

Committee of the Whole

March 14, 2019

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:43 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Notice of Motion provided by Councillor McQueen at the February 28, 2019 meeting

CW65-19 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

Whereas the response times, as outlined in report PSR-CW-01-19, are lower in areas within the Municipality of Grey Highlands than other areas of Grey County due to the geography of the area and paramedic base placement;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff bring back a report that outlines considerations for future service delivery enhancements to Paramedic Services within Grey County.

Carried

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

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

Consent Agenda

CW66-19 Moved by: Councillor Bartnicki Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

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 Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy correspondence dated February 11, 2019 regarding the activity report and summary of expenses of the Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy be received for information.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

FR-CW-08-19 2018 External Audit – BDO Planning Report

CW67-19 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Report FR-CW-08-19 titled 2018 External Audit – BDO Planning Report and the Audit Planning Report for the year ending December 31, 2018 prepared by BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants be received for information.

Carried

Delegations

May Ip and David Morris, Making Grey Bruce Home

May Ip and David Morris presented information on the Making Grey Bruce Home initiative. Ms. Ip noted that the initiative will be complete at the end of March. Ms. Ip provided information on the background of the initiative and noted that she works with Grey County's New to Grey program.

Ms. Ip noted that Making Grey Bruce Home is the first ever settlement project in the area. Making Grey Bruce Home worked with multiple families to connect them to resources. She highlighted that Making Grey Bruce Home also provided workshops for service providers in Grey Bruce on how to assist those coming into the area. She also noted the volunteer mentors, who are an important part of the program. An online resource platform has been developed, which utilizes the 211 database and can be searched in 24 different languages (www.newcomersbrucegrey.ca). The project is currently finalizing a rural toolkit.

David Morris provided background on Welcoming Communities of Grey Bruce. He noted that the project's goal is to enable others. He advised of the current funding applications that the organization has submitted in the hopes of assisting others. Mr. Morris noted that Welcoming Communities of Grey Bruce has just submitted an application for non-profit status.

Alison Govier, Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy

Alison Govier provided information on mental illness and addiction. She presented statistics on drug and alcohol use in Grey County. She highlighted the challenges people face in seeking

help with these issues. She encouraged that addiction be viewed as a health issue with the goal of decreasing the stigmatization of addiction.

Ms. Govier noted that the initiatives in the area are innovative and focus on best practices for addressing addiction. She advised that multiple players must work together to reduce harm. She provided an example of sharing vital information between service providers, including Grey County paramedics.

Ms. Govier provided a brief history on the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy. She highlighted the strategy and coordination role played by the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy, including community based workshops and youth education.

Ms. Govier addressed questions about facilitating more workshops. Ms. Govier noted that a toolkit has been created on how to host similar events. Ms. Govier advised of other programs in schools, but noted that Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy is working with School Boards.

Discussion occurred on the challenges regarding wait times. Ms. Govier noted the Canadian Mental Health Association amalgamations that are occurring in the area, which will improve cohesiveness. Further discussion occurred on helping adults who do not want help.

Dr. Arra highlighted that the outreach to at risk individuals has been successful. Discussion occurred on practices for prescribing opioids.

Kevin McNab noted that paramedic calls can now measure opioid calls. This can assist in sharing information to prevent overdoses. He also noted the mental health urgent response team, which is available to respond to calls.

Discussion occurred on mental health in agriculture. It was noted that having conversations and reducing stigma was beneficial.

County Council extended thanks to Alison for her help over the last two and a half years.

Councillor Desai joined the meeting at 10:26 AM.

Council recessed briefly and then reconvened.

FR-CW-06-19 2018 Tangible Capital Asset Accounting Policy Update

CW68-19 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Report FR-CW-06-19 regarding updates to the County of Grey's Tangible Capital Asset Policy be received for information;

That the recommended updated Tangible Capital Asset Accounting Policy be approved; and

That staff be authorized to apply these changes to the County of Grey's 2018 financial statements and prospectively.

Carried

FR-CW-09-19 2018 Treasurer's Statement – Council Remuneration and Expenses

CW69-19 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That Report FR-CW-09-19 and the attached 2018 Treasurer's Statement – Council Remuneration and Expenses be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-18-19 Cobble Beach – Redline Revisions – Georgian Bluffs

CW70-19 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report PDR-CW-18-19 be received which provides an overview of proposed redline revisions to draft approved plan of subdivision 42T-2004-02 known as Cobble Beach on lands described as Part of Lot 29 to 31, Concession 3, Part 24 of RP 16R9233, (geographic Township of Sarawak) in the Township of Georgian Bluffs.

Carried

Other Business

Councillor McQueen requested an update on the ALUS Committee. Staff will look into this and report back.

Notice of Motion

Councillor McQueen provided a notice of motion regarding reducing the farm tax rate and inviting Grey County Federation of Agriculture to a future meeting.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Milne and Boddy, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:39 AM to the call of the Chair.

County Council participated in a Bridges out of Poverty training session after the lunch break.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk