

Committee of the Whole

June 11, 2020

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:09 AM through electronic means. Warden Paul McQueen assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

CW114-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

Whereas Grey County includes an agricultural footprint of over 2,000 farm families operating farm businesses on nearly one-half million acres generating approximately one-half billion dollars locally; and

Whereas the agri-food sector is the number one economic driver in the Province; and

Whereas Grey County values the voice of the agricultural sector to support farmers and associated industries; and

Whereas improved communication between Grey County and the agricultural sector will encourage ongoing consultation and facilitate outlets for agricultural advocacy;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Grey County Council establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee, comprised of members representing Grey County Council and farm leadership from the local farm groups including the Grey County Federation of Agriculture and local commodity groups, to meet regularly and work toward the mandate of productive two-way communication, information sharing and collaboration; and

That staff be directed to develop a terms of reference for review following the first meeting of the advisory committee.

Motion to Defer

CW115-20 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That the above motion be deferred pending the consideration of a staff report regarding establishing a Grey County agricultural advisory committee.

Councillor O'Leary requested a recorded vote on the motion to Defer.

In Favour: D. Burley 6; S. Carleton 5; A. Desai 5; S. Paterson 3; S. Hicks 3; I. Boddy 8; B. O'Leary 8; B. Milne 3;

Opposed: S. Mackey 3; B. Gamble 3; P. McQueen 5; B. Clumpus 6; S. Keaveney 5; J. Woodbury 3; A. Soever 7; R. Potter 6; C. Robinson 6; T. Hutchinson 5.

The motion to defer was Lost 41-49.

Councillor O'Leary requested a recorded vote on motion CW114-20 regarding establishing an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

In Favour: S. Mackey 3; B. Gamble 3; P. McQueen 5; B. Clumpus 6; S. Keaveney 5; J. Woodbury 3; A. Soever 7; R. Potter 6; C. Robinson 6; T. Hutchinson 5.

Opposed: D. Burley 6; S. Carleton 5; A. Desai 5; S. Paterson 3; S. Hicks 3; I. Boddy 8; B. O'Leary 8; B. Milne 3;

The motion was Carried 49-41.

Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW116-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Milne

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 Report FR-CW-15-20 be received; and

That staff be authorized to apply for funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) to advance the County's asset management program by undertaking the Grey County 2020 Building Condition Assessments, Facility Condition Indexes, Reserve Fund Studies and Energy Audits; and

That County Council acknowledges the commitment to fund any project

**costs that are not covered by the FCM grant and these costs are to be funded as per the approved 2020 budget; and
That staff be authorized to proceed with this grant application prior to County Council's approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.**

- b. That Report SSR-CW-05-20 be received; and**

That the Ontario Works Markdale Satellite office relocate to the South East Grey Community Health Centre at 55 Victoria Ave., Markdale as of July 2020; and

That the additional 2020 rental costs and IT set-up, not to exceed \$5345.00 be funded from the Social Services General Caseload Reserve; and

That a lease be entered into with The South East Grey Community Health Centre for space in the building named above; and

That staff be authorized to proceed ahead of Council in accordance with Section 25.6 of the Procedural By-law 5003-18.

- c. That Report PDR-CW-25-20 regarding proposed County Official Plan Amendment 4 be received; and**

That the proposal proceeds to a joint public meeting to consider an amendment to the County of Grey Official Plan on lands designated 'Rural' and 'Hazard Lands', to permit a severance where the retained lands gain access from an unopened road allowance on lands legally described as Part Lots 5 and 6, Broken Front Concession, in the geographic Township of Sydenham, now in the Municipality of Meaford, provided the Municipality is prepared to hold a joint public meeting in consideration of the necessary local amendment requirements.

- d. That the correspondence received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding reliable broadband access be received for information.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

EDTC-CW-12-20 Grey Roots Outlook

Savanna Myers introduced Jill Paterson to Council. Jill is the Grey Roots Museum and Archives Manager.

CW117-20 Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report EDTC-CW-12-20 regarding Grey Roots Outlook be received for information.

Carried

CAOR-CW-08-20 Organizational Strategy for Returning People to the Workplace

CW118-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That Report CAOR-CW-08-20 Organizational Strategy for Returning People to the Workplace be received; and

That staff be directed to take the necessary steps to comply with the provincial guidelines for workplaces including continuing with remote work, taking steps to ensure physical distancing, providing enhanced cleaning, providing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), creating appropriate policies and procedures and other actions deemed necessary.

Carried

CAOR-CW-09-20 Award of Municipal Modernization Projects

CW119-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Council receive report CAOR-CW-09-20 Award of Municipal Modernization Projects for information.

Carried

Other Business

AMO Delegation Topics

The Committee discussed potential delegation requests for the virtual AMO conference. Councillors were advised to inform the Clerk and CAO if there were any other requests for delegation topics and a motion will be put on the Committee of the Whole agenda for consideration on June 25th, 2020.

Potential delegation topics included advocating for broadband funding, Sideroad 26/27 and a regionally integrated transportation strategy. Other topics considered were with respect to the tax farm rate program as well as the Markdale Hospital.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Desai provided a notice of motion to be considered at the July 9th, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding establishing a committee on youth promotion and diversity

development.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Hicks and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:06 PM to the call of the Chair.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk