

## Council

### September 9, 2021

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 9:30 AM through electronic means. The Clerk called Council to order, and Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; and Kathie Nunno, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator were also participating.

The following staff members were in attendance:

Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services - County Solicitor; Jennifer Moreau, Director of Human Resources; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Melissa McCulloch, Ontario Works Manager; Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology; Josh Gibson, Housing Programs Manager; Jim Nicoll, Maintenance Manager Transportation Services; and Rob Hatten, Communications Manager.

### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabek, Six Nations of the Grand River, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples on whose traditional territories we gather and whose ancestors signed Treaties with our ancestors. We recognize also, the Metis and Inuit whose ancestors shared this land and these waters. May we all, as Treaty People, live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.

### Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### Adoption of Minutes

CC63-21      Moved by: Councillor O'Leary      Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated August 12, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented.**

Carried

CC64-21 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

**That the Committee of the Whole closed meeting minutes dated August 12, 2021 be adopted as provided to County Council.**

Carried

CC65-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That the minutes of the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force meeting dated August 5, 2021 be adopted as presented; and**

**That the resolutions contained therein be adopted as follows:**

- i. That Report CAOR-RP-09-21 Redevelopment Project Update be received for information.**

Carried

*Main Motion*

Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**That the minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting dated August 26, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented.**

*Amendment to the Main Motion*

CC66-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting dated August 26, 2021 be amended to reflect that the estimated cost of \$400,000 per bed was confirmed to allow Council to make an informed decision.**

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, P. McQueen 5, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: 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

The motion was lost 35 to 55.

*Motion to Defer*

CC67-21 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Potter

**That the August 26<sup>th</sup> Special Committee of the Whole minutes be deferred until the feasibility study by SHS Salter-Pilon is presented to the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force for consideration.**

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote

In Favour: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, P. McQueen 5, S. Keaveney 5, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, A. Desai 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3

The motion is lost 40 to 50.

*Main Motion as Presented*

CC68-21      Moved by: Councillor Clumpus                      Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**That the minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting dated August 26, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Reports

### Board of Health

CC69-21      Moved by: Councillor Paterson                      Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

**That the Board of Health minutes dated July 23, 2021, and the Board of Health Executive meeting minutes dated August 23, 2021 be received for information.**

Carried

## Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Soever remarked about the re-opening of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 281 with outdoor parking lot events including a thank you BBQ for first responders. On September 25<sup>th</sup> there is the Oktoberfest event in Clarksburg starting at noon on the new patio at the Marsh Street Centre and the Royal Canadian Legion. There will be local food and beverages, and art and crafts vendors. Tickets are available at the [Oktoberfest.blue](http://Oktoberfest.blue) website. The Blue Mountains, Grey Highlands, and Clearview, on behalf of the South Georgian Bay Mayors Caucus hosted the parliamentary assistant and other senior Ministry of Transportation staff to tour the area and look at traffic issues.

Councillor Desai announced the arrival of Grey Highlands' newest citizen, Theodore, and congratulated his parents, Stephanie and Nathan Stewart. Councillor Desai spoke to comments received that were offensive in nature following the August 26<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting. Following that, Councillor Desai was overwhelmed by an outpouring of support from members of the community, and he expressed his appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the support.

Councillor Clumpus highlighted a successful opening of Georgian Bay Community School with well over 1000 students registered. Year-to-date building permits have exceeded \$82,500,000 which is a record. There is a mini scarecrow invasion display at the big apple as a prelude to next year's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are new businesses opening in the area. Meaford celebrated the Labour Day weekend with fireworks which were well received. Councillor Clumpus added that attainable housing is included in the building permits and that the long-term care facility on Cook Street is well underway.

Councillor Burley thanked Grey County for adding to the beauty of the area with the newly paved roads in the municipality.

Councillor Hutchinson highlighted that the Saugeen Municipal Airport has a new ground station, paid for through fundraising events, that provides pilots in the area with weather and safety information. This is the only airport in the area equipped with this technology. A new restaurant at the airport, the Landing Gear Diner, will be opening soon.

Councillor McQueen added that the meeting with the Ministry of Transportation senior staff was a good meeting that promoted discussion between counties and regions. Ram Rodeo is coming to Grey Highlands on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will support the new Markdale hospital. A link to buy tickets in advance is on [greyhighlands.ca](http://greyhighlands.ca).

## Adjournment

On motion by Councillors O'Leary and Woodbury, Council adjourned at 10:30 AM to the call of the Warden.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk