

## Committee of the Whole

May 28, 2020

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:05 AM through electronic means. Deputy Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

## Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

## Business Arising From the Minutes

*Main Motion*

Moved by: Councillor Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**Whereas now more than ever in our increasingly electronic world, Grey County families and business owners have a need for reliable and affordable broadband to conduct business and stay connected both locally and beyond; and**

**Whereas broadband is a contributing social and economic driver in supporting the vitality and growth of our communities; and**

**Whereas families require internet to enable their children to complete school assignments, take online courses, maintain a human connection, or just stream movies at home; and**

**Whereas Grey County agriculture production, manufacturing, retail and the service industry depend on reliable high-speed connections to support and ensure business continuity and success; and**

**Whereas connectivity has been a lifeline for those businesses and sectors with access to reliable broadband during this global pandemic; and**

**Whereas reliable broadband will continue playing an essential role in the economic and social recovery of communities across Grey County post-pandemic; and**

**Whereas not all areas of Grey County are within a connectivity coverage area which continues to be increasingly challenging, and amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic; and**

**Whereas Grey County has unserved areas as well as under-served areas that receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service; and**

**Whereas while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, as well, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area; and**

**Whereas the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is now;**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Grey County representing our Grey County residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford; Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Scott and Associate Minister of Energy & MPP Walker to champion the implementation of broadband in the unserved and under-served areas of Grey County.**

Warden McQueen then joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

*Amendment*

*CW92-20* Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That the motion be amended to include:**

- **That the resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement; and**
- **That the resolution be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; and**
- **That the term “medical, health care” be inserted into the list of industries noted in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the motion.**

Carried

*Main Motion as Amended*

*CW93-20* Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**Whereas now more than ever in our increasingly electronic world, Grey County families and business owners have a need for reliable and affordable broadband to conduct business and stay connected both locally and beyond; and**

**Whereas broadband is a contributing social and economic driver in supporting the vitality and growth of our communities; and**

**Whereas families require internet to enable their children to complete school assignments, take online courses, maintain a human connection, or just stream movies at home; and**

**Whereas Grey County agriculture production, medical, health care,**

**manufacturing, retail and the service industry depend on reliable high-speed connections to support and ensure business continuity and success; and**

**Whereas connectivity has been a lifeline for those businesses and sectors with access to reliable broadband during this global pandemic; and**

**Whereas reliable broadband will continue playing an essential role in the economic and social recovery of communities across Grey County post-pandemic; and**

**Whereas not all areas of Grey County are within a connectivity coverage area which continues to be increasingly challenging, and amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic; and**

**Whereas Grey County has unserviced areas as well as under-serviced areas that receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service; and**

**Whereas while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, as well, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area; and**

**Whereas the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is now;**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Grey County representing our Grey County residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford; Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Scott; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Minister Ernie Hardeman and Associate Minister of Energy & MPP Walker to champion the implementation of broadband in the unserviced and under-serviced areas of Grey County; and**

**That this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.**

Carried

CW94-20

Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Potter

**Whereas precautions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic have led to the spreading of negative “us versus them” commentary relative to seasonal versus permanent residents and this is causing divisions in our communities which could take years to heal; and**

**Whereas we as County Councillors should show leadership to our communities, similar to that shown by the Mayors of Muskoka District who issued a call to their communities to end the divide between seasonal and permanent residents;**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County of Grey Council issues a similar letter to our community, and requests that all the Lower Tier municipalities in Grey County endorse this letter.**

The Committee suggested changes to the letter, including adding in a reference encouraging people to bring their own supplies in order to limit unnecessary travel.

It was also suggested to send the letter to the Health Unit for their review to ensure a consistent message is being communicated.

Councillor Desai requested a recorded vote:

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

The motion was Carried unanimously.

The Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

## Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: c. d. f.

## Consent Agenda

CW95-20      Moved by: Councillor Hicks      Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**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-22-20 regarding a proposed County Official Plan Amendment be received; and**

**That the proposal proceeds to a public meeting to consider an amendment to the County of Grey Official Plan for lands designated as ‘Agricultural’ and ‘Hazard lands’ to recognize the existing campground facility and permit an expansion on lands described as Part Lots 26 and 27, Concession 13, geographic Township of Sullivan, now in the Township of Chatsworth, provided the Township is prepared to hold a joint public meeting in consideration of the necessary zoning amendment requirements.**

**b. That Report PDR-CW-26-20 regarding an overview of proposed plan of subdivision application 42T-2020-01, consisting of up to two-hundred and five (205) residential units which would consist of one hundred and**

**eighteen (118) single detached dwellings, and up to eighty-seven (87) townhouse dwellings on lands described as Part of Divisions 2 and 3 of Lot 24, Concession 1 East of the Garafraxa Road (EGR), geographic Township of Glenelg, now in the Municipality of West Grey, be received for information.**

- c. That the County of Grey support the resolution from the City of Kitchener regarding establishing a universal basic income.**

Carried

## Items for Direction and Discussion

### Addendum to PDR-CW-11-20 Subdivision Guidelines Student Report

CW96-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-11-20 be received; and**

**That the University of Guelph report titled 'Recolour Grey: Healthy Community & Residential Subdivision Guidelines' be received; and**

**That staff utilize the guideline document created by the University of Guelph student report, and make it available to developers, members of the public, and other government officials to serve as a resource for development considerations across the County.**

Carried

### PDR-CW-23-20 Update on Provincial Policy Statement 2020

CW97-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**That Report PDR-CW-23-20 regarding an overview of the changes made to the previous Provincial Policy Statement (2014) to form the newly, in effect, Provincial Policy Statement (2020) be received; and**

**That the Report be shared with member municipalities in Grey County.**

Carried

### PDR-CW-27-20 Dundalk Medical Health Clinic Potential Use of County Land

CW98-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**That Report PDR-CW-27-20 which provides an overview of a proposed medical health centre in the community of Dundalk, Township of Southgate, be received which includes the proposed use of lands currently owned by the County for additional parking; and**

**That the proposed medical health centre be supported in principle and that staff be directed to work with the Township of Southgate and the South East Grey Community Health Centre to address any matters regarding the land in terms of potential land transfers and/or lease agreements that will be required to move forward with this proposal.**

Carried

## EDTC-CW-10-20 COVID-19 Impact on Grey County Businesses Update

*CW99-20* Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That Report EDTC-CW-10-20 regarding COVID-19 Impact on Grey County Businesses be received; and**

**That staff be directed to work with the Finance Department to determine options for redirecting portions of the approved 2020 economic development and tourism budgets to recovery efforts for consideration by Council in June.**

Carried

Committee of the Whole recessed, then reconvened.

## HDR-CW-05-20 Housing Servicing Act Regulation Changes

*CW100-20* Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That report HDR-CW-05-20 be received for information regarding changes to Ontario Regulation 316/19 Section 50 of the Housing Services Act, 2011; and**

**That MS-HOU-002-002 Refusal of Offers Procedure be revoked effective July 1, 2020; and**

**That effective July 1, 2020 Grey County Housing refers to Section 32.2 and 38 of the Housing Services Act, 2011 when applicants refuse an offer of housing.**

Carried

## HDR-CW-06-20 Short Term Construction Loan – Owen Sound Housing Company

*CW101-20* Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**That Report HDR-CW-06-20 be received and that financial assistance be granted to Owen Sound Housing Company for the further development of the “Odawa Heights” units located at 2239 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Owen Sound by way of a short term loan in the amount of \$3,250,000 for a maximum of a one year term with an interest payable at an annual rate of 2.00%; and**

**That the policy on Short Term Loans for Affordable Builds by Non-Profits be waived in this specific instance for the reasons listed in the report: and**

**That an agreement be prepared between the Owen Sound Housing Company Limited and Grey County in respect of this loan, which agreement**

**shall include the registration of a charge against the project land to secure its repayment; and**

**That a by-law be brought forward for County Council's consideration.**

Carried

## CAOR-CW-05-20 Community Transportation Update

### *Main Motion*

Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**That report CAOR-CW-05-20 Community Transportation Update be received, and;**

**That County Council provide direction on the future of the Community Transportation Project to enable staff to take appropriate action.**

Councillor Clumpus then left the meeting at 1:30 PM.

### *Amendment*

*CW102-20* Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**That the motion be amended to reflect that the County of Grey Community Transportation project be deferred until the end of June 2020 at which time it will be revisited.**

Carried

### *Main Motion as Amended*

*CW103-20* Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**That report CAOR-CW-05-20 Community Transportation Update be received, and;**

**That the County of Grey Community Transportation Project be deferred until the end of June at which time it will be revisited.**

Carried

## CAOR-CW-07-20 Enhanced Fire Radio Communications RFP Results

*CW104-20* Moved by: Councillor Woodbury

Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That Report CAOR-CW-07-20 Enhanced Fire Radio Communications RFP Results be received for information; and**

**That Council support the award of the project to Telequip Systems Ltd. in the amount of \$1,619,685 + HST; and**



**That \$713,437 of the project costs be funded from Municipal Modernization Funding Reserve and the remainder of the project costs be funded from the Connected County Reserve; and**

**That participating member municipalities be requested to confirm their support for the ongoing administration and maintenance costs of the system; and**

**That upon confirmation of support from the member municipalities, staff be directed to negotiate an agreement with Telequip Systems Ltd. to complete the project and the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.**

Carried

## SSR-CW-04-20 Emergency Child Care

CW105-20 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Soever

**That Report SSR-CW-04-20 regarding the provision of emergency childcare for essential services workers working during Covid-19 restrictions be received for information.**

Carried

## Correspondence from the Niagara Escarpment Commission and Burnside – Proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment Sideroad 26/27

Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Potter

**That the correspondence from the Niagara Escarpment Commission and Burnside regarding the proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment for Sideroad 26/27, be received for information.**

### *Primary Amendment*

Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Desai

**That the motion be amended to reflect that the County of Grey reiterate its position of 2019 with respect to the Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendments and the request to the Township of Clearview to complete a Municipal Class C EA for Nottawasaga Sideroad 26/27; and**

**That the County of Grey oppose the proposed amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan.**

The Warden then vacated the Chair to speak to the motion and Deputy Warden Hicks assumed the Chair.

### *Secondary Amendment*

Moved by: Warden McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Potter

**That the primary amendment be amended to include:**

**That a meeting be set up with the Mayor of Clearview, the Mayor of the Blue Mountains, the Wardens of Grey and Simcoe Counties, the Deputy Mayor of Grey Highlands and Walker Aggregates to further discuss the matter and report back.**

Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**That all pending motions be deferred until after the closed session.**

Carried

The Warden then resumed the Chair.

## Grey County Federation of Agriculture – Farm Tax Rate Program

CW106-20 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That the correspondence the Grey County Federation of Agriculture regarding the Farm Tax Rate Program be received for information.**

Carried

## Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus – Access to Rural Broadband

CW107-20 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That the correspondence from the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus (WOWC) regarding access to rural broadband, be received for information.**

Carried

The Committee recessed, then reconvened.

CW108-20 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That the agenda be amended to add a closed session item pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board surrounding Nottawasaga Sideroad 26/27 and the proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment.**

Carried

The required two-thirds vote was received.

## Closed Meeting Matters

CW109-20 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

**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, including communications necessary for that purpose (*County quarry*); and**
- ii. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality of local board (*County quarry*)**
- iii. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (*Sideroad 26/27 Upgrades and Proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment*)**

**That the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Heather Morrison, Randy Scherzer, Pat Hoy, Kevin Wepler, Michael Letourneau, Rob Hatten and Tara Warder.**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 3:03 PM.

Council returned to open session at 3:44 PM.

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

The Warden again vacated the Chair and Deputy Warden Hicks assumed the Chair.

*Secondary Amendment*

CW110-20 Moved by: Warden McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Potter

**That the primary amendment be amended to reflect:**

**That a meeting be set up with the Mayor of Clearview, the Mayor of the Blue Mountains, the Wardens of Grey and Simcoe Counties, the Deputy Mayor of Grey Highlands and Walker Aggregates to further discuss the matter and report back.**

Carried

*Primary Amendment*

CW111-20 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Desai

**That the main motion be amended to reflect that the County of Grey reiterate its position of 2019 with respect to the Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendments and the request to the Township of Clearview to complete a Municipal Class C EA for Nottawasaga Sideroad 26/27; and**

**That the County of Grey oppose this proposed amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan; and**

**That a meeting be set up with the Mayor of Clearview, the Mayor of the Blue Mountains, the Wardens of Grey and Simcoe Counties, the Deputy Mayor of Grey Highlands and Walker Aggregates to further discuss and report back.**

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote.

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

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

The motion was Carried 50-34.

*Main Motion as Amended*

CW112-20 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Potter

**That the correspondence from the Niagara Escarpment Commission and Burnside regarding the proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment for Sideroad 26/27, be received; and**

**That the County of Grey reiterate its position of 2019 with respect to the Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendments and the request to the Township of Clearview to complete a Municipal Class C EA for Nottawasaga Sideroad 26/27; and**

**That the County of Grey oppose this proposed amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan; and**

**That a meeting be set up with the Mayor of Clearview, the Mayor of Blue Mountains, Wardens of Grey and Simcoe Counties, the Deputy Mayor of Grey Highlands and Walker Aggregates to further discuss and report back.**

Carried

## Other Business

### AMO Call for Nominations

CW113-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That Warden McQueen be nominated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board of Directors for the 2020-2022 term for a position on the County Caucus.**

Carried

## Notice of Motion

Councillor Robinson provided a notice of motion regarding establishing a Grey County Agricultural Advisory Committee.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Potter and Woodbury, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 4:06 PM to the call of the Chair.

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Paul McQueen, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk