



# Minutes

## Committee of the Whole

January 14, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:37 AM through electronic means. 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.

### Delegations

#### *Jim Torrance - Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association – Position Paper re: County Service Delivery*

Jim Torrance of the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association (BMRA) addressed the Committee on County Service Delivery. He noted that the focus of the presentation will be on government efficiencies and fiscal prudence.

Mr. Torrance noted that the BMRA has reviewed the Grey County Strategic documents and are happy to see corporate excellence in the plan. Investigating cooperative service models, comprehensive asset management plans, and developing a plan to deal with provincial downloading are all important to the success of the initiatives.

The BMRA understands that work is underway to create a new shared service model. He shared the BMRA's perspective on evaluating service models and noted that a broad range of service delivery models should be considered.

The importance of finding efficiencies across all levels of government was noted and that Grey County as a whole will benefit from taking a coordinated approach.

Mr. Torrance addressed questions from Committee.

### Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: b. Affordable Housing Task Force minutes; d. Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes; g. Accessible Vehicles on Grey Road 4 Grey Transit Route; i. Correspondence from Beaver Creek Farms and Events for Life; j. Ontario Land Tribunal Niagara Escarpment Hearing Office Sideroad 26/27; k. TR-CW-09-21 Award of Two Tandem Trucks.

## Consent Agenda

CW12-21 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

**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 the joint minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee and the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting dated December 15, 2020 be adopted as presented; and**

**That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. **That Report EDTC-ED-02-21 regarding 2021 Economic Development and Tourism Priorities and Staffing be received for information; and**

**That operational priorities of investment, attraction and retention and entrepreneurship, along with staffing changes be adopted as presented for consideration by Council through the 2021 budget process.**

- b. **That the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force minutes dated December 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be adopted as presented.**
- c. **That the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee minutes dated December 16, 2020 be adopted as presented.**
- d. **That a letter of support be prepared for the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society to assist with their endeavor to save and preserve the Nottawasaga Lighthouse.**
- e. **That the correspondence from the Region of Peel regarding violence against paramedics be supported.**
- f. **That Report FR-CW-04-21 titled 2020 Housing Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts be received; and**  
**That the recommended write offs in the amount of \$43,716 as outlined in the report be approved.**
- g. **That Report FR-CW-05-21 regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09 – 2021 Budget be received for information.**

Carried

## Items for Direction and Discussion

## Addendum to PDR-CW-35-20 Living on Main Street Student Project Final Report

CW13-21 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-35-20 be received; and**

**That the University of Toronto report titled 'Living on Main Street' be received; and**

**That staff be directed to utilize the Living on Main Street report to inform future planning and economic development policies and program updates; and**

**That the report be shared with member municipalities across Grey County.**

Carried

## HDR-CW-03-21 Funding Agreements for Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2

CW14-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

**That Report HDR-CW-03-21 be received;**

**That the additional \$433,900 in unbudgeted Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 funds be approved for use in 2021;**

**That individual agreements be prepared between each of the following parties:**

- a. **Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound and Grey County in the amount of \$355,000;**
- b. **The Women's Centre Grey Bruce and Grey County in the amount of \$240,000;**
- c. **Maam Wiim Win Native Homes and Grey County in the amount of \$120,000;**

**That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of Grey County in a form satisfactory to the Director of Housing and the Director of Legal Services – County Solicitor, and which shall be substantially in the form attached to this Report HDR-CW-03-21, and that the County will take security from each party to the above agreements in accordance with them; and**

**That the agreements be signed prior to Council approval as per Section 25.6 of Procedural By-law 5008-13 as amended.**

Carried

## CAOR-CW-02-21 Terms of Reference Long Term Care Redevelopment Task Force

Moved by: Councillor Robinson                      Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**That Report CAOR-CW-02-21 regarding the Terms of Reference for the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force be received; and**

**That the Terms of Reference be endorsed as presented; and**

**That the following Members be appointed to the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force:**

- **Councillors**
- **Warden Hicks**

### *Amendment*

CW15-21      Moved by: Councillor Mackey                      Seconded by: Councillor

**That the Terms of Reference be amended to increase the membership of the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force to 6 members plus the Warden.**

Carried

### *Main Motion as Amended*

CW16-21      Moved by: Councillor Robinson                      Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**That Report CAOR-CW-02-21 regarding the Terms of Reference for the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force be received; and**

**That the Terms of Reference be endorsed as amended by establishing the membership as 6 members plus the Warden; and**

**That the following Members be appointed to the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force:**

- **Councillors Milne, O'Leary, Mackey, Robinson, McQueen, Burley**
- **Warden Hicks**

Carried

## Affordable Housing Task Force Minutes dated December 15, 2020

*See resolution CW36-21 January 29, 2021 Committee of the Whole Budget Discussion Minutes regarding the Affordable Housing Development Fund for 2021.*

CW17-21      Moved by: Councillor Keaveney                      Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That that Affordable Housing Task Force minutes dated December 15, 2020 be adopted as presented and that the following resolution contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. That Report HDR-AF-01-21 regarding affordable housing development be received; and**

**That the recommended action plan goals and timeline be supported; and**

**That an affordable housing development fund be created; and**

**That the fund be used to fund affordable housing builds, buy surplus lands or properties, and provide rent supplements; and**

**That the Affordable Housing Task Force recommends the tax levy be increased by 1% in 2021 and that this increase be dedicated solely to affordable housing; and**

**That commencing in 2021 and each year thereafter, Grey County establishes a 1% levy to be dedicated specifically to Affordable Housing.**

Carried

**Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated December 17, 2020**

*CW18-21* Moved by: Councillor McQueen      Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

**That the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated December 17, 2020 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

**Correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey – Request for Use of Accessible Vehicles on the Grey Road 4 Grey Transit Route**

*CW19-21* Moved by: Councillor Robinson      Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That the correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey regarding a request for use of accessible vehicles on the Grey Road 4 Grey Transit Route be received for information.**

Carried

**Correspondence from Beaver Creek Farms and Events for Life – Proposed Cell Towers in the Blue Mountains**

*CW20-21* Moved by: Councillor Soever      Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That the correspondence from Beaver Creek Farms and Events for Life regarding proposed cell towers in the Town of the Blue Mountains be received for information.**

Carried

## TR-CW-09-21 Award of Two Tandem Trucks

*CW21-21* Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**That Report TR-CW-09-21 be received and that RFT-TS-28-20 for two tandem trucks be awarded to Lewis Motor Sales for the bid amount of \$622,009.66, excluding HST.**

Carried

The Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

## Correspondence from the Ontario Land Tribunal Niagara Escarpment Hearing Office – Notice of Plan Amendment Pre-Hearing Conference Sideroad 26/27

*Main Motion* Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**That the correspondence from the Ontario Land Tribunal Niagara Escarpment Hearing Office regarding notice of plan amendment pre-hearing conference on Sideroad 26/27 upgrades be received for information.**

*Amendment* Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Desai

**That the motion be amended to state that the correspondence be received and that the County of Grey request participant status within the appeal process.**

## Closed Meeting Matters

*CW22-21* Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**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 subject to solicitor – client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (*Sideroad 26/27*)**
- ii. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (*Sideroad 26/27*); and**

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

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 12:40 PM.

Council returned to open session at 1:16 PM.

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

Councillor Boddy left the meeting during the closed session.

*Amendment*

CW23-21      Moved by: Councillor McQueen                      Seconded by: Councillor Desai

**That the motion be amended to state that the correspondence be received and that the County of Grey request participant status within the appeal process.**

Councillor Milne requested a recorded vote on the amendment.

In favour: B. Gamble 3, P. McQueen 5, A. Desai 5, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6,

Opposed: S. Mackey 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5.

The motion was Lost 26-56.

*Main Motion*

CW24-21      Moved by: Councillor Desai                                      Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

**That the correspondence from the Ontario Land Tribunal Niagara Escarpment Hearing Office regarding notice of plan amendment pre-hearing conference on Sideroad 26/27 upgrades be received for information.**

Carried

## Other Business

### OGRA Delegation Requests

There were no requests.

### Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:26 PM to the call of the Chair.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk