

Council

September 10, 2020

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 Paul McQueen assumed the Chair.

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

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

The following staff members were participating:

Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social 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; and Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC72-20 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meetings dated August 13, 2020 and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Reports

Board of Health

CC73-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor O’Leary

That the Board of Health minutes dated July 24, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

By-Laws

CC74-20 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That By-Law 5091-20 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.

5091-20 A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 5 to the County of Grey Official Plan Affecting Lands Described as Part Lot 14, Concession 8, (geographic Township of St. Vincent), Municipality of Meaford

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Mackey noted that on October 7, 2020, the Township of Chatsworth will be having its first in person meeting since the pandemic began. The meeting will be held at the Fire Hall to allow for a larger number of participants. There will be a sign-up process for members of the public that wish to attend in person. The number will be limited to 50. The Township office is open by appointment.

Councillor Gamble noted that the Chatsworth Agricultural Society is holding the “End of the Laneway” display contest. Township Council are participating in it and the display can be seen in front of the Township office.

Councillor Burley noted that the Council Chambers are open, and the Township held its first public meeting on Wednesday and it went well. The remaining facilities will be opening next week under strict protocols. The airport meeting was also held last week.

Councillor Carleton noted that the ice will be in next week in the Shallow Lake arena.

Councillor Boddy noted that he and Councilor Gamble were at Lee Manor to accept over 10,000 face masks which were collected by students in Taiwan and donated to Grey County Long Term Care homes.

Councilor O'Leary noted that the rebar is in place on the 10th street bridge. After the pouring is complete, the bridge will be on schedule to open in December.

Councillor Paterson noted that the Hanover Civic Centre offices and aquatic centre are opening.

Councillor Hicks spoke highly of his most recent visit to Memorial Park in Meaford.

Councillor Clumpus noted that Trowbridge Street bridge construction is ongoing. The first in-person meeting for the Municipality since the pandemic began will be held on Monday at Meaford Hall. Protocols are in place to allow the public to participate by pre-registering. The Meaford International Film Festival was cancelled for the first time in its history but will return virtually over Thanksgiving weekend. The Scarecrow invasion was also cancelled earlier this year because of the pandemic, however some residents are mounting their own displays. Thursday Flicks will be starting soon at the Meaford Hall.

Councillor Keaveney noted that the annual 5km hospital fundraiser has gone virtual so people can do the 5km their way, whether kayaking, running, biking, etc. The Meaford Chamber of Commerce holds the Meaford Dragons annually and registrations are due by September 15, 2020.

Councillor Woodbury provided an update on the Township of Southgate. Some staff have moved back into the office. Residents are resuming businesses and construction and there is less availability of industrial lands in the municipality.

Councillor Robinson is proud to announce that the West Grey Fire Department has received an accreditation for its water tank shuttle. The Durham Hospital will be holding a virtual Boots and Bling fundraising event. The West Grey municipal office has reopened with hours from 10am – 4pm. Please call ahead to reach the building and planning departments to schedule a meeting.

Councillor Soever noted that the Town is hosting an Oktoberfest event next weekend and the launch of the military heritage exhibit at the Clarksburg legion will be taking place as well. Oktoberfest will follow the same pattern as the Lobsterfest. Sign up is on the Marsh Street Centre website for Oktoberfest and the Library website for the military exhibit.

Councillor Potter noted that the coffee clutch at the Marsh Street Centre restarted this morning. The Marsh Street Centre has a pub night coming up. Through the Craigeith Depot website, you can attend a virtual display celebrating the 150th celebration of the

fall fair. Councillor Potter further noted that Joan McKinlay from the Blue Mountains has received the Tommy Cooper Agricultural Award.

Councillor Desai noted that county staff have prepared a report on getting back into the Council Chambers and he is looking forward to that taking place.

Warden McQueen noted that there was a request from the local public school for picnic tables to be used on the school grounds in Flesherton to allow for outside education opportunities. The municipality is moving forward with the tender for a new water tower in Markdale.

Kim Wingrove recognized staff for recent achievements. The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has advised that Tara Warder achieved her Accredited Municipal Professional (AMP) designation. The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) has announced the recipients of their member service awards which recognizes the contributions by members back to the profession. Liz Buckton from the Municipality of Meaford and Scott Taylor from Grey County have both been recognized for their contributions.

The Warden thanked the CAO for leading the County's staff and for everything she has done in this regard.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Burley and Hutchinson, Council adjourned at 10:20 AM to the call of the Warden.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk