

Committee of the Whole

October 27, 2022

Grey County Council met on the above date at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM with all members present, except Councillors Gamble, Burley, and Bordignon.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Desai declared a conflict of interest for item 5.b. regarding the Township of Southgate's Official Plan due to being an employee of the Town and, as such, did not participate in any discussion or vote concerning this item.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Committee of the Whole – October 13, 2022 – Notice of Motion –
Councillor Alar Soever

CW139-22 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

WHEREAS in May 2021 County Council passed By-Law 5112-21 A By-Law to Provide for the Cancellation of Tax Increases for the Purpose of Relieving Financial Hardship for low-income seniors or a low-income person with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS the Bylaw states that all applications made under this by-law shall be made to the treasurer of the local municipality in which the eligible property is located in a form as set out by the local treasurer and must be received by the local treasurer no later than December 31st of the subject year; and,

WHEREAS County Council has heard comments advising there has been little uptake of this program and it would appear that application forms are not readily available in six of the nine Lower Tier municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that County staff be directed to:

- 1. Continue to encourage the Lower Tiers to advertise and otherwise communicate that this program is available so that low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities become aware that this program exists; and,**
- 2. Assist the Lower Tiers that do not have the necessary forms**

available by providing them with the necessary forms so that they can meet their responsibilities under this bylaw.

Carried

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW140-22 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

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 the minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee meeting dated October 18, 2022, be adopted as presented; and**

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:.

- i. **That report EDTC-ED-10-22 be received and the Investment Attraction Strategy be received for information.**
- b. **That the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Grey County's delegations during the 2022 AMO Conference dated October 12, 2022, be received for information.**
- c. **That report LSR-CW-03-20 which provides a Legal Services update, be received for information.**
- d. **That report TR-CW-19-22 regarding the acquisition of an easement be received; and,
That an easement be acquired over the lands identified as Part of the North half of Lot 1 Plan 114 being Parts 1 and 2 on the attached draft Reference Plan.**
- e. **That report TR-CW-31-22 regarding the acquisition for road widening be received; and**

That the property identified as Part of Lot 55, Plan 828 being Part 1 on Refence Plan 16R-11770; Geographic Township of Derby, Township of Georgian Bluffs, County of Grey be acquired by The Corporation of the County of Grey for road widening purposes; and That staff be directed to proceed with the road acquisition prior to County Council approval as per Section 26.6 b) of the procedural by-law.

- f. That report PDR-CW-34-22 regarding an overview of Plan of Subdivision application 42T-2022-08 on lands described as Part of Lots 225 and 226, Concession 2, Southwest of the Toronto and Sydenham Road, Geographic Township of Proton, Township of Southgate, County of Grey, be received for information.**
- g. That report FR-CW-17-22 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 3 of 2022 be received for information.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

CAOR-CW-11-22 - Development Charge Deferral and Conditional Exemptions and Challenges with Mortgagee Financing

CW141-22 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That report CAOR-CW-11-22 be received, regarding challenges with the Development Charges Deferral and Conditional Exemption policy and priority of conditionally deferred development charges; and

That staff be authorized to use discretion on when to register the notice of the deferral and conditional agreement on title to the property if this would address a lender's perceived risks, but in no case shall it be later than time of occupancy; and

That such discretion be subject to the approval of the CAO or their delegate and the Director of Legal Services; and

That a by-law be brought forward to amend the Development Charges Deferral and Conditional Exemption Policy (Policy #11-1) accordingly for Council's consideration; and

That a letter be sent to CMHC from the Warden requesting that CMHC reconsider their approach to not provide financing when there are outstanding deferred development charges that have been conditionally exempted in the interest of making housing affordable for everyone.

Carried

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:10 AM.

PDR-CW-32-22 - Township of Southgate Official Plan

CW142-22 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That report PDR-CW-32-22 regarding the approval of the Township of Southgate Official Plan be received; and

That the Committee of the Whole hereby approves the new Township of Southgate Official Plan as adopted by By-law No. 2022-067, subject to the following modifications attached as Schedule 1 and dated October 2022.

Carried

Councillor Woodbury left the meeting at this time.

CCR-CW-12-22 - Establishing Committees and Task Forces

Main Motion – As Outlined in the Staff Report

Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report CCR-CW-12-22 regarding a Grey County Committee and Task Force review be received; and

That the Committees and Task Force policy which outlines criteria to be considered when establishing a committee or task force be endorsed; and

That the following be dissolved at the end of the current Council term:

- a) Affordable Housing Task Force
- b) Agricultural Advisory Committee
- c) Climate Change Task Force
- d) Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee
- e) Mental Health and Addictions Task Force
- f) Tourism Advisory Committee; and

That staff bring forward proposed Terms of Reference to an upcoming meeting for Council to consider establishing the following:

- Community Services Committee
- Planning and Economic Advisory Committee
- Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force; and

That staff work with the incoming council to determine what future committees and task forces may be required.

Primary Amendment

CW143-22 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the motion be amended to exclude the Agricultural Advisory Committee from the list of Committees to be dissolved at the end of the current Council term.

The Primary Amendment was then voted on and Carried.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: Mackey 3, Carleton 5, McQueen 5, Desai 5, Paterson 3, Hicks 3, Clumpus 6, Keaveney 5, O’Leary 8, Milne 3, Soever 7, Robinson 6, Hutchinson 5

Opposed: Boddy 8

Absent: Gamble 3, Burley 6, Woodbury 3, Bordignon 6

The motion was Carried 64-8.

Main Motion – As Amended by CW143-22

CW144-22 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report CCR-CW-12-22 regarding a Grey County Committee and Task Force review be received; and

That the Committees and Task Force policy which outlines criteria to be considered when establishing a committee or task force be endorsed; and

That the following be dissolved at the end of the current Council term:

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- b) **Climate Change Task Force**
- c) **Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee**
- d) **Mental Health and Addictions Task Force**
- e) **Tourism Advisory Committee; and**

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Carried

Verbal Update – Emergency Shelters

Anne Marie Shaw presented to the Committee to share a verbal update regarding the County’s emergency shelter program. The presenter highlighted the significant community need for the program before the winter season. Further, the presenter described the costs of operating the emergency shelter program in the last month were estimated at \$80,000, and the process of receiving those in need of emergency housing. Anne Marie Shaw reported the need for provincial funding to support emergency shelters and affordable housing.

In response to questions from the Committee, Anne Marie Shaw discussed considerations for warming shelters, types and models for emergency housing, food security and resources, the cost of living, and community partnerships.

Closed Meeting Matters

CW145-22 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

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. **A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality (Emergency shelter); and**

That the following staff remain in attendance:

Kim Wingrove, Randy Scherzer, Michael Letourneau, Anne Marie Shaw, Mary Lou Spicer, Olivia Yale, Tara Warder, and Sarah Goldrup.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 12:01 PM.

Council returned to open session at 12:29 PM.

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

Other Business

Kim Wingrove highlighted the upcoming Warden's Gala event on November 4, 2022, with funds raised supporting the United Way.

Notice of Motion

There was no notice of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Desai and Clumpus, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:32 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk