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## Committee of the Whole

### May 23, 2019

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:45 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillors Burley and Woodbury. Councillor Thompson was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Burley and Councillor Dobrean was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Woodbury.

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### Delegation

#### Closure of Simcoe Road 91

Councillor Paterson joined the meeting.

Doug Dingeldein discussed the proposed closing of the western end of Simcoe Road 91. He raised concerns regarding the condition of the proposed alternate route of Clearview Sideroad 26/27 including surface type, drainage, and snow removal. He discussed potential impacts to residents including travel delays, delays for emergency services, and safety of moving farm equipment. He referenced inadequate traffic studies and environmental reviews that were completed in the past. Mr. Dingeldein presented the actions he is requesting from County Council.

George Powell, Vice Chair of the Watershed Action Committee of the Blue Mountains Watershed Trust, presented concerns regarding Clearview Sideroad 26/27 and the impact of the proposed closing of Simcoe Road 91. He asked for County Council's support to bump up the environmental assessment.

Mr. Dingeldein addressed questions regarding the background of the public process relating to this issue.

### Business Arising From the Minutes

## PDR-CW-23-19 Niagara Escarpment Amendment – Sideroad 26/27 and the associated closure of Simcoe Road 91 – Grey Highlands

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney      Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

**That Report PDR-CW-23-19 which provides background information regarding the closure of Simcoe Road 91 and proposed upgrades to Sideroad 26/27 in Clearview Township be received for information.**

### *Primary Amendment*

CW112-19      Moved by: Councillor Soever      Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That the following clauses be added to the resolution: “That Grey County respectfully requests that the Township of Clearview complete an appropriate level Municipal Class C Environmental Assessment process for the proposed reconstruction of Nottawasaga Sideroad 26/27 in light of the new environmental information that has been gathered in the past couple of years in support of the proposed Niagara Escarpment Amendment application; and**

**That it is recommended that the Township of Clearview request that the Niagara Escarpment Commission put the proposed Niagara Escarpment Amendment application on hold until the appropriate level Municipal Class C Environmental Assessment process has been completed; and**

**That this motion be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, to local Members of Provincial Parliament, to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and to the County of Simcoe.”**

Carried

### *Secondary Amendment*

CW113-19      Moved by: Councillor McQueen      Seconded by: Councillor Bartnicki

**That the correspondence received by the County related to the closure of Simcoe Road 91 be circulated to the parties named within Report PDR-CW-23-19.**

Carried

### *Main Motion as Amended*

CW114-19      Moved by: Councillor Keaveney      Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

**That Report PDR-CW-23-19 which provides background information regarding the closure of Simcoe Road 91 and proposed upgrades to Sideroad 26/27 in Clearview Township be received for information; and**

**That Grey County respectfully requests that the Township of Clearview complete an appropriate level Municipal Class C Environmental**

**Assessment process for the proposed reconstruction of Nottawasaga Sideroad 26/27 in light of the new environmental information that has been gathered in the past couple of years in support of the proposed Niagara Escarpment Amendment application; and**

**That it is recommended that the Township of Clearview request that the Niagara Escarpment Commission put the proposed Niagara Escarpment Amendment application on hold until the appropriate level Municipal Class C Environmental Assessment process has been completed; and**

**That this motion and the correspondence received by the County related to the closure of Simcoe Road 91 be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, to local Members of Provincial Parliament, to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and to the County of Simcoe.**

Carried

Committee recessed briefly and then reconvened.

## Delegation

### 2018 County of Grey Financial Statements

Kevin Wepler introduced Victoria Watson and Traci Smith, BDO. Ms. Smith thanked staff and Council for their hard work and support in preparing the draft financial statements. Ms. Smith provided a summary of the auditor's report for the year ending December 31, 2018. She provided information on the auditing standards.

Ms. Watson reviewed the financial portion of the report. She reviewed the statement of operations and accumulated surplus, statement of changes in net financial assets, and statement of cash flows.

Ms. Watson reviewed the Year End Report for Grey County. She highlighted the County's 2018 financial position, cash flows, tangible capital assets, revenues, operating expenses and budget, surplus transferred to reserves, and reserve funds.

Discussion occurred on reserve funds. Kevin Wepler noted that the County is following the capital asset plan. He discussed the purpose for reserves and noted that reserve funds will decrease as they are invested into capital assets.

Mr. Wepler thanked Ms. Smith, Ms. Watson, and staff for their hard work.

CW115-19      Moved by: Councillor Carleton                      Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2018 be received; and**

**That the Treasurer be hereby authorized to approve and sign the Financial Statements.**

Carried

## Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: a and b

## Consent Agenda

CW116-19 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

**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 Georgian College correspondence dated May 8, 2019 regarding Grey County's support of the Algoma Central Marine Emergency Duties Centre be received for information.**
- ii. That the Town of Hanover correspondence dated May 13, 2019 regarding cuts to Ontario Library Services be supported.**
- iii. That the Town of Aurora correspondence dated May 14, 2019 regarding Bill 108 be supported as follows:**

**WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous – all party support; and**

**WHEREAS all parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans; to uphold their community driven planning; and**

**WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and**

**WHEREAS on August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the MOU with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into "...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government."; and**

**WHEREAS this MOU is "enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act". And recognizes that as "...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest"; and**

**WHEREAS by signing this agreement, the Province made "...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact"; and**

**WHEREAS Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts - Cannabis Control Act, 2017, Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, Education Act, Endangered Species Act, 2007, Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, Labour Relations Act, 1995, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017, Municipal Act, 2001, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Planning Act, Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.**

**Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That Grey County oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and**

**Be it further resolved that Grey County call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and**

**Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**

**Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

Carried

## Items for Direction and Discussion

### FR-CW-13-19 Provincial Budget – Impact on Funding for County of Grey

*CW117-19* Moved by: Councillor Dobreen                      Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That Report FR-CW-13-19 be received for information; and**

**That upon receiving more complete information from the Province on program funding levels and service guidelines impacting the County's 2019 approved budget and the 2020 budget, that staff prepare a further report, including recommendations to address changes to funding and/or service delivery, for consideration.**

Carried

## FR-CW-12-19 Health Care Funding

Moved by: Councillor Bartnicki

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That Report FR-CW-12-19 regarding Health Care Funding be received; and**

**That Council provide direction to staff on the development of a healthcare capital policy and the appropriate level of funding to help guide future healthcare capital funding requests; and**

**That Council provide staff with direction on the funding requests for the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and the Grey Bruce Health Services MRI replacement.**

### *Amendment*

CW118-19

Moved by: Councillor Bartnicki

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That the following clauses be added to the resolution: “That Council appoint an ad-hoc Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Committee to develop a policy for Health Care Spending to include:**

- 1. The Grey County Health Care levy**
- 2. Maximum annual reserve contribution**
- 3. Funding criteria; and**

**That the Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Committee bring a recommendation before Council regarding current requests for funding including but not limited to Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, Grey Bruce Health Services request regarding the MRI, and support for physician recruiting and retention not to exceed the current in year budget of \$277,300.”**

Carried

### *Main Motion as Amended*

CW119-19

Moved by: Councillor Bartnicki

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That Report FR-CW-12-19 regarding Health Care Funding be received; and**

**That Council provide direction to staff on the development of a healthcare capital policy and the appropriate level of funding to help guide future healthcare capital funding requests; and**

**That Council provide staff with direction on the funding requests for the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and the Grey Bruce Health Services MRI replacement; and**

**That Council appoint an ad-hoc Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Committee to develop a policy for Health Care Spending to include:**

1. The Grey County Health Care levy
2. Maximum annual reserve contribution
3. Funding criteria; and

**That the Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Committee bring a recommendation before Council regarding current requests for funding including but not limited to Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, Grey Bruce Health Services request regarding the MRI, and support for physician recruiting and retention not to exceed the current in year budget of \$277,300.**

Carried

The Committee recessed and then reconvened.

## **PDR-CW-24-19 Grey County Comments on Bill 108**

*CW120-19* Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That Report PDR-CW-24-19 regarding an overview of the ‘*Bill 108: More Homes, More Choices Act*’ be received; and**

**That Report PDR-CW-24-19 be forwarded onto the Province of Ontario as the County of Grey’s comments on the proposed legislation posted on the Environmental Registry through postings # 019-0016, 019-0017, and 019-0021; and**

**That the Report be shared with member municipalities and conservation authorities having jurisdiction within Grey County; and**

**That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6(b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.**

Carried

## **PDR-CW-25-19 Recolour Grey – Draft Provincial Modifications**

*CW121-19* Moved by: Councillor Bartnicki Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

**That Report PDR-CW-25-19 be received which provides a summary of the draft modifications proposed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs; and**

**That staff be directed to provide the comments outlined in the attached ‘Appendix A – Recolour Grey Provincial Modifications Chart’ to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff for their consideration prior to issuing a final decision; and**

**That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.**

Carried

## HDR-CW-06-19 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Year in Review

CW122-19 Moved by: Councillor Dobreen Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

**That report HDR-CW-06-19 Grey County Housing and Homelessness Plan – 2018 Annual Report be received.**

Carried

## HDR-CW-07-19 Ontario's Community Housing Renewal Strategy

CW123-19 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

**That report HDR-CW-07-19 pertaining to Ontario's Community Housing Renewal Strategy be received.**

Carried

## PDR-CW-27-19 Power Transmission Line and Crossing Agreement on the CP Rail Trail - Chatsworth

CW124-19 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

**That Report PDR-CW-27-19 regarding the development of an agreement with Egerton Solar Power LP (directed by its General Partner, MPI FIT 4 Inc.) for the purposes of allowing a portion of the County's CP Rail Trail to be utilized for a power transmission line and driveway crossing, to support the neighbouring solar power facility be endorsed; and**

**That a by-law to adopt the Agreement be prepared for consideration by County Council.**

Carried

## FR-CW-14-19 2018 Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement

CW125-19 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Bartnicki

**That Report FR-CW-14-19 regarding the 2018 Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement be received; and**

**That Council accepts the Treasurer's declaration that the County is in compliance with the reporting requirements of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* and any additional reporting requirements identified by the *Smart Growth for our Communities Act, 2015 (Bill 73)*; and**

**That Report FR-CW-14-19 and related attachments be made available on the County's website or upon request.**

Carried



## Ontario Good Roads Association Correspondence dated April 29, 2019

CW126-19    Moved by: Councillor Milne                      Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**That the Ontario Good Roads Association correspondence dated April 29, 2019 regarding the organizing of an annual Combined Conference with the Rural Ontario Municipal Association be received for information.**

Carried

## Other Business

There was no other business.

## Notice of Motion

There was no notice of motion.

## Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Thompson and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:28 PM to the call of the Chair.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk