



Minutes

Council

July 9, 2020

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 9:30 AM through electronic means. Warden Paul McQueen called Council to order and assumed the Chair.

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

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator and Kathie Nunno, Recording Secretary were also in attendance.

The following staff members were in attendance:

Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture; Grant McLevy, Senior Manager of Human Resources; Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology and Rob Hatten, Communications Manager.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC63-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated June 25, 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There was no closed meeting held.

Reports

Board of Health

Dr. Arra spoke about the Health Unit's work in supporting safe pandemic recovery and reopening. Indicators reflect full control over the outbreak. The Health Unit continues to support businesses in reopening and to mitigate risk.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is preparing to issue a Section 22 Class Order under the Health Protection and Promotion Act in order to facilitate mask wearing. The objective is to normalize wearing a mask in society. Municipalities, emergency services and other stakeholders are participating with an intent to have a consistent approach through the Province.

The order should align with stage three reopening. There is an initial plan for implementing the order including parameters and exemptions.

CC64-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

That the Board of Health minutes dated May 22, 2020 be received for information.

Carried

CC65-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That staff prepare a report to present to Council regarding mandatory mask wearing in certain spaces.

Carried

By-Laws

CC66-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That By-Law 5089-20 be introduced and that it be taken as read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law book.

5089-20 A By-law to Authorize the Transfer of Certain Lands in the Municipality of Grey Highlands, as described in Schedule 'A' for the Construction of the New Markdale Hospital

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Robinson encouraged everyone to shop and support local while observing COVID-19 protocols.

Councillor Boddy spoke about raising money for the hospital for gloves and masks.

Councillor Soever reported that the virtual Canada Day celebration organized by Collingwood, Blue Mountain Resort and The Blue Mountains was a great success and good for promoting local business. The community challenge distributed \$7000 to the Beaver Valley Outreach meal program and Anglican Church meal program. There is a fundraiser drive-by lobster fest on July 25th. The Blue Mountains is hiring additional by-law officers to give people advice on social distancing and to patrol beach parking. Lack of beach space and speed on Highway 26 are current issues. In a phone meeting with the Premier, Councillor Soever learned that the Province plans to reduce the speed limit in Craigeith to 50 km/hr.

Councillor Potter mentioned that the library continues with its on-line program. Please see The Blue Mountains Public Library website for online activities.

Councillor Clumpus reported that beaches are busy, and people are being respectful. There are issues in Memorial Park which just opened and increased by-law officers for the park are being considered. Councillor Clumpus encouraged wearing face masks and having respect for public property.

Councillor Keaveney spoke about the recovery task force. Restaurant patios are open; they look great and they are busy. Community Living is cleaning empty storefront windows sweeping the sidewalks. Artwork will be displayed in the windows. 365 Sports in Meaford is a distributor for personal protective equipment.

Councillor Woodbury reported that things are going well in Southgate. It's encouraging to see what's going on with the businesses.

Councillor Burley is excited that the new CAO, John Norton, is starting very soon. Councillor Burley extended a special thank you to Anne Marie Shaw for her interim shared role as CAO with Georgian Bluffs.

Councillor Carleton reported that Georgian Bluffs is under a complete burn ban. Elsie's Diner and the Warton Keppel International Airport patios are both open. Councillor Carleton shared her thanks to Anne Marie Shaw and excitement about the new CAO's arrival.

Councillor Paterson noted that the Canada Day virtual presentation was spectacular. Councillor Paterson enjoyed judging the 27 houses and 9 businesses who participated in showing Canada Day spirit.

Councillor Hicks urged everyone to visit oshfoundation.ca/beards to sponsor participants to raise funds for the Critical Response Fund: COVID-19.

Councillor Mackey reported increased traffic on highways 6 and 10 which is good for tourism.

Councillor Gamble reported that a pharmacy is opening in a previous bank location and added that a new service station will be coming in the future.

Councillor Desai stated that on Saturday, July 11th a commemorative wreath laying will take place on the 150th anniversary of the Alabama lynching of William Luke (of Flesherton). The small, solemn gathering will be videotaped for social media.

Warden McQueen did a Warden's address on July 1st for the Canada Day celebration. The Flesherton Kinsmen group are organizing a drive-in movie. Community and stakeholders of Eugenia Falls are moving forward with a new mandate for that area.

CAO Wingrove thanked Grey County's new health and safety manager, Janice Campbell and Anne Marie Shaw and the Housing staff for retrofitting the administration building to make things as safe as they can be for staff to start the return to work process on Monday. POA court will be open to the public on an appointment basis for those who need to conduct face-to-face business.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Burley and Milne, Council adjourned at 10:18 AM to the call of the Warden.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk