

Committee of the Whole

July 25, 2019

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:47 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillors Bartnicki and Gamble. Councillor Potter was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Bartnicki.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Milne declared a pecuniary interest on the Committee Agenda item 6. f. regarding CCR-CW-13-19 Compensation for Attendance at Events on the Warden's Behalf for the following reason: he is the currently Deputy Warden.

Councillor Woodbury declared a pecuniary interest on the Committee Agenda item 6. e. regarding the Health Care Funding Task Force for the following reason: he is a Director of the South East Grey Community Health Centre.

Councillor Desai declared a pecuniary interest on the Committee Agenda item 6. e. regarding the Health Care Funding Task Force for the following reason: he is a Board Director for the South East Grey Community Health Centre.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW159-19 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

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:

- i. **That the Owen Sound Housing Company Ltd. correspondence dated July 4, 2019 regarding affordable housing funding through the Ontario Housing Priorities Initiative (OHPI) dated July 4, 2019 be received for information.**

- ii. **That Report TR-CW-13-19 regarding a summary of the 2019 School Litter Pick-Up Program be received for information.**
- iii. **That the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry correspondence dated July 18, 2019 regarding feedback to Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #013-4992 be received for information.**

Carried

Delegations

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Kevin Wepler introduced Rebecca Webb, Regional Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations and Susan Harris, Director, Valuation and Customer Relations from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC").

Ms. Webb provided information on MPAC and the team at MPAC. Ms. Webb discussed MPAC's role and processes, including the property assessment update cycle, the legislated valuation date, the 2020 property assessment cycle, and the phase-in program. She discussed the 2018 assessment roll in general and specifically in Grey County. Ms. Webb spoke about the ongoing data reviews undertaken by MPAC and the data sources.

Ms. Harris provided information on how MPAC assesses properties. She discussed the definition of current value assessments, approaches to value properties, valuing farm properties, valuing residential properties, and ongoing market reviews. She shared tools for property owners, including recommending property owners visit www.aboutmyproperty.ca or that they speak directly with MPAC staff. She highlighted MPAC's commitment to having meaningful conversations with municipalities.

Ms. Harris discussed forecasting and the role of building permits. Municipal building department staff and/or planning department staff work with MPAC to ensure that MPAC receives building permits in a timely manner. Discussion occurred on assessing residential properties that are used as short term rentals. Ms. Harris provided general information on upcoming assessment trends. Discussion occurred on the number of properties that are visited by MPAC during reassessment.

Ms. Harris noted that reassessments do not increase the overall taxes paid by municipalities. Kevin Wepler noted the difference between reassessment and new growth values.

The Committee recessed briefly and then reconvened.

Items for Direction and Discussion

FR-CW-21-19 Allocation of MPAC Property Assessment Services and Support Costs

CW160-19 Moved by: Councillor Potter

Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Report FR-CW-21-19 regarding the Allocation of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) Property Assessment Services and Support Costs be received and the cost of MPAC's services continue to be considered part of the County's General Levy and apportioned across the County based on the distribution of weighted assessment.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote.

In Favor: S. Mackey 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, P. McQueen 5, A. Desai 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5.

Opposed: A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6

The motion was carried 74 to 13.

HDR-CW-09-19 Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Transfer Payment Agreement

CW161-19 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That report HDR-CW-09-19 pertaining to Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Transfer Payment Agreement be received; and

That a By-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Housing; and

That \$723,600 in OPHI funding and \$10,627 in COCHI unbudgeted funds be approved for use in 2019.

Carried

PDR-CW-33-19 Georgian Heights School-Church Official Plan Amendment Merit Report - Meaford

CW162-19 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report PDR-CW-33-19 regarding a proposed County Official Plan Amendment be received; and

That the proposal proceeds to a public meeting to consider an amendment to the County of Grey Official Plan on lands designated 'Agricultural' and 'Hazard Lands', to permit a school and church in a shared facility for the lands described as Part Lot 14, Parts 1, 4 & 5, 16R-11185, Concession 8, geographic Township of St. Vincent, in the Municipality of Meaford,

provided the Municipality is prepared to hold a joint public meeting in consideration of the necessary local amendment requirements.

Carried

SSR-CW-06-19 Not for Profit Grant Requests

CW163-19 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That Report SSR-CW-06-19 regarding Not for Profit Grant Requests be received; and

That Council endorse the proposed Not For Profit Grant Process as outlined.

Carried

CCR-CW-12-19 Health Care Funding Task Force

Councillors Woodbury and Desai did not participate in the discussion or vote relating to the above noted report in accordance with their earlier declarations of pecuniary interest.

CW164-19 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report CCR-CW-12-19 regarding the establishment of an ad hoc Health Care Funding Task Force be received; and

That the following members of Grey County Council be appointed to the Health Care Funding Task Force:

- i. Councillor Hutchinson
- ii. Councillor Clumpus
- iii. Councillor McQueen
- iv. Councillor Milne
- v. Warden Hicks

Carried

CCR-CW-13-19 Compensation for Attendance at Events on Warden's Behalf

Councillor Milne did not participate in the discussion or vote relating to the above noted item in accordance with his earlier declaration of pecuniary interest.

CW165-19 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That Report CCR-CW-13-19 regarding compensation for attendance at events on the Warden's behalf be received; and

That retroactive to December 5, 2018, members of Council who attend events outside of their home municipality on the Warden's behalf receive a half day per diem of \$118.82 per event.

Councillor Mackey requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, P. McQueen 5, A. Desai 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, S. Keaveney 5, I. Boddy 8, J. Woodbury 3, C. Robinson 6.

Opposed: S. Mackey 3, B. O'Leary 8, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, T. Hutchinson 5.

The motion was carried 55 to 29.

Other Business

Councillor McQueen was contacted by residents regarding an eviction. Barb Fedy suggested connecting the residents with 211 as a resource.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Milne and Burley, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:04 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk