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## Committee of the Whole

### February 14, 2019

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:51 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillor Boddy.

Councillor Richard Thomas was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Boddy.

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Thomas declared a potential pecuniary interest on the Committee Agenda dated February 14, 2019 regarding the Grey Roots Budget for the following reason: Grey Roots is a client of his business.

### Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

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

### Consent Agenda

CW38-19      Moved by: Councillor Desai                      Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**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 Public Meeting Minutes dated January 23, 2019 regarding Official Plan Amendment 145 be adopted as presented.**
- ii. That the Blue Mountain Resorts correspondence dated January 22, 2019 regarding funding for the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital be received for information.**
- iii. That the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care correspondence dated January 23, 2019 regarding the long-term care capital projects in Grey County be received for information.**

- iv. That the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing correspondence dated January 31, 2019 regarding a consultation on joint and several liability be received for information.
- v. That the Grey County and Bruce County Federations of Agriculture correspondence dated February 4, 2019 regarding the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Politicians Meeting be received for information.

Carried

## Items for Direction and Discussion

### Grape Growers of Ontario Correspondence dated January 23, 2019

CW39-19

Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Desai

**WHEREAS Ontario's grape and wine industry is an important and unique part of Grey County's economy;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County also has an emerging craft cider and beer sector that continues to grow and expand creating jobs and investments within the County;**

**AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced its plan to modernize alcohol sales by expanding the sale of wine, cider and beer to corner stores, grocery stores and big-box stores, based on market demand and has requested public input on its plan through an online survey until February 1, 2019;**

**AND WHEREAS this decision represents a significant opportunity to strengthen Grey's economy by growing Ontario's wine, craft cider and beer industries through increased consumer access;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of The Corporation of the County of Grey requests that the Provincial Government include in its retail channel regulations and specific policies that support and expand the growth of 100 percent Ontario grown and produced wines and Ontario made craft cider and beer in its retail channel regulations; and**

**THAT any proposed distribution model also allow for independent private retail stores and access to these stores for local craft wineries, cideries and breweries through direct distribution by the craft producers or via independent distributors serving Ontario producers.**

Carried

## PDR-CW-15-19 Windfall Redline Revisions – Town of the Blue Mountains

CW40-19 Moved by: Councillor Bartnicki Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That Report PDR-CW-15-19 be received which provides an overview of proposed redline revisions to draft approved plan of subdivision 42T-2010-03 known as Windfall on lands described as Part of Lot 16, Concession 1, (geographic Township of Collingwood) in the Town of The Blue Mountains.**

Carried

Councillor McQueen entered the meeting at 10:11 AM.

## PDR-CW-16-19 Confirmation of Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Protection and Enhancement Policies

CW41-19 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**That a by-law be enacted by Council which confirms that the policies set out in the current and adopted County Official Plan addresses the requirements of the *Municipal Act* to establish policies to protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation within Grey County; and**

**That the County confirms that the County Forest Management By-law and the sustainable management of the County's Forests also help to protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation.**

Carried

## TR-CW-01-19 Seasonal Load Restriction Assessment

CW42-19 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That Report TR-CW-01-19 regarding a Seasonal Load Restriction Assessment be received; and**

**That the seasonal load restrictions remain as previously established, with the exception of the removal of Grey Road 5 (8<sup>th</sup> Street East) between 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and Highway 26 in the City of Owen Sound; and**

**That Schedule "S" of By-Law 4788-13 be amended to reflect the current and proposed changes to Seasonal Load Restrictions.**

Carried

## LSR-CW-01-19 Appointment of Prosecutors

CW43-19 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Bartnicki

**That the Director of Legal Services – County Solicitor be appointed as a municipal prosecutor on behalf of the County;**

**That the Director of Legal Services – County Solicitor be authorized to appoint municipal prosecutors on behalf of the County from time to time; and**

**That all such municipal prosecutors appointed hereby be authorized to exercise the lawful authority of a public prosecutor without restriction except by prosecutorial policy enacted by the Ministry of the Attorney General (“MAG”) or by County policy properly enacted in accordance with the 2000/2001 Memorandum of Agreement and Local Side Agreement between the County, the County of Bruce, and MAG and the 2000/2001 Intermunicipal Service Agreement between the County and Bruce County made pursuant to those agreements; and**

**That a By-law be prepared for consideration by County Council.**

Carried

## Grey County-Town of the Blue Mountains Task Force

*CW44-19* Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Desai

**That Councillor Shirley Keaveney be nominated as a member of the Grey County – Town of the Blue Mountains Task Force.**

Councillor Keaveney accepted the nomination for as a member of the Grey County – Town of the Blue Mountains Task Force.

*CW45-19* Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That the Committee of the Whole accepts Councillor Bartnicki’s resignation from the Grey County-Town of the Blue Mountains Task Force; and**

**That Councillor Keaveney be appointed as a member of the Grey County-Town of the Blue Mountains Task Force for 2019.**

Carried

The Committee recessed briefly and then reconvened.

## 2019 Budget Overview and Department Presentations

Kevin Wepler introduced the budget documents and reviewed the process for the budget presentation.

Mr. Wepler advised that the proposed tax levy increase is 1.75% with \$983,848 to be raised from taxation and \$779,747 from assessment growth.

Mr. Wepler noted that the 2019 budget has been developed to maintain the current programs, enhance service levels, and support important projects. He highlighted the key 2019 budget proposals. He noted that the majority of the gross operating and capital expenditures help people, such as paramedic services, long-term care, affordable housing, and Ontario Works and childcare.

Mr. Wepler provided information on the budget background, including an overview of services and programs provided by the County. He then provided an overview on how the budget was developed.

Mr. Wepler reviewed the function responsibilities within the County, specifically Corporate Services, Planning and Community Development, Social Services, and Transportation and Public Safety.

Mr. Wepler noted that the estimated tax impact for residential property assessment is \$6.14 per \$100,000 of assessment or \$19.45 per average household. Discussion occurred on the average household assessment and the difference between residential and agricultural tax classifications for assessment growth. Mr. Wepler addressed questions on the timing of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) assessments and valuations.

It was suggested that the budget be benchmarked against neighbouring communities on a go forward basis, and to include the previous year's projected year end actuals, and prior year actuals in comparison to this proposed budget.

Councillor Burley left the meeting at 11:19 AM.

Mr. Wepler then provided an overview of the 2019 tax dollar. He noted \$0.44 cents of each dollar is used to help people.

Mr. Wepler provided an overview of the Corporate Services budget which includes Council budgets, administrative budgets, workers' compensation, information services, county property, and provincial offences. Mr. Wepler noted that the corporate services budget includes a net requirement of \$9,953,781. It was noted that Council has approved video and audio recordings, but the budget only include funds for audio recordings. An additional \$20,000 is required for the video recordings.

Staff addressed questions on the corporate human resources scheduling software upgrade.

Grant McLevy spoke to the Workers' Compensation operating budget and the premium changes proposed for 2019.

Jody MacEachern provided details regarding the information services budget. He highlighted the importance of the investment in security to protect information and the implementation of Microsoft 365 and training.

Anne Marie Shaw spoke to County property budgets. She noted that there is a decrease of \$78,000 due largely to the demolition of the former Provincial Offences Administration building. She then discussed the capital expenditures.

Mr. Wepler provided an overview on the Provincial Offences Administration budget. The budget continues to provide revenue for the County and includes a net departmental operating requirement of (\$418,900). Discussion occurred on the enforcement of by-laws and how costs/revenues are shared between municipalities.

Mr. Wepler discussed taxation and grants. 2019 includes cannabis funding, which has been put into reserve until the use is determined.

Mr. Wepler discussed the Grey Bruce Health Unit budget, which requires a net operating amount of \$1,647,700. He then discussed the Grey Bruce Health Services Hospital Campaign, which has been completed. It was noted that health care initiatives funding is included in the budget. However, he noted that Council has received two requests from previous delegations that are greater than the budgeted amount. Mr. Wepler will bring a report back to Council on this.

Mr. Wepler noted that the budget includes funding for the Georgian College Marine Emergency Duties Training Centre. Discussion occurred regarding the statistics around the Marine program. Councillor McQueen recommended that a delegation from Georgian College come to the current Council. Councillor Thomas referenced recent statistics released from Georgian College.

Council recessed briefly and then reconvened.

Councillor Thomas excused himself during the discussion of the Grey Roots budget related to his earlier declaration of pecuniary interest.

Petal Furness and Ted Noble presented the Grey Roots budget. The budget includes a net requirement of \$2,174,105. Ms. Furness and Mr. Noble provided information on the operating and capital budgets. Discussion occurred on the regional agricultural demonstration site. Randy Scherzer advised that the application is in draft form and will be reviewed with the agricultural societies. Kim Wingrove recognized Petal Furness and Ted Noble and thanked them for their service.

Councillor Thomas joined the meeting

The Committee recessed and then reconvened.

Randy Scherzer presented the Planning and Development Budget, which requires a net amount of \$736,810. He highlighted the operating budget, capital expenditures, agriculture budget, forestry, and trails budget. It was noted that after the budget was finalized, Grey Agricultural Services requested an additional \$10,000 which was supported by Council. Discussion occurred on the services that Grey Agriculture Services provides. Further discussion occurred on the difference between the 2018 actual and budgeted figures. Mr. Scherzer explained that the application revenues were higher than anticipated and the planning department was operating without a full staffing compliment.

Kim Wingrove noted the economic development budget includes a net departmental requirement of \$837,057. The focus for economic development is on investment ready and economic growth. Ms. Wingrove highlighted key initiatives. Discussion occurred on the SWIFT project; Ms. Wingrove noted that the agreement between SWIFT and the Province is in the final stage.

Bryan Plumstead presented the tourism budget, which includes an increase of \$2,035 from 2018. He noted the budget is guided by the Destination Development Action Plan, which consists of four pillars: stakeholder engagement, destination development, marketing, and market research and tracking. He highlighted how the pillars are reflected in the 2019 budget.

Barb Fedy spoke to the Social Services budget details, which requires \$17,009,653. She spoke to the Ontario Works & Child Care budget and highlighted social assistance, Community

Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHIP), and Ontario Works Administration budget. Discussion occurred on the Getting Ahead program. Ms. Fedy then discussed the child care budget, licensed home child care providers, and administration. Discussion occurred on the transportation pilot project that ended in 2018. Ms. Wingrove noted the transportation funding that the County recently received.

Anne Marie Shaw spoke to the housing budget, which includes a net requirement of \$7,238,494. Ms. Shaw provided information on operating and capital expenditures. She highlighted the projects scheduled for 2019. Ms. Shaw discussed the non-profit budget, which is based on provincial indices. She highlighted funding for programs, including Ontario renovates, social housing improvement programs.

Discussion occurred on lawn care and contracting the service versus having staff complete the service.

Lynne Johnson noted that the long term care budget had been reviewed by the Long-Term Care Committee of Management. The long-term care budget requires a net levy of \$6,269,646, which is unchanged from 2018. Ms. Johnson provided information on the funding envelopes provided by the Ministry and the Case Mix Index. Ms. Johnson then discussed the operating and capital expenditures for long term care. Mr. Weppler noted that funding will continue to be put into reserve for future long term care redevelopment.

Discussion occurred on the efficiencies Sienna Senior Living has achieved in the budget. Mr. Weppler also noted that the assistance that Sienna has provided to staff to ensure regulatory compliance.

Kevin McNab presented the paramedic services budget, which requires a net amount of \$6,650,919. He noted that the budget is based on an assumption of a 1.5% increase in the conditional grant for inflation. He discussed the operating and capital budget and highlighted the upcoming projects and purchases.

Discussion occurred regarding the community paramedicine program and family physicians. Mr. McNab noted the positive relationship the paramedics have with the family health team.

Pat Hoy presented the transportation budget, which includes a net requirement of \$18,918,106. The increase is largely due to the 1% levy on infrastructure. Mr. Hoy reviewed the ordinary maintenance budget; the construction, resurfacing, and minor capital budget; the supervision and overhead budget; facilities, depots, and domes; equipment budget; asset management, studies, and engineering budget; and the quarry budget. It was noted that more information will be provided on the quarry operations in the near future.

Mr. Weppler reviewed the reserve account schedule. He advised that a number of reserve projects are coming forward this year.

The Committee thanked staff for the budget report.

CW46-19      Moved by: Councillor Milne                      Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

**That the 2019 budget requiring a 1.75% net levy increase be adopted as amended to include the following changes:**

- **\$20,000 for video recording from reserve;**

- **\$10,000 for Grey Agriculture Services from reserve; and**

**That a By-law be brought forward to adopt the Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Year 2019 requiring a total to be raised from taxation in 2019 of \$983,848.**

Carried

## Other Business

Councillor McQueen raised a question regarding the closure of Grey County roads. Mr. Hoy clarified that the Ontario Provincial Police close the roads. He noted that there is a storm debrief meeting tomorrow to help clarify the process for the future. Jody MacEachern noted that closures will show up on Municipal 511 and the Grey County website when the information is available. More information will be provided.

## Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Milne and McQueen, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 3:25 PM to the call of the Chair.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk