

Committee of the Whole

April 9, 2020

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:27 AM through electronic means. Warden Paul McQueen assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members participating except Councillors Gamble and Woodbury.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Delegations

There were three written delegations received regarding the potential reconsideration and sale of the County owned quarry on Grey Road 40. The delegations were received from: The Miller Group, Walker Aggregates and 2687988 Ontario Inc.

Items for Direction and Discussion

CAOR-CW-04-20 Proposed Land Exchange County Quarry and Lands in Town of Durham

CW69-20 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary

Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That the Committee receive Report CAOR-CW-04-20 in respect of an exchange of the County Quarry Property for the Durham Property, consisting of 32 acres of land, more or less, in the Municipality of West Grey, in the community of Durham (both as described in Report CAOR-CW-04-20);

That pursuant to the Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy (G-GEN-003) and the Sale of Land Procedure (G-GEN-003-001):

- a. **the County Quarry Property be declared surplus to the needs of the County;**
- b. **that the value of the County Quarry Property, together with the value of the stockpiles of aggregate material located at the property, be established as equivalent to the value of the Durham Property; and**

- c. **that the County Quarry property, together with the stockpiles of aggregate material located at the property, be sold through an exchange with Durham Stone and Paving Inc. for the Durham Property pursuant to a conditional Land Exchange Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Grey and Durham Stone and Paving Inc. made effective as of February 27, 2020**

That pursuant to the Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy (G-GEN-003) and the Acquisition of Land Procedure (G-GEN-003-002), the Durham Property be purchased pursuant to the provisions of the Land Exchange Agreement described above; and

That any costs associated with the land exchange be funded from the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Reserve; and

That a by-law be brought forward to approve the Land Exchange Agreement and the County's entry into the further agreements contemplated therein.

CW70-20 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That the Committee of the Whole agenda be amended to add a closed session item regarding:

- i. **a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and** *(Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment)*
- ii. **advice subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose** *(Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment)*

Carried

The Warden requested and received the two thirds vote necessary to amend the agenda.

CW71-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

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 land acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board** *(Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment)*
- ii. **Advice that is subject to solicitor – client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose** *(Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment)*

Carried

Committee of the Whole proceeded into closed session at 11:12 AM.

Committee of the Whole rose from closed session at 11:41 AM.

The Warden confirmed that the Committee only discussed the matters stated in the resolution to go in camera.

Resolution CW69-20 was then voted on and Carried.

Committee recessed briefly then resumed.

FR-CW-07-20 Treasurer's Statement

CW72-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That Report FR-CW-07-20 and the attached 2019 Treasurer's Statement – Council Remuneration and Expenses be received for information.

Carried

FR-CW-08-20 Debt Management Policy

CW73-20 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Council receive Report FR-CW-08-20 titled Debt Management Policy; and

That Council adopt the attached Debt Management Policy.

Carried

HRR-CW-04-20 Memorandum of Settlement - Unifor Rockwood Terrace

CW74-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That Report HRR-CW-04-20 regarding the Rockwood Terrace UNIFOR Memorandum of Settlement be received, and the Collective Agreement between the County of Grey and UNIFOR Local 302 Rockwood Terrace be ratified.

Carried

TR-CW-10-20 Tender Award Grey Road 29

CW75-20 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report TR-CW-10-20 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-04-20 Grey Road 29 Rehabilitation be received; and

That the E.C. King Contracting be awarded the Tender for a total amount of \$1,295,186.00, excluding HST.

Carried

Other Business

COVID-19 Update

Kim Wingrove updated Committee of the Whole, noting that significant changes have been made to the County's processes to ensure the safety of the public and staff remains a priority. It was noted that the County's website contains all the County's COVID-19 related information, and that County telephone lines are answered during business hours.

Ms. Wingrove then highlighted the funding that has been provided to various organizations so they can continue to assist residents, including 211.

The Grey County Administration Building is operating with minimum staff in Social Services and Finance. It was noted that ipads are not ideal for electronic meetings and laptops will be earmarked in next year's budget for Council.

Further highlights included increased funding from the Province to assist with long-term care and social services which will be administered through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative. Ms. Wingrove provided information on the allocations to be expected in 2020.

The County has provided immediate support to OSHARE and Y Housing and is reaching out to organizations that provide assistance to the homeless. There is an increased need from organizations providing shelters to ensure social distancing and isolation services are also needed. Information will be coming back to Council on further assistance that the County may provide to organizations in need.

Temporary emergency assistance under Ontario Works is being provided to help bridge applicants until federal funds are rolled out. The County is receiving one emergency assistance application for every three Ontario Works applications.

Ms. Wingrove then provided information on the status of childcare centres which remain closed. There has been no update as to when this may be lifted. The County's priority is to ensure those workers and providers remain in the sector so there is a child care system when the state of emergency is lifted. Operators have been provided financial supports during this time.

Information on Transportation Services was then provided. Critical tasks are being looked at. Activities have been adjusted so that they are being completed by a single person or are using staggered shifts in order to adhere to social distancing. This has had an impact on efficiencies. Summer students and backup workers will not be hired at this time and will run with a full time complement.

Ms. Wingrove then updated Committee of the Whole on 2020 construction, noting that purchasing has advised the public that the bridge replacement on Grey Road 9 is being cancelled and some tenders are delayed until further notice.

Economic Development, Culture and Tourism have completed outreach and education to assist the small business community and the working group is working together and are able to provide support and guidance to businesses.

Paramedic Services has noted that things are stable at this time. Paramedics are keeping safe with personal protective equipment and a planning response scenario if response becomes more critical. They are doing a great job at coordinating the donations of personal protective equipment that have been received.

There have been a vast amount of actions taken in long-term care and the Director will provide an update at the Committee of Management meeting this afternoon.

Ms. Wingrove noted that there have been questions about staffing and whether the County should consider layoffs. Cashflow is being looked at and that will be brought forward to Council. At this time, the CAO is not anticipating a need for layoffs. Staff who are not in essential services are available to be redeployed as well as continue working in their current roles.

The Warden thanked Kim and staff for the work they have done during this time.

June Tax Installments from Lower Tiers - Verbal Update

Kevin Wepler has surveyed the lower tier treasurers about what municipalities are doing for tax relief. He is suggesting that the County's approach be to make payment of the County portion of taxation interest free for 90 days and that it's not required until September 30, 2020. This has been a topic of discussion with the lower tiers. The lower tiers indicated they were all able to do the March installment to the County.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Milne and O'Leary, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:30 PM to the call of the Chair.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk