

Council

November 25, 2021

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:00 AM at the County Administration Building. The Clerk called Council to order and Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

The Warden invited members of Council to stand for O Canada.

Council then remained standing for a moment of silence in memory of Councillor Rob Potter who passed away earlier this month.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillors Desai. Alternate Councillor Cathy Little was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Desai. Alternate Councillor Rob Sampson was also in attendance. Councillor McQueen participated virtually.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator were also in attendance.

The following staff members were in attendance:

Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; and Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology.

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 disclosures of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

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

CC86-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

That Resolution CW173-21 regarding a governance information report be pulled from the minutes of the November 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting and voted on separately.

Carried

CC87-21 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated November 12, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein, excluding Resolution CW173-21, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

Whereas it is beneficial to complete a periodic governance review to look at a variety of areas for potential changes or improvements; and

Whereas there are strict timelines in place within the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended that require various approvals be in place prior to certain changes taking place;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That staff be directed to bring back an overall information report providing information and timelines related to various governance options including term of the Warden, direct versus indirect election, meeting structure, and weighted voting.

Primary Amendment

CC88-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

That the motion be amended to include consideration of public access and participation processes as part of the governance information report.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote on the motion to amend.

In Favour: S. Mackey 3, S. Carleton 5, P. McQueen 5, C. Little 5, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, A. Soever 7, R. Sampson 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Paterson 3, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3

The motion was Carried 56-34.

Main Motion as Amended

CC89-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Soever

Whereas it is beneficial to complete a periodic governance review to look at a variety of areas for potential changes or improvements; and

Whereas there are strict timelines in place within the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended that require various approvals be in place prior to certain changes taking place;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That staff be directed to bring back an overall information report providing information and timelines related to various governance options including term of the Warden, direct versus indirect election, meeting structure, weighted voting and consideration of public access and participation processes.

Carried

CC90-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

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

Carried

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That the Development Charges Steering Committee minutes dated November 15, 2021 be adopted as presented; and

That the following recommendations contained therein be endorsed:

- i. Whereas Council instructed Hemson Consulting Ltd. to prepare a draft Development Charges Background Study and draft Development Charges By-laws on the basis of growth forecasts and growth-related capital program presented to the Development Charges Steering Committee on September 13, 2021; and**

Whereas a Development Charges Background Study and Development Charges By-laws were prepared and made available on the County website and at the County Administration Building on October 7, 2021 and October 14, 2021, respectively, in accordance with the Development Charges Act; and

Whereas a Public Meeting was held on October 28, 2021 to receive comments on the Development Charges Background Study and Draft Development Charges By-law with notice being given in accordance with the Development Charges Act; and

Whereas based on the comments received, revisions to the capital program and the development charges by-laws have been recommended to Council by the Development Charges Steering Committee;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the growth-related capital program as set out in the Development Charges Background Study dated October 8, 2021 as amended, to reflect the changes to the capital program, be endorsed; and

That the Development Charges Steering Committee express its intent that growth-related costs identified in the Development Charges Background Study as post-period benefit shall be paid for subsequently by development charges or other similar charges; and

That notice was given in accordance with Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, of its intention to pass a by-law under Section 2 of the Act; and

That it has been determined that no further public meetings are required under Section 12(3) of the Development Charges Act, 1997; and

That Development Charges Steering Committee hereby recommends to Grey County Council the adoption of the Development Charges By-laws 5127-22 and 5128-22 subject to the following:

- **Full implementation of residential development charges effective January 1, 2022**
- **Apply development charges to all non-residential development phased-in over a period of time effective January 1, 2022**
- **Continue with approved deferral or conditional development charge exemptions**
- **Allow for mixed-use deferrals and conditional exemptions for the residential portion as long as a portion of the build is purpose built rental housing**
- **Semi-detached homes remain with single detached homes; and**
- **Grey Gables remain excluded from the Background Study and staff work with Hemson to prepare a consolidated version of the Background Study effective December 31, 2021; and**

That once the by-laws are adopted by Grey County Council, the Development Charges Steering Committee be dissolved.

- ii. **That the correspondence from the Councils of the Town of the Blue Mountains and the Municipality of Grey Highlands and the letter from Stantec on behalf of Parkbridge regarding development charges be received for information.**

Primary Amendment 1

CC91-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the final clause of Resolution DCSC06-21 from the Development Charges Steering Committee minutes of November 15, 2021 be amended as follows:

- i. Second bullet point be updated to reflect a phased in approach for non-residential development charges with 0% in 2022, 25% in 2023, 50% in 2024, 75% in 2025 and 100% in 2026.**

Carried

Primary Amendment 2

CC92-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the final clause of Resolution DCSC06-21 from the Development Charges Steering Committee minutes of November 15, 2021 be amended as follows:

- i. Strike “ effective December 31, 2021” from the last bullet**

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CC93-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That the Development Charges Steering Committee minutes dated November 15, 2021 be adopted as amended; and

That the following recommendations contained therein be endorsed:

- i. Whereas Council instructed Hemson Consulting Ltd. to prepare a draft Development Charges Background Study and draft Development Charges By-laws on the basis of growth forecasts and growth-related capital program presented to the Development Charges Steering Committee on September 13, 2021; and**

Whereas a Development Charges Background Study and Development Charges By-laws were prepared and made available on the County website and at the County Administration Building on October 7, 2021 and October 14, 2021, respectively, in accordance with the Development Charges Act; and

Whereas a Public Meeting was held on October 28, 2021 to receive comments on the Development Charges Background Study and Draft Development Charges By-law with notice being given in accordance with the Development Charges Act; and

Whereas based on the comments received, revisions to the capital program and the development charges by-laws have been recommended to Council by the Development Charges Steering Committee;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the growth-related capital program as set out in the Development Charges Background Study dated October 8, 2021 as amended, to reflect the changes to the capital program, be endorsed; and

That the Development Charges Steering Committee express its intent that growth-related costs identified in the Development Charges Background Study as post-period benefit shall be paid for subsequently by development charges or other similar charges; and

That notice was given in accordance with Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, of its intention to pass a by-law under Section 2 of the Act; and

That it has been determined that no further public meetings are required under Section 12(3) of the Development Charges Act, 1997; and

That Development Charges Steering Committee hereby recommends to Grey County Council the adoption of the Development Charges By-laws 5127-22 and 5128-22 subject to the following:

- **Full implementation of residential development charges effective January 1, 2022**
- **Apply development charges to all non-residential development phased-in over a period of time effective January 1, 2022 with 0% in 2022, 25% in 2023, 50% in 2024, 75% in 2025 and 100% in**

2026

- **Continue with approved deferral or conditional development charge exemptions**
- **Allow for mixed-use deferrals and conditional exemptions for the residential portion as long as a portion of the build is purpose built rental housing**
- **Semi-detached homes remain with single detached homes; and**
- **Grey Gables remain excluded from the Background Study and staff work with Hemson to prepare a consolidated version of the Background Study; and**

That once the by-laws are adopted by Grey County Council, the Development Charges Steering Committee be dissolved.

- ii. **That the correspondence from the Councils of the Town of the Blue Mountains and the Municipality of Grey Highlands and the letter from Stantec on behalf of Parkbridge regarding development charges be received for information.**

Carried

By-Laws

CC94-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor O’Leary

That By-Laws 5123-21 to 5125-21 be introduced and that they 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.

5123-21 A By-law to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County of Grey and Kasian Architecture Ontario Inc. for Prime Consultant Services

5124-21 A By-law to Acquire Certain Lands in the City of Owen Sound, as described in Schedule ‘A’ into the Grey County Housing Inventory

5125-21 A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the County of Grey

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Boddy noted that the City of Owen Sound is hosting Scotiabank's Hockey Day in Canada. There will be a press conference taking place this afternoon with Ron McLean. The event will take place January 26-29, 2022.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Milne and Paterson, Council adjourned at 10:52 AM to the call of the Clerk.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk