

Committee of the Whole

February 13, 2020

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:02 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Paul McQueen assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillor Alar Soever. Alternate Councillor Rob Sampson was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Soever.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Robinson declared an interest with respect to Item 7a regarding a militaria purchase for Grey Roots as she holds a membership to Grey Roots Museum and Archives.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Councillor Milne previously withdrew his motion to dissolve the Grey County – The Blue Mountains Task Force.

CW38-20 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That an amount equivalent to the net estimated amount of the Town of the Blue Mountains omitted/supplementary and taxation write-offs in excess of the County's 2019 budgeted amount be provided to the Town of the Blue Mountains for the sole purpose of furthering the development of Attainable Housing in the Town of the Blue Mountains, subject to the Town's completion of the Community Improvement Plan.

Lost

Councillor Milne requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: S. Mackey 3, P. McQueen 5, A. Desai 5, S. Keaveney 5, I. Boddy 8, B. Milne 3, R. Sampson 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6,

Opposed: B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, T. Hutchinson 5,

The motion was Carried 48-42.

CW39-20 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

Whereas the total weighted assessment of properties in the Town of the Blue Mountains represents 26.9% of the County's total weighted assessment; and

Whereas the Town of the Blue Mountains budget process includes a Public Information Centre (PIC), which is an informal open house with members of Town staff, held to encourage, gather and respond to public comments;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of the Blue Mountains hereby requests that County Council direct County staff to attend the Town of the Blue Mountains PIC in early March to answer any questions about the 2020 County budget which will have been passed by that time.

Lost

Delegations

Pandemic Planning and Coronavirus Update

Marlene McLevy introduced Denna Leach, Public Health Manager of Infectious diseases who updated Committee on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and the current situation, what public health is doing and considerations for municipalities.

Ms. Leach highlighted information on COVID-19. It was noted that there are currently 7 confirmed cases in Canada with 4 in British Columbia and 3 in Ontario.

It was noted that regular communications have been occurring through teleconferences and sharing of provincial guidance documents and consulting with health care partners.

The Health Unit is encouraging review and assessment of the readiness of emergency or pandemic response plan, as well as encouraging prevention of the spread of disease for staff in an ongoing manner. It is also recommended that municipalities follow public health updates and guidance, Ministry of Health recommendations, directives, orders and requests.

Dr. Arra, Medical Officer of Health, noted that there is risk of negative stigmas developing against certain nationalities. Dr. Arra stressed this disease is related to travel, not ethnicity.

Currently the risk in Grey Bruce is low and the Health Unit is working diligently to keep it low.

Marlene McLevy, County Emergency Management Coordinator then addressed the Committee on the County's pandemic plan and history of its development. Ms. McLevy spoke to the objectives of the plan, including preserving critical services and describing what the response to a pandemic emergency looks like versus other emergencies under the Grey County Emergency Management Plan.

Ms. McLevy then outlined the County's departmental pandemic planning activities, including succession management, reviewing alternate meeting methods where possible, reviewing supply chains and revising strategies to limit exposure to staff and visitors.

There will be an event on March 5, 2020 for external stakeholders including community partners co-led by Grey County and the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

Al Leach, Vice President – Saugeen Valley Children’s Safety Village – Children’s Safety Village Update

Al Leach provided an update to the Committee on the Saugeen Valley Children’s Safety Village. The Safety Village is a registered charity. The intent is to provide hands on safety training for kids from kindergarten to grade 6.

It was noted that a high percentage of childhood injuries are preventable and the Safety Village aims to assist in decreasing this number.

Mr. Leach highlighted the safety village and all of the features within it including roadways, farm safety, a house for children to practice fire drills, as well as board and meeting rooms, among others.

It was noted that the program is run during the school year.

The Safety Village is ready to launch in April on a two days per week basis. There is significant interest in the program and eventually would like to move to 5 days per week.

The Committee recessed, then reconvened.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW40-20 Moved by: Councillor Burley 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 County of Grey support the resolution from the Township of Georgian Bluffs regarding establishing a Select Committee on Climate Change to develop comprehensive provincial strategies and an action plan to address climate-change related threats to our society, environment and economy.**
- b. **That the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal List (LPAT) be received for information.**
- c. **That Report PDR-CW-08-20 be received and that the application for a Minor Exemption under the County’s Forest Management By-law for 043836 Southgate Road 04, Lot 8, Concession 5, in the geographic Township of Egremont, Township of Southgate, be approved.**

- d. **That the Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task force minutes dated February 3, 2020 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

EDTC-CW-05-20 Grey Roots Militaria Purchase

Councillor Robinson declared an interest with respect to the report and did not participate in discussion or vote on the matter.

CW41-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Report EDTC-CW-05-20 regarding Militaria Purchase for Permanent Artefact Collection, be received; and

That the amount of \$3,827 be taken from Grey Roots' Artefact Reserve in order to purchase the Grey County veteran related militaria collection.

Carried

PSR-CW-03-20 Paramedic Services Modernization Consultation

CW42-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That Report PSR-CW-03-20 regarding the Paramedic Services Modernization Consultation be received for information.

Carried

HDR-CW-01-20 Grey County and Owen Sound Housing Corporation Acquisition of Lands

CW43-20 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That Report HDR-CW-01-20 regarding the acquisition of land be received; and

That the Corporation of the County of Grey acquire the Property identified as all those lands comprising part of Park Lot 8 described in a document deposited in the local Land Registry Office Grey No. 16 on the 13th day of October, 1984 as instrument No. DEP594 lying south of the westerly prolongation of the boundary between the lands bearing PIN 37318-0094 and PIN 37318-0096; Municipality of West Grey, County of Grey; and

That Staff be directed to proceed with the acquisition prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 b) of the procedural by-law.

Carried

CAOR-CW-02-20 Grey County – The Blue Mountains Task Force

Councillor Clumpus left the meeting at this point.

CW44-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Report CAOR-CW-02-20 regarding the future of the Grey County – The Blue Mountains Task Force be received; and

That Council support the 2020 workplan as outlined; and

That the Taskforce be concluded and future issues and requests from the Town of the Blue Mountains, be brought to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Motion to Refer

CW45-20 Moved by: Councillor Sampson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report CAOR-CW-02-20 and its recommendation be referred to the Blue Mountains – Grey County Task force for consideration of an alternate task force structure.

Lost

The motion as originally presented was then voted on and Carried.

PDR-CW-11-20 Subdivision Guidelines Student Report

CW46-20 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report PDR-CW-11-20 regarding the University of Guelph student project on Subdivision Guidelines for Grey County be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-12-20 Markdale Hospital Lands Transfer

CW47-20 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report PDR-CW-12-20 Hospital Land Transfer be received; and

That the principles of the land transfer agreement are hereby endorsed in principle and that staff be directed to finalize the agreement and present it to Council for consideration along with a by-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the final land transfer agreement.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW48-20 Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

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

- i. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (*Land claim*)**
- ii. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (*Land claim*); and**

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

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 1:56 PM.

Council returned to open session at 2:22 PM.

Other Business

It was noted that the Emergency Services Family Wellness Day at the Bayshore on Sunday was a success.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Milne and Desai, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:25 PM to the call of the Chair.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk