

Committee of the Whole June 24, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:40 AM through electronic means. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillor Mackey. Alternate Councillor Shawn Greig attended on behalf of Councillor Mackey.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Delegations

Kimberley Safety Group: Community Safety Opportunities

Martha Rogers and David Nelms presented a proposal of various opportunities to improve safety in the village of Kimberley using a healthy community lens. The group has applied for funding to support this initiative. The strategies focus on slowing traffic coming into, through and out of Kimberley and creating safer, accessible, age-friendly mobility options for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposal dovetails with the trails master plan.

The group requested continued support for this proposal and for a motion to direct staff to work with the group in collaboration with Grey Highlands to further develop an outline for a critical path with annual deliverables.

Questions and comments then followed including anticipated changes following the COVID pandemic insofar as working from home, increased population in the area, and the impact that those will have on the local infrastructure.

Discussion occurred relative to truck traffic included redirecting truck traffic, constructing roads to accommodate truck traffic, bicycles and pedestrians, and the differences between local municipal roads, county roads and provincial highways.

CW97-21 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That staff be directed to work with the Kimberley Safety Group and Municipality of Grey Highlands to review community safety considerations in the Village of Kimberley; and

That staff bring back a future report for consideration.

Carried

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority: Conservation Authority Act Changes

Scott Greig, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Chair, introduced Tim Lanthier, Grey Sauble conservation Authority Chief Administrative Officer and Jennifer Stephens, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Lanthier spoke about regulations to support the Conservation Act changes. Mandatory conservation authority programs are: natural hazards, management of conservation authority owned or managed lands, drinking water source protection, watershed management, and water quality and quantity monitoring. Non-mandatory programming includes transition plans and memorandum of understanding timelines, community advisory boards and Section 29 regulations.

Mr. Lanthier spoke about the influx of tourism and the need to dedicate financial resources to the maintenance of conservation areas and additional funding to support the mandatory and non-mandatory programming provided by conservation authorities. Mr. Lanthier also expressed the restrictive provincial timelines and advised that Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has applied for an extension.

Ms. Stephens advised that the two conservation authorities are working closely together to align in a shared approach moving forward to increase efficiencies.

The Province has prescribed a mandatory community advisory board. There is hope that existing committees may, with changes as needed, fulfill the role of advisory group representation if the Province allows.

Warden Hicks declared a brief recess following which Council resumed.

Loomex: Wiarton Keppel Airport Feasibility Report Findings

Trent Gervais, President and Chief Executive Officer and Sherry Hill, Chief Financial Officer, attended to update Council on the Wiarton Keppel Airport feasibility report findings.

Goals included assessing the airport's viability as a regional asset, providing recommendations for investment and business pursuance, and providing a sound decision-making and planning process. Several recommendations resulted from the study.

Sherry Hill presented the economic impact of developing a prosperity hub.

The study mentioned three options for moving forward: Status quo with an annual operating deficit of \$350,000; solvency, which would result in costs to close and loss of economy; and promoting the airport as a regional asset through creation of a prosperity hub.

Discussion following the presentation included:

- the geographic region in consideration
- potential for number of flights and passengers
- needs for infrastructure upgrades including use of Wiarton's sewage facilities
- developing relationships for marketing and equipment sharing with neighbouring municipalities to work together to achieve common goals

- establishing a role for each airport in Grey County
- providing evidence to support the estimated economic growth
- participation of Bruce County and South Bruce Peninsula
- grandfathered airport regulations
- NAV Canada and Canadian Coast Guard lease of space at the airport

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW98-21 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus 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. That Report That the public meeting minutes dated June 2, 2021 regarding a development application to reestablish two parcels that were inadvertently merged in the Township of Chatsworth, be received for information.**
- b. That the letter from Micheline Mann expressing concerns relating to the Board of Health budget be received for information.**

Carried

Warden Hicks declared a recess for lunch following which Council resumed.

Items for Direction and Discussion

PDR-CW-17-21 Conservation Authority Act Regulatory Proposals – Phase 1 Comments

CW99-21 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That Report PDR-CW-17-21 regarding an overview of the 'Conservation Authority Act Regulatory Proposals – Phase 1' be received; and

That Report PDR-CW-17-21 be forwarded onto the Province of Ontario as the County of Grey's comments on the proposed changes regarding Environmental Registry posting # 019-2986; and

That the Report be shared with member municipalities and conservation authorities having jurisdiction within Grey County; and

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18, as amended.

Carried

PDR-CW-16-21 Proposed Updates to Land Use Compatibility Guidelines

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Report PDR-CW-16-21 regarding an overview of the ‘*Land Use Compatibility Guideline*’ be received, and

That Report PDR-CW-16-21 be forwarded onto the Province of Ontario as the County of Grey’s comments on the proposed changes regarding Environmental Registry posting # 019-2785, and

That the Report be shared with member municipalities and conservation authorities having jurisdiction within Grey County; and

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18, as amended.

Councillor Clumpus then left the meeting.

Amendment to the Main Motion

CW100-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Potter

That the main motion be amended to remove conservation authorities and add the agricultural advisory committee.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW101-21 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Report PDR-CW-16-21 regarding an overview of the ‘*Land Use Compatibility Guideline*’ be received, and

That Report PDR-CW-16-21 be forwarded onto the Province of Ontario as the County of Grey’s comments on the proposed changes regarding Environmental Registry posting # 019-2785, and

That the Report be shared with member municipalities and Grey County’s Agricultural Advisory Committee; and

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18, as amended.

Carried

Addendum to Report PDR-CW-09-21 County Official Plan Amendment 42-04-360-OPA-07 (Township of Chatsworth)

CW102-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Addendum to report PDR-CW-09-21 regarding a proposed County Official Plan Amendment be received; and

That the Committee support the proposed amendment to the County of Grey Official Plan on lands designated 'Rural' and 'Hazard Lands', to re-establish two parcels that inadvertently merged, with frontage along Connell Lake Road at 200 and 212 Connell Lake Road, Concession 10 EGR PT Lot 12, geographic Township of Holland, Township of Chatsworth;

And further, that the appropriate by-law be prepared for consideration by County Council.

Carried

Council recessed briefly and then resumed.

EDTC-CW-11-21 Regional Airport Study Recommendations

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report EDTC-CW-11-21 regarding Regional Airport Study Recommendations be received; and

That staff be directed to negotiate an agreement with a two-year term commencing in 2022 with the Township of Georgian Bluffs to provide a 50% contribution towards the operating deficit of the Wiarton Keppel International Airport to a maximum of \$175,000 annually; and

That this financial contribution be considered as part of the 2022 budget process and be funded from the funded from the One Time Funding Reserve; and

That staff work collaboratively with the Township of Georgian Bluffs to issue an Expression of Interest for a public-private partnership to undertake development and operations at the airport and bring back a report to both councils by early 2022 on the results.

Amendment #1 to the Main Motion

CW103-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That the motion be amended to remove the second and third clause.

Carried

Amendment #2 to the Main Motion

CW104-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the main motion be amended to include collaboration with the Town of South Bruce Peninsula and the County of Bruce.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote

In Favour: S. Greig 3; B. Gamble 3, P. McQueen 5, A. Desai 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Keaveney 5, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, S. Hicks 3, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3

The motion is carried 48 to 36.

Main Motion as Amended

Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report EDTC-CW-11-21 regarding Regional Airport Study Recommendations be received; and

That staff work collaboratively with the Township of Georgian Bluffs, South Bruce Peninsula and County of Bruce to issue an Expression of Interest for a public-private partnership to undertake development and operations at the airport and bring back a report to both councils by early 2022 on the results.

CW105-21 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That consideration of Report EDTC-CW-11-21 regarding Regional Airport Study Recommendations be deferred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to give staff more time to provide additional information following discussions with municipal neighbours.

Carried

FR-CW-18-21 COVID Relief Funding Update

CW106-21 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That Report FR-CW-18-21 regarding COVID-19 Relief Funding Update be received for information.

Carried

CAOR-CW-08-21 Update on Patrol D Property

CAO Wingrove spoke about a letter received June 22, 2021 from the Old Durham Road Black Pioneer Cemetery Committee recommending that Grey County purchase the property for the purpose of establishing a commemorative and interpretive space for Grey County's historic Black settlement and settlers.

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Report CAOR-CW-08-21 Patrol D Property Purchase Update be received; and

That staff be directed to take no further action towards the purchase of approximately 40 acres of land in the Municipality of Grey Highlands presently bearing Property Identification Number 37241-0085 and described as “Part of Lots 21 and 22, Concession 1 North of the Durham Road, Geographic Township of Artemesia, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 17R-2500, save and except that land designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 17R-3052”; and

That staff resume the search for a suitable Patrol D depot location and bring a report forward to Council at a future meeting date.

Motion to Defer

CW107-21 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Report CAOR-CW-08-21 regarding Update on Patrol D Property be deferred to the next meeting; and

That staff be directed to waive the first set of conditions surrounding site inspection, evaluation and environmental assessment by June 30, 2021.

Councillor Milne requested a recorded vote:

In Favour: S. Greig 3, P. McQueen 5, S. Hicks 3, S. Keaveney 5, B. O’Leary 8, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: B. Gamble 3, D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, A. Desai 5, S. Paterson 3, I. Boddy 8, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3

The motion is carried 48 to 36.

Alternate Councillor Greig then left the meeting.

Closed Meeting Matters

CW108-21 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Committee of the Whole does now go into closed session to discuss:

- i. Labour relations or employee negotiations pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding a collective bargaining update and mandate for CUPE bargaining; and**

That the following staff remain in attendance: Jennifer Moreau, Michael Letourneau, Kim Wingrove, Heather Morrison, Kathie Nunno, Mary Lou Spicer, and Pat Hoy for both reports; and

That the following staff remain in attendance for the first closed report only: Jennifer Cornell.

Carried

Committee of the Whole proceeded into closed session at 3:18 PM.

Committee of the Whole returned to open session at 3:31 PM.

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

Other Business

There was none.

Notice of Motion

Councillor O'Leary provided a Notice of Motion to request a staff report be brought back with respect to housing options with respect to Mapleview long-term care home.

Councillor Soever provided a Notice of Motion requesting the County follow the collaborative framework when dealing with the airport matter.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors burley and Desai, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 3:32 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk