



Corporation of the County of Grey County Council Minutes

County Council Minutes August 7, 2012

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building. The County Clerk called Council to order and Warden Duncan McKinlay assumed the Chair.

The Warden invited members of Council to join him in prayer or observe a moment of silent reflection.

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

Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer, Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services and Heather Morrison Deputy Clerk/Records Manager were also in attendance.

The following staff members were in attendance for the presentation of their respective reports:

Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long Term Care; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development and Sandra Shipley, Human Resources Manager.

Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Hazel Lynn was also in attendance.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

THAT the minutes of the July 3, 2012 Session of Grey County Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Communications and Correspondence

The Clerk presented correspondence and recommendations for its disposition as follows:

- Municipality of Lambton Shores regarding changes to federal guidelines for telecommunications towers and electromagnetic radiation health concerns
- Habitat for Humanity regarding a grant for Development Fees
- Earl and Gwen Barry regarding the rehabilitation of Culvert 21
- Note of thanks:
 - For expression of sympathy-Becky Twigger in the passing of father (Finance)

Received for information

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

THAT the disposition of Council correspondence as recommended by the Clerk be approved.

Carried

Retirement Presentations

Warden McKinlay presented Ms. Ruby Schoen with a retirement gift. Ms. Schoen worked for Grey County as a full time Cook at Lee Manor for 23 years.

Ms. Sharon Johnson was also presented with a retirement gift by Warden McKinlay. Ms. Johnson worked at Lee Manor as a full time Cook for 17 years for Grey County.

Warden McKinlay extended congratulations to the retirees on behalf of County Council.

Delegation

Bluewater Wood Alliance

Adam Hofmann, Chair and Dave Geikie, Vice Chair of the Bluewater Wood Alliance provided Grey County Council with an overview of the organization. Mr. Hofmann highlighted the members within the alliance as well as the partners involved with the group. Mr. Hofmann also provided a history of the alliance, called a cluster, indicating it is an interconnected group of businesses, suppliers and associated groups in a particular field. He also spoke about the success of the group during its first year.

Mr. Geikie outlined the cluster's goals for the second year including the completion of a skills gap study, the development of exporting the wood products overseas and bringing in outside expertise in wood yield optimization to assist the members in this area.

Questions and comments then followed. Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Geikie were thanked for their presentation.

Board of Health

Council considered the minutes of the Board of Health and the Report of the Board.

Moved by: Councillor Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the minutes of the Board of Health June 15, 2012 and the Program Report dated July 2012 be received.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

Moved by: Councillor Maskell

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT Grey County Council do now go into a closed session at 11:06 a.m. to discuss an item which relates to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality, regarding prayer at council;

AND THAT all staff and solicitor Rob Robinson remain in attendance.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

THAT Grey County Council do now return to open session at 12:29 p.m.

Carried

The Warden confirmed that only those matters noted in the above resolution were discussed.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

Councillors Jack and Anderson were absent from the afternoon session.

Delegation

Parliamentary Updates

Parliamentary updates from Bill Walker, MPP Bruce Grey Owen Sound and Larry Miller, MP Bruce Grey Owen Sound were provided to County Council. Mr. Miller spoke to County Council regarding Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) opportunity as well as rural doctor and nurse incentives to promote the return of these professionals to rural areas in need of these services. Questions and comments to Mr. Miller by Council members then followed.

Mr. Walker spoke to council regarding the provincial budget, unemployment numbers and the impact of the end of many of the horse racing programs within Ontario. He spoke about Bill 11 the Attracting Investment and Creating Jobs Act, 2012 with regards to economic development funding noting that within the current Bill, there are no assurances that funding will be available within Grey County. He also noted that discussions are continuing on the Green Energy Act. Mr. Walker touched on several local projects he is currently involved with.

Questions and comments from the members then commenced.

3) Paving of Road Shoulders Project to provide active transportation enhancement to the road network;

AND WHEREAS Senior Management was directed to bring forward a report to County Council regarding the costing of the above projects and proposed funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Report FR-CC-27-12 regarding the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Projected Costs and Proposed Funding be received;

AND THAT Council approves the following CIIF funding request amounts:

- 1) Rehabilitation of Culvert #21 on the CP Rail Trail – Requesting 33.3% of the total estimated eligible project costs of up to \$500,000;**
- 2) Renovate and Expand Alpha Street Housing Storage Garage for use as a Family Resource Centre Project – Requesting 33.3% of the total estimated eligible project costs of \$150,000;**
- 3) Paving of Road Shoulders Project to provide active transportation enhancement to the road network – Requesting 33.3% of the total estimated eligible project costs of \$200,000.**

Carried

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

Council considered the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated July 19, 2012 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Governance Task Force Minutes

Council considered the minutes of the Governance Task Force.

Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT the minutes of the Governance Task Force dated July 17, 2012 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Social Services Committee

Council considered the minutes of the Social Services Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated July 11 and 26, 2012

Municipality of West Grey (Geographic Township of Normanby)

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Council was apprised of good news and celebrations occurring within the County.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor McKay, Council adjourned at 3:42 p.m. to the call of the Warden.

Council closed with the singing of O Canada.

Duncan McKinlay, Warden

Sharon Vokes, County Clerk