
December 1, 2015

Grey County Council met at the call of the Clerk for the inaugural session on Tuesday evening, December 1, 2015 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held in the County of Grey Council Chambers at the County Administration Building, Owen Sound.

Former Grey County Wardens and Directors of the County met in the Seminar Room and entered the Council Chambers.

Invited guests and County staff were also in attendance.

The processional of County Councillors then entered the Chambers.

Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services welcomed those in attendance and provided opening comments. The Clerk presided over the inaugural session and called the meeting to order.

Guests were invited to join council members in a moment of reflection.

Roll Call

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillor Jack.

Election of the Warden

CC01-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

THAT the Warden of the County of Grey be elected for a one year term in accordance with By-law 4876-14 as amended, being the County's Procedural By-law and Section 233 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

The Clerk outlined the procedures for the election of the Warden as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the County's procedural by-law.

The Clerk stated that nominations for Warden of the County of Grey for the next term were in order and nominations were received as follows:

CC02-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT Alan Barfoot be nominated for the Warden for the County of Grey.

On motion of Councillor McKean, nominations closed.

At the conclusion of nominations, the Clerk asked the intentions of the candidate to run for the office of Warden for which he has been nominated.

Councillor Barfoot indicated his desire to stand for the position of Warden for 2015.

Councillor Greenfield and Councillor Ardiel, the nominators for Councillor Barfoot, spoke on his behalf.

Councillor Barfoot was then acclaimed as Warden of the County of Grey for 2016.

Swearing in of Warden

Mrs. Vokes administered the Declaration of Office to Warden Barfoot pursuant to the requirements of Section 233 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and offered her congratulations to the new Warden.

Presentation of the Chain of Office

Past Warden Kevin Eccles was invited to the front of the Chambers where he congratulated Warden Barfoot and presented him with the Chain of Office.

Presentation of the Gavel

The Clerk presented Warden Barfoot with the gavel and invited him to assume the Chair for the balance of the proceedings.

Warden's Remarks and Introductions

Warden Barfoot expressed his appreciation to the members of County Council for their support and thanked his nominators. Warden Barfoot then introduced his family members, friends and council members of the Township of Georgian Bluffs.

Warden's Address

Warden Barfoot presented his opening address to Council.

CC03-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT the Warden's Address be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Remarks by Guest

On behalf of the Past Wardens, Al Bye (1995 and 1999) provided comments to Council. Past Wardens in attendance were introduced as follows: Lois Urstadt (1982), Frank Beirnes (1988), Gerald Shortt (1990), Howard Greig (1993 and 2000) and Brian Milne (2014).

Adjournment

Warden Barfoot thanked everyone for attending and announced that a reception would be held in the Seminar Room immediately following the session and invited all present to attend.

On motion of Councillor Eccles, Council adjourned at 8:02 PM until Tuesday January 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

Council closed with O Canada performed by the Georgian Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Alan Barfoot, Warden

Sharon Vokes, County Clerk