

Council

April 8, 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 except Councillor O'Leary. Alternate Councillor Thomas attended on behalf of Councillor O'Leary.

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 Weppler, 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; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Jennifer Moreau, Director of Human Resources; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Treasurer; Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology; Amanda Brooks, Asset Management Coordinator; Jacinda Rudolph, Economic Development Officer; and Melissa Avedesian, Local Immigration Partnership Coordinator; and Rob Hatten, Communications Manager.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC34-21 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

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

Carried

CC35-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That the minutes of the long-Term Care Redevelopment Task Force dated March 19, 2021 be adopted as presented; and

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

That Report CAOR-RP-05-21 LTC Redevelopment Project Management Services be received; and

That the Committee approve the release of RFP-LTC-05-21 for LTC Redevelopment Project Management Services as drafted; and

That the RFP results and staff recommendations be brought back to the committee for direction; and

That staff be authorized to release RFP-LTC-05-21 ahead of Council approval in accordance with Section 25.6 b of the County's Procedural By-law.

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Carleton commented on the efficiency of the vaccination centre in Hanover.

Councillor Desai remarked that Ontario had 100,000 vaccinations in one day yesterday. The Rotaract Highlanders hospice fundraiser starts April 16th and goes until April 26th. Please let Councillor Desai know if you would like to join the Facebook group.

Councillor Paterson then entered the meeting.

Councillor Soever stated that the Thornbury Pharmasave was selected by the Province as one of the additional 350 locations to administer the COVID vaccines. 2400 people are registered in the first few days. Thank you to the Health Unit for helping to set up a pop-up unit.

Councillor Robinson congratulated Lishui Springford of Durham who was a participant in the recent Toastmasters International speech contest.

Councillor Hutchinson reported that the Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission is preparing for economic recovery. There are a new hangar builds being planned, with renewed interest from the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, and they are working on establishing a new flight school.

Councillor Desai added that Markdale Pharmacy has been also been selected to administer the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Dr. Arra then entered the meeting and provided a status update on the phases of vaccine rollout through the Grey Bruce Health Unit. Dr. Arra provided results from a Grey Bruce public survey about compliance with public health recommendations, noting that over 50% compliance is considered successful. Results show over 80% compliance for people who are always or often compliant. Dr. Arra added that mobile units are being deployed in connection with Grey County Paramedic Services to administer vaccines for people who are homebound.

The vaccine passport is not mandated; however, there are incentives to encourage people to have the vaccine. Dr. Arra noted that the vaccine in Canada is based on choice.

Reports

Board of Health

CC36-21 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That the Board Report dated March 26, 2021 and the Board of Health minutes dated March 5, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

CC37-21 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That a letter of support be drafted under the Warden's signature on behalf of Grey County Council thanking Dr. Arra and his Team for his continued diligence and support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillor Clumpus requested a recorded vote.

In favour: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 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, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

The vote was Carried unanimously.

Land Acknowledgement

Warden Hicks read the land acknowledgement statement.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Hutchinson and Woodbury, Council adjourned at 10:28 AM to the call of the Warden.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk