

Committee of the Whole

February 23, 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, except Councillors Boddy and Kentner. Councillors Koepke and Bartley attended as alternates. Councillors Bordignon and McQueen participated electronically.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from the Minutes

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

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

WHEREAS Grey County received in November of 2020, provincial government approval of its application to add 62 long term care beds to its Grey Gables LTC home in order to make 128 LTC beds available; and

WHEREAS the Council of Grey County passed resolution CW141-21 at the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 26, 2021, that directed additional development of long-term care at Grey Gables be placed on hold until such time as Grey County Council decides otherwise; and

WHEREAS the Ontario provincial government announced that it wants more long-term care beds built by 2025; and

WHEREAS the hospital system in Ontario has an increasing number of patients needing an alternative level of care, which is not desirable as these beds are needed for regular patient care; and

WHEREAS the provincial government announced in November of 2022 that additional capital funding to help offset rising building costs will be made available to long-term care projects that start construction by August 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Grey County Council wishes to revisit the discussion of adding an additional 62 long-term care beds to the Grey Gables home and it will look at all options, including adding an

additional 62 bed wing, and directs staff to bring forward a timely comprehensive report with revised costings for all options.

Motion to Defer – Taking Precedence in Consideration

CW35-23 Moved by: Councillor Greig Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That the motion to revisit the discussion of adding an additional 62 long-term care beds to the Grey Gables home and the related options be deferred to a future meeting of Grey County Council pending completion of the Rockwood Terrace tender process.

Councillor McQueen requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: Mackey 4, McKay 3, Carleton 6, Pringle 5, Paterson 4, Dickert 3, Bartley 6, Keaveney 5, Koepke 8, Greig 8, Milne 4, Eccles 6, Hutchinson 6.

Opposed: McQueen 6, Neilson 5, Dobreen 3, Matrosovs 7, Bordignon 7.

The motion was Carried 68-28.

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:01 AM.

Delegations

Dianne Stoneman & Alan Wisniewski - Opposition to Grey Road 19 Widening and Roundabout

Alan Wisniewski presented to the Committee as a resident of the Windfall community in the Town of the Blue Mountains regarding opposition to the expansion plans for widening Grey Road 19. The presenter expressed concerns regarding the need for more active transportation planning, pedestrian safety, and insufficient traffic safety, volume, movement, roundabout, egress, and drainage studies. Further, the presenter shared concerns about snow-covered lane markings and signage, road noise, community concerns, the loss of green space, and environmental impacts. Alan Wisniewski requested further consideration of the expansion plans for widening Grey Road 19.

Determination of Items Requiring Further Discussion

Councillor McQueen requested that item 6.a. on the consent agenda for this meeting regarding correspondence from the Ministry of Long-Term Care dated February 3, 2023, be pulled for further discussion.

Items for Direction and Discussion

PSR-CW-03-23 - Sole Source of Ambulance Purchase for 2023 and 2024

CW36-23 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That report PSR-CW-03-23, regarding the sole source purchase of ambulances for 2023 and 2024, be received; and

That the purchase of four ambulances be sole sourced from Demers Ambulances; and

That staff be authorized to order the two ambulances in 2023 that are scheduled for replacement in 2024 ahead of budget approval; and

That action be taken prior to council approval as per Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

Carried

CSR-CW-06-23 - Lutheran Social Services Rapid Housing Initiative

CW37-23 Moved by: Councillor Nielsen Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That staff report CSR-CW-06-23, regarding the Lutheran Social Services Rapid Housing Initiative, be received; and

That Grey County support Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound's application to the Rapid Housing Initiative through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation by a commitment to an operating subsidy for 20 years; and

That the operating funding required be supported through the \$3,000,000 previously committed to Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound for this affordable housing build; and

That action be taken prior to council approval as per Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

Carried

HRR-CW-06-23 - OPSEU Social Services Negotiated Settlement

CW38-23 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That report HRR-CW-06-23 regarding the Social Services Memorandum of Settlement be received; and

That Grey County Council ratify and approve the attached Memorandum of Settlement dated February 8th, 2023, between County of Grey and OPSEU Local 266, to bind the new collective agreement; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the ratification of this new Collective Agreement to bind the new Collective Agreement as ratified

**ahead of Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-Law;
and**

**That Grey County Council authorize staff to make the necessary
amendments to rates of pay, benefits and other issues identified as agreed
changes in the Memorandum of Settlement.**

Carried

HRR-CW-07-23 - UNIFOR Rockwood Terrace Negotiated Settlement

CW39-23 Moved by: Councillor Dickert Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**That report HRR-CW-07-23 regarding the Rockwood Terrace UNIFOR
Memorandum of Settlement be received; and**

**That Grey County Council ratify and approve the attached Memorandum of
Settlement dated February 10, 2021, between Rockwood Terrace and
UNIFOR Local 206, to bind the new collective agreement; and**

**That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the ratification of this new
Collective Agreement to bind the new Collective Agreement as ratified
ahead of Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-Law;
and**

**That Grey County Council authorize staff to make the necessary
amendments to rates of pay, benefits and other issues identified as agreed
changes in the new Memoranda of Settlement.**

Carried

EDTC-CW-04-23 - Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy

CW40-23 Moved by: Councillor Nielsen Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**That report EDTC-CW-04-23 regarding the Beaver Valley Sustainable
Tourism Strategy be received for information.**

Carried

The Committee unanimously agreed to consider the remaining items on the meeting agenda for this date in the following order.

Consent Agenda Items Requiring Further Discussion

CW41-23 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Koepke

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Long-Term Care regarding Operators' Uptake on CFS dated February 3, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

Councillor Koepke left the meeting at 12:05 PM.

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 12:56 PM.

Items for Direction and Discussion

PDR-CW-10-23 - Natural Heritage Review Options

CW42-23 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That report PDR-CW-10-23 regarding natural heritage review options be received; and

That the report be shared with member municipalities and conservation authorities within Grey County for their review; and

That staff be directed to proceed with recruitment of a County staff position for natural heritage review of County applications, as funded in 2023 from any year-end surplus from the 2023 Planning Operating budget, application fees, along with funds from the waste management, planning studies, and one-time funding reserves; and

That staff prepare an update to the County's Fees and Services By-law to update planning application fees to recoup some of the costs of this new staff position; and

That staff utilize consulting services, on an interim basis, for natural heritage review, until such time as a staff member has been hired for this role; and

That staff further consult with member municipalities in Grey regarding the possibility of the County providing natural heritage review services on behalf of member municipalities, and following this consultation, should municipalities request the County provide this service, a report will be prepared to provide options for County Council's consideration.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Other Business

Kim Wingrove reported that at conclusion of a virtual conference hosted by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) and co-hosted by Economic Development Australia (EDA) and the Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC), ICF named Grey County as one of the world's Smart21 Communities of 2023.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Nielsen and Mackey, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:07 PM to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk