

Committee of the Whole

February 9, 2023

Grey County Council met on the above date at the County Administration Building. Warden Milne assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM with all members present. Councillors Dobreen, Bordignon, Pringle, and Matrosovs participated virtually.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Committee of the Whole – January 26, 2023 – Councillor Dobreen

CW28-23 Moved by: Councillor Dobreen Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) brings a collective voice and advocates for almost all of Ontario's 444 municipalities on Provincial policy matters to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges; and

WHEREAS it is vital to have representation from all regions; and

WHEREAS AMO is soliciting applications to fill vacancies on the AMO Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2022-2024 term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the County of Grey endorses the application for the AMO County Caucus by County Councillor Barbara Dobreen for the 2022-2024 term.

Carried

Committee of the Whole – January 26, 2023 – Councillor McQueen

The Warden noted that this item would be considered at the February 23, 2023, meeting of Committee of the Whole.

The Council of the County of Grey unanimously agreed to consider the agenda for this meeting in the following order.

Determination of Items Requiring Further Discussion

Councillor McQueen requested that item 6.d. regarding report CCR-CW-04-23 – Terms of Reference – Agricultural Advisory Committee be pulled from this meeting’s consent agenda for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW29-23 Moved by: Councillor Nielsen Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

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 report PDR-CW-09-23 be received, and

That the application for a Minor Exemption under the County’s Forest Management By-law for 773274 Highway 10, Lot 187 and 188, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of Artemesia, Municipality of Grey Highlands, be approved.

b. That report FR-CW-05-23 regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09 – 2023 Budget be received for information.

c. That report CAOR-CW-02-23, regarding the authority delegated to the CAO for restricted acts during the lame duck period of the 2022 election, be received for information.

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

PDR-CW-11-23 - Grey County Additional Residential Unit Resource Guide

CW30-23 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That report PDR-CW-11-22 regarding the University of Guelph student project entitled ‘Grey County Additional Residential Unit Resource Guide’ be received for information.

Carried

Delegations

Andrew Greggan, ORH - Comprehensive Deployment Review for Grey County Paramedic Services

Kevin McNab introduced the consultant and Paramedic Services comprehensive deployment review project.

Andrew Greggan from ORH presented to the Committee regarding the deployment review's process, the resulting recommendations, analysis summaries, demand projections, modelling scenarios, future phasing, support services and the organizational structure. The presenter spoke about the history and experiences of ORH. Further, the presenter explained the recommendations resulting from the review to maintain the current levels of service into 2033, including the proposed phase-in of resources to maintain performance, maintaining the current supervisor-to-frontline staff ratio of 28:1, integrations with community paramedicine, an additional scheduler role, and an additional logistics depot. The presenter reported on the data considered in the review, such as demand by month and season, time at the hospital by month and facility, response performance, responses by station, and benchmarking against other rural or mixed Ontario paramedic services.

In response to questions from the Committee, the presenter confirmed the data collected for the review captured various types of call responses, including where additional transfers are required.

Andrew Greggan presented the population-based projection method used by ORH, which incorporates data related to historical and forecasted demand rates and population data and forecast trends into 2033. The presenter shared projected demand increases and considerations for new development areas. An average annual growth of 5.8% in projected demand was noted, and the presenter described how modelling could be adjusted to incorporate future data.

In response to questions from the Committee, the presenter discussed the projected demand rates, the use of averages in forecast modelling, considerations for future growth or development and changes in population or demand, and the ability to adjust and refine models with future data. Further, Kevin McNab spoke about response time reporting and ongoing monitoring. The presenter explained seasonal or recreational considerations, such as visitors or future hotels, in demand modelling. Randy Scherzer described how modelling could be incorporated into future planning.

Andrew Greggan described the modelling process and the benefits of modelling, including identifying and comparing potential solutions or scenarios. The presenter reviewed model calibration, the limitations of modelling, and modelling scenarios, such as demand levels and phasing in resources. The presenter reported on performance measures and spoke about modelling for base locations, first response unit locations, adding vehicles based on current demand levels, and resourcing required to achieve 15-minute response time targets. Further, the presenter compared modelling for maintaining current resourcing, resulting in declining performance, which contrasted with maintaining current performance by increasing resources over time to 2033. The presenter explained sensitivity modelling, the proposed resource phasing, and the related support services and organizational structure.

In response to questions from the Committee, Kevin McNab discussed inter-regional coordination for call dispatch, considerations for resource locations, factors for call response, the changes through the COVID pandemic, and the scope of data incorporated into the deployment review.

Items for Direction and Discussion

PSR-CW-02-23 - Paramedic Services Comprehensive Deployment Review

CW31-23 Moved by: Councillor Nielsen Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report PSR-CW-02-23 regarding the Paramedic Service Comprehensive Deployment Review be received; and

That County Council supports the recommendations in principle outlined in the Paramedic Service Comprehensive Deployment Review; and

That staff be directed to bring forward the recommendations as detailed in the Comprehensive Deployment Review during annual budget deliberations for County Council consideration.

Carried

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 1:07 pm.

TR-CW-02-23 - Holland Sydenham Townline Bridge (Structure 22)

CW32-23 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That report TR-CW-02-23, regarding Holland Sydenham Townline Bridge (Structure 22), be received for information.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW33-23 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That 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 (Holland Sydenham Townline Bridge - Structure 22).**

That the following staff remain in attendance:

Kim Wingrove, Randy Scherzer, Michael Letourneau, Pat Hoy, Tara Warder, Rob Hatten, and Sarah Goldrup.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 1:18 PM.

Council returned to open session at 1:38 PM.

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

The Committee heard comments from its members regarding the past request for a report from the County regarding the history of Structure 22, previous concerns and unknowns concerning the potential options and costs of repairing the bridges, and recognizing the importance of the agricultural community within Grey County.

Consent Agenda Items Requiring Further Discussion

CCR-CW-04-23 – Terms of Reference – Agricultural Advisory Committee

Main Motion – As Outline in the Staff Report

Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That report CCR-CW-04-23 regarding the Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Advisory Committee be received; and

That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Advisory Committee as presented; and

That the Terms of Reference be reviewed and considered by the Agricultural Advisory Committee at its first meeting.

Primary Amendment

CW33-23 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

That motion outlined in report CCR-CW-04-23 regarding the Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Advisory Committee be amended to strike out “and considered” from the third clause.

Carried

Main Motion – As Amended

CW34-23 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

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That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Advisory Committee as presented; and

That the Terms of Reference be reviewed by the Agricultural Advisory Committee at its first meeting.

Carried

Other Business

There was no other business.

Notice of Motion

There was no notice of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Carleton and Mackey, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:12 PM to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk