
Committee of the Whole

February 22, 2018

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:12 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Stewart Halliday assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillors Norm Jack and Paul McQueen. Councillor John Woodbury was also in attendance on behalf of Councillor Jack.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Delegations

Tony Yu, Lough Barnes Consulting – Ministry of Transportation Community Transportation Grant

Tony Yu addressed Council on the Ministry of Transportation Community Transportation Grant opportunity.

It was noted that there is a need to provide transportation for training and educational opportunities, employment, health services and retail. Further, seniors, those living in poverty, youth and persons with disabilities need transportation for these services the most.

Mr. Yu noted that a coordinated transportation system is being recommended, as it attempts to maximize the operating efficiencies to serve as many people as possible within the community.

Mr. Yu then provided background information on the Community Transportation Pilot, noting that Grey County submitted an application for and received pilot funding from the Ministry of Transportation. The current transit pilot from Shelburne to Owen Sound is a direct result of this funding.

Mr. Yu spoke to the barriers to community well-being, including disconnects between housing and transportation. There is no suitable transportation option for those who cannot afford their own vehicles, and affordable housing tends to be on the outskirts of the population centres. There is a need for cross border connections.

Mr. Yu then elaborated on the funding stream options. There are two streams of funding, being the Local Community Transportation stream and the Long Distance Scheduled Transportation stream. Mr. Yu outlined the requirements of each as well as the funding levels. It is recommended that the County pursue both streams.

The proposed routes were then outlined for long distance transportation. One is proposed to run from Owen Sound to Blue Mountain Resort along Highway 26 and the second one is from Owen Sound to Shelburne and expands upon the current pilot along Highway 10.

A proposed budget was then outlined.

There are also two recommended local solutions which provide coverage in the Georgian Bluffs area and Hanover/West Grey areas.

A self-booking portal is recommended as well and will improve service levels.

Questions were addressed regarding future routes south of Shelburne, involvement of other municipalities, affordability of the transit system, proposed scheduling and timing, and partnerships with other communities.

The Ministry has flagged areas around the Province that are in need of transportation and Grey County is one of these communities.

Staff noted that the City of Owen Sound has asked for support from Grey County for its application to provide transit from Owen Sound to Guelph.

Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services – 2017 Construction Year in Review

Pat Hoy provided a review of construction projects from 2017.

Mr. Hoy noted that Grey County has begun including civic addressing for all its structures for emergency purposes.

Another new initiative is implementing pre-painting meetings which will begin prior to line painting in order to reduce errors.

Staff addressed questions regarding culvert lining and load limits.

Councillor McQueen then entered the meeting.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Ardiel then left the meeting.

Consent Agenda

CW60-18 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

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.

- 1. That the resolution from the Township of Southgate regarding the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Memorandum of Understanding be received for information.**
- 2. That the Building Task Force Committee minutes dated February 8, 2018 be adopted as presented; and**

That the following recommendation contained therein be endorsed:

That Report HDR-BTF-02-18 regarding an update on the county Administration Building addition and renovation be received.

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

SSR-CW-06-18 Ministry of Transportation Community Transportation Grant Program

Councillor Ardiel then reentered the meeting.

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That SSR-CW-06-18 regarding the Ministry of Transportation Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream be received, and;

That Grey County Council support the submission of an application for funding as outlined in this report.

Amendment

CW61-18

Moved by: Councillor Clumpus

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That the motion be amended to include that the County of Grey send a letter of support to the City of Owen Sound for the concept of a daily bus transit from Owen Sound to Guelph.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW62-18

Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That SSR-CW-06-18 regarding the Ministry of Transportation Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream be received, and;

That Grey County Council support the submission of an application for funding as outlined in this report; and

That the County of Grey send a letter of support to the City of Owen Sound for the concept of a daily bus transit from Owen Sound to Guelph.

Carried

SSR-CW-03-18 Community Based Early Years and Child Care Capital Program Funding Submission

CW63-18 Moved by: Councillor Ardiel Seconded by: Councillor Wright

That SSR-CW-03-18 regarding the community based early years and child care capital program funding submission be received for information.

Carried

SSR-CW-04-18 Approval of 2018-2019 Ontario Early Years Child and Family Services Amending Agreement

CW64-18 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That SSR-CW-04-18 be received and that a By-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the 2018-2019 Ontario Early Years Child and Family Service Amending Agreement (No. 1) with the Ministry of Education.

Carried

FR-CW-09-18 2017 Year-End Transfers

CW65-18 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That Council receive Report FR-CW-09-18 titled 2017 Year-End Transfers and approve the recommendations as contained and estimated in Report FR-CW-09-18, regarding transfers to and from Reserve; and

That Council approve the carryover of funding for those self-financed debentured and provincially funded projects listed in Report FR-CW-09-18; and

That Council approve any insurance deductibles to be expensed in 2017 to be funded from the insurance deductibles reserve; and

That Council approve that any surplus/deficit arising in the 2017 budget be transferred to/(from) the respective departmental reserves.

Carried

TR-CW-10-18 Transportation Services Equipment Budget Changes

CW66-18 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That Report TR-CW-10-18 be received and the recommended revisions to the 2018 Transportation Services Equipment Capital budget be approved; and

That staff are authorized to proceed to tender the 2018 Equipment Purchases as revised.

Carried

TR-CW-11-18 Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program

CW67-18 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

That Report TR-CW-11-18 be received; and

That a by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC).

Carried

Committee recessed, then reconvened.

CCR-CW-04-18 Election Protocol Policy

CW68-18 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

That Report CCR-CW-04-18 regarding the Election Protocol for Members of Council be received and that policy G-GEN-012 Election Protocol for Members of Council be endorsed.

Carried

PDR-CW-09-18 Centre Point South Information Report – Municipality of Grey Highlands

CW69-18 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report PDR-CW-09-18 regarding an overview of proposed application 42T-2017-06, to establish a plan of subdivision consisting of three hundred and ninety-three (393) lots on lands described as Part of Lot 102, Concession 1, (geographic village of Markdale) in the Municipality of Grey Highlands, be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-10-18 Louise Street Townhouses Subdivision Information Report – Town of the Blue Mountains

CW70-18 Moved by: Councillor Ardiel Seconded by: Councillor McKean

That Report PDR-CW-10-18 regarding an overview of proposed application 42T-2018-03, to establish a plan of subdivision consisting of a total of six (6) blocks with three (3) of the proposed blocks containing a total of twenty three (23) townhouses on lands described as Part of Park Lot 10, 16R-1213 (geographic Town of Thornbury) in the Town of The Blue Mountains, be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-11-18 Affordable Housing Student Report

CW71-18 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That Report PDR-CW-11-18 regarding the University of Guelph student project on Affordable Housing in Grey County be received for information.

Carried

Ontario Municipal Board Appeals File List

CW72-18 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That the Ontario Municipal Board Appeals File list be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Clarification and updates from the most recent Ontario Federation of Agriculture meeting were requested.

Councillor McQueen as the Ontario Federation of Agriculture representative noted that he raised the concern at the meeting that comments made at the January 25, 2018 meeting regarding examining the farm tax rate were possibly misinterpreted. Committee of the Whole noted that further analysis and information on the farm tax rate will be coming forward in March or April.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture minutes will be coming forward and Councillor McQueen can forward these on once approved.

Kevin Wepler noted that a meeting will be occurring with the local treasurers this week regarding tax policy and a report will be brought forward in March on the matter.

Councillor Ardiel the left the meeting.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Bell, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:56 PM to the call of the Chair.

Stewart Halliday, Warden

Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk