

Committee of the Whole

August 10, 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 10:03 am with all members present. Councillors Nielsen, Dobreen, and Bordignon participated virtually.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Greig declared a pecuniary interest to the delegation and item 6.a. on the consent agenda for this meeting regarding Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan repayment and did not participate in any discussion or voting related to these items.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Councillor Greig left the meeting at this time.

Delegations

Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) Repayment Deadline

Ryan Mallough of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) presented to the Committee regarding the organization's history, membership of Canadian-owned and operated businesses, and the recovery of small businesses following the pandemic. The presenter reviewed factors limiting the growth of small businesses, such as the lack of labour, cost constraints, supply chain issues, and the pressures created by low revenues, debt, rising interest rates, and the year-end Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan repayment deadline, which is expected to result in the estimated closure of 20% of Ontario small businesses. The presenter described the uptake of the program during the pandemic, consultation with member businesses, and the sectors most impacted, such as arts, events, and fitness businesses. Further, the presenter spoke about the advocacy undertaken to call for the province to extend the repayment deadline to December 2025, that the forgivable portion be maintained, and asked that County Council consider supporting the request.

CW116-23

Moved by: Councillor Matrosovs

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That the Council of the County of Grey supports the Industry Association's call on the federal government to extend the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan repayment deadline; and,

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of parliament representing Simcoe-Grey and Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, the Minister of Finance, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

Determination of Items Requiring Further Discussion

There were none.

Consent Agenda

CW117-23 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

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. **Correspondence - Tourism Industry Association of Ontario - Industry Associations Call for More Time to Repay CEBA Loans**

That the correspondence from the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario regarding a call for more time to repay CEBA loans dated July 24, 2023, be received for information.

- b. **Planning and Economic Development Committee minutes dated July 20, 2023**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee minutes dated July 20, 2023, be adopted as presented.

- c. **Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated July 20, 2023**

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated July 20, 2023, be adopted as presented.

- d. **Community Services Committee minutes dated July 25, 2023**

That the Community Services Committee minutes dated July 25, 2023, be adopted as presented.

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. **That report PDR-CS-32-23 regarding Grey County's Updated Housing Action Plan be received and that the draft Housing Action Plan be supported in principle.**

- ii. That report CSR-CS-15-23 regarding declarations of surplus land be received; and

That the Community Services Committee supports proceeding with the following two Westmount properties being declared surplus:

- a. 1391 8th Avenue West, Owen Sound, legally described as Lot 34, Registered Plan 444, City of Owen Sound, County of Grey together with a shared driveway easement over Lot 35, Registered Plan 444, City of Owen Sound, County of Grey, subject to a shared driveway easement benefitting Lot 35, Registered Plan 444, City of Owen Sound, County of Grey, and subject to a driveway encroachment easement benefitting Lot 33, Registered Plan 444, City of Owen Sound, County of Grey, and
- b. 1368 7th Avenue "A" West, Owen Sound, legally described as Lot 40, Registered Plan 444, City of Owen Sound, County of Grey together with a shared driveway easement over Lot 39, Registered Plan 444, City of Owen Sound, County of Grey, subject to a shared driveway easement benefitting Lot 33, Registered Plan 444, City of Owen Sound, County of Grey; and

That the land be valued based on a price achieved by listing each property for sale on the open market through the services of a realtor; and

That the Clerk be directed to provide notice of Council's intent to sell the property in accordance with the Sale of Land Procedure.

- e. Grey County Joint Accessory Advisory Committee minutes dated July 26, 2023

That the Grey County Joint Accessory Advisory Committee minutes dated July 26, 2023, be adopted as presented.

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. That the Town of Hanover report regarding the fire hall build be received; and

That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GCJAAC) provide input related to accessibility of public areas of the facility and possible sidewalk for consideration.

- ii. That report PDR-JAAC-33-23 regarding the Massie parking lot and Kolapore Trail map signs be presented for review and comment.

- iii. That Town of Hanover report regarding a new municipal website be received; and

That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GCJAAC) provide input for consideration in development of the website.

- f. PSR-CW-05-23 - Grey County Paramedic Services Response Time Performance Plan for 2024

That the 2024 Response Time Performance Plan, as outlined in the report PSR-CW-05-23, be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Health.

- g. PDR-CW-35-23 - Intersection Blade Sign Replacement Planning

That report PDR-CW-35-23 regarding proposed Intersection Blade Sign Replacements, be received; and,

That the report be shared with member municipalities within Grey County.

- h. PDR-CW-39-23 - Khanani Subdivision Information Report 42T-2023-04

That report PDR-CW-39-23 regarding an overview of County Draft Plan of Subdivision Application 42T-2023-04 ('Khanani Subdivision') on lands legally described as Park Lot 4,5,9,10,11 and 12; and Lots 61 to 68; and Lot 105 to 112; Part of Park Street, George Street, Hunter Street, Jackson Street, and John Street, Registered Plan 508, in the Geographic Town of Durham, now in the Municipality of West Grey, Grey County be received for information.

- i. PDR-CW-36-23 - Loon Call Grey Highlands Plan of Subdivision 42T-2021-08 Final Report

That report PDR-CW-36-23 be received; and

That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2021-08, known as the Loon Call Grey Highlands subdivision, were considered; the effect of which changed the draft plan of subdivision and helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That in consideration of the draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2021-08, for lands described as Part of Lots 95, 96, and 97, Concession 1 North and East of the Toronto and Sydenham Road (NETSR), in the Municipality of Grey Highlands (geographic township of Artemesia), the Grey County Committee of the Whole draft approves this plan of subdivision to create a total of one hundred and sixty-seven (167) townhouse dwelling units, and three

hundred and four (304) single detached dwelling units, in addition to blocks for stormwater management, pedestrian linkages, parks, road widening, roads, and hazard lands, subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Decision.

Carried

Councillor Greig rejoined the meeting at this time.

Items for Direction and Discussion

EDTC-CW-12-23 - Intelligent Communities Smart21 of 2023

CW118-23 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That report EDTC-CW-12-23 regarding the Intelligent Communities Smart 21 of 2023 be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-40-23 - Updated Grey County Housing Action Plan

CW119-23 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That report PDR-CW-40-23 regarding Grey County's Updated Housing Action Plan be received;

That the Updated Housing Action Plan be supported; and,

That the report be shared with member municipalities in Grey County.

Carried

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:45 am.

PSR-CW-06-23 - Paramedic Services Comprehensive Deployment Review Implementation Plan Modification and Funding Requirements

CW120-23 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

That report PSR-CW-06-23 regarding the Paramedic Comprehensive Deployment Review Implementation Plan Modification and Funding Requirements be received; and

That County Council supports in principle the modification of the Paramedic Comprehensive Deployment Review Implementation Plan to include an additional four bases as outlined in this report; and

That staff be directed to move forward to develop a project plan and cost estimates for the enhanced Durham base build for consideration in the 2024 budget; and

That a long-term financing plan be developed to support the Comprehensive Deployment Review enhancements.

Carried

Councillor Carleton left the meeting at this time.

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 1:02 pm.

HRR-CW-09-23 - Council Compensation Review

Main Motion – As Outlined in the Staff Report

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That report HRR-CW-09-23 regarding Council Compensation be received; and

That Council receive the Council Compensation Review Final Report by Gallagher Benefit Services Group (Canada) Inc.; and

That Council direct Staff to move forward with the updated 2023 pay structure as follows:

- a. **Align Council rates to the target pay policy of P50 for consideration in the 2024 budget process. and**

That Council directs Staff to bring forward a future report with recommendations to develop a Council Compensation Program including Target Pay Policy and setting annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) increases to align with the Non-Union formula.

Primary Amendment

CW121-23

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That the motion be amended to insert a clause noting that the Warden's salary be set at the councillor median plus 5% for consideration in the 2024 budget process.

Lost

Warden Milne declared an interest on the matter of the Warden's salary and left the chair before the vote was called. Deputy Warden McQueen assumed the role of Chair.

Primary Amendment

CW122-23

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the motion be amended insert a clause to “red circle” or maintain the Warden’s compensation at \$82,255.00 and that future cost of living adjustments not be incorporated until this rate is reached.

Carried

Main Motion – As Amended

CW123-23 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That report HRR-CW-09-23 regarding Council Compensation be received;
and**

**That Council receive the Council Compensation Review Final Report by
Gallagher Benefit Services Group (Canada) Inc.; and**

**That Council direct Staff to move forward with the updated 2023 pay
structure as follows:**

- a. **Align Council rates to the target pay policy of P50 for consideration
in the 2024 budget process. and**

**That the Warden’s compensation be “red circled” or maintained at
\$82,255.00 and that future cost of living adjustments not be incorporated
until this rate is reached; and**

**That Council directs Staff to bring forward a future report with
recommendations to develop a Council Compensation Program including
Target Pay Policy and setting annual cost of living adjustment (COLA)
increases to align with the Non-Union formula.**

Carried

Warden Milne resumed the chair at this time.

Closed Meeting Matters

CW124-23 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**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, and litigation or
potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals
(PDR-CW-37-23 - Blue Meadows Plan of Subdivision 42T-2022-02);
and**

That the following staff remain in attendance:

**Kim Wingrove, Randy Scherzer, Michael Letourneau, Scott Taylor, Tara
Warder, Rob Hatten, and Sarah Goldrup.**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 1:27 pm.

Council returned to open session at 1:50 pm.

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

Other Business

Notice of Special Joint Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 31, 2023

Warden Milne gave notice that Grey County Council would participate in a Special Joint Committee of the Whole meeting with the Council of the Municipality of West Grey on August 31, 2023, commencing electronically at 10:00 am and live streamed to the County of Grey YouTube Channel to receive information regarding the redevelopment of Rockwood Terrace and early works tendering project updates; and

That Grey County Council will then proceed into Special Council immediately following the Special Joint Committee of the Whole meeting.

AMO Delegations

In response to questions from the Committee, Kim Wingrove confirmed delegations were granted for the topics requested and that a package of materials and meeting details would be shared with attending members of Council.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors McKay and McQueen, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:56 pm to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk