



# Minutes

## Council

March 11, 2021

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 Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

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

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

The following staff members were in attendance:

Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture; Steve Furness, Manager of Economic Development; Jacinda Rudolph, Economic Development Officer; and Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology.

## Land Acknowledgement

Warden Hicks read the land acknowledgement statement.

Warden Hicks acknowledged the one-year anniversary of the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Councillor Robinson joined the meeting.

## Adoption of Minutes

CC28-21 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated February 25, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Clumpus shared that Meaford is now vaccinating residents against COVID-19 starting with residents over the age of 80. The location is the arena/community hall. Municipal staff have assisted with reaching out to qualifying patients of physicians' offices.

Councillor McQueen congratulated Grey Bruce Health Services on starting construction of the new hospital in Markdale.

Councillor Mackey extended appreciation to long-term care staff's proactive response to the pandemic.

Councillor Boddy stated that the City of Owen Sound has declared it is the work-from-home capital of Canada. Downtown Owen Sound is being rebranded as the river district.

Councillor Desai stated that the South East Grey Health Centre's vaccination clinic happened last weekend and it went very smoothly.

Councillor Robinson extended appreciation for the due diligence that Grey County citizens and business owners are demonstrating by following the provincial and health unit protocols, with special thanks to Dr. Arra and his staff and front-line workers.

Councillor Potter extended condolences to Past Warden Duncan McKinlay and Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care on the passing of Alma McKinley.

Councillor Paterson spoke about the smooth rollout of the recent vaccinations at the P&H Centre in Hanover.

Savanna Myers and Jacinda Rudolph shared the outcome of the first Grey and Bruce virtual job fair held March 10. Grey County partnered with Bruce County Economic Development and the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce. A higher than average number of those registered participated on the day of the virtual event. Employers and job seekers were also able to connect ahead of the event. There were 125 employers, the platform maximum, with an additional 50 on the wait list. 884 candidates that participated were sent through to employers for an interview.

There was a high level of work leading up to the event for event organizers, job seekers and employers. Overall, it was a successful first-time event.

CAO Wingrove shared that South Bruce Peninsula has worked with Grey County to extending the Grey Transit route (GTR) from Wiarton to Sauble Beach on weekends from May to September. This initiative is being funded by South Bruce Peninsula and will begin May 21, 2021.

Councillor Desai noted that March 8 was International Women's Day and commented that Ashleigh Weeden was the keynote speaker at The Women's Centre of Grey Bruce's event with the theme was Choose to Challenge. Councillor Desai noted that March 24 is the birthdate of Agnes MacPhail and that 2021 celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ms. MacPhail being elected as the first female member of parliament in Canada.

CAO Wingrove added that today is the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Chi Cheemaun.

## Adjournment

On motion by Councillors O'Leary and Clumpus, Council adjourned at 9:52 AM to the call of the Warden.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk