Road 4 and 18th Avenue, Hanover Traffic Signals be received; and

That Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd. be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$297,807.76, excluding HST.

Carried

Other Business

Councillor Desai inquired about the "More Homes, More Choices" legislation. Staff will bring forward a report on May 23, 2019.

Councillor McQueen noted Wellington County's process regarding building efficiencies and

inquired as to whether this is something the County may consider. Kim Wingrove noted that at the next Committee of the Whole meeting a summary of Provincial changes will be presented in order to consider options moving forward.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:48 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk