 Committee Minutes

# Corporate Services CommitteeJuly 23, 2013 – 10:00 AM

The Corporate Services Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

**Present: Chair Bob Pringle; Councillors Dwight Burley, Paul McQueen, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Arlene Wright, Norman Jack and Kevin Eccles; and Warden Duncan McKinlay**

**Staff**

**Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Manager and Kathie Nunno, Recording Secretary**

## Call to Order

Chair Pringle called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Minutes of Meetings

*Space Needs Task Force minutes dated June 25, 2013*

The Space Needs Task Force minutes were reviewed. It was noted that a design schedule with estimated costs will be presented to Council fall 2013.

*CS65-13* Moved by: Warden McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Wright

**THAT the minutes of the Space Needs Task Force dated June 25, 2013 be approved as presented.**

 Carried

*Owen Sound Georgian College Campus Community Advisory Committee minutes dated June 20, 2013*

The Owen Sound Georgian College Campus Community Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed.

*CS66-13* Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor White

**THAT the minutes of the Owen Sound Georgian College Campus Community Advisory Committee Minutes dated June 20, 2013 be received.**

 Carried

## Business Arising from the Minutes

*Corporate Services Committee minutes dated June 25, 2013*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on July 2, 2013.

Recommendations from the Council Remuneration Committee regarding remuneration and alternate members were discussed. It was noted that one member has resigned from the Committee. Staff confirmed that work is underway to follow the direction approved by Council and a report will be presented at the August 13, 2013 Corporate Services Committee meeting regarding alternate member attendance.

Kevin Weppler introduced Doug Johnstone, a chartered accountant who has joined Grey County as a Financial Analyst in the Finance Department. Chair Pringle welcomed Mr. Johnstone on behalf of the committee.

## Reports – Finance

*FR-CS-23-13 Grey Bruce Health Services Request for Funding*

Kevin Weppler presented the above-noted report and resolution for consideration regarding a request from Grey Bruce Health Services to support cancer and cardiac care.

Grey Bruce Health Services’ distribution of the funding requested was discussed. A suggestion was made to specify the allocation of the County’s contribution. Staff clarified the various components of the campaign including the regional cancer campaign, operating room upgrades in Owen Sound, cardiology system in Owen Sound and other hospital site upgrades. Of the $6.2 million dollars requested through this campaign, $3.7 million pertains to cancer care and $900,000 is directed to cardiology. Staff confirmed that funds to the campaign may be designated to specific components of the initiative.

*CS67-13* Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**WHEREAS Grey Bruce Health Services has requested Grey County’s financial contribution of $1,000,000 in support of “The Hospital Campaign” embarked to raise funds to improve cancer and heart care in the region;**

**AND WHEREAS the benefits of supporting “The Hospital Campaign” include continued quality care at the various hospitals, quality of life for residents as well as social and economic benefits;**

**AND WHEREAS County’s Strategic Plan identifies the County’s Goals to work cooperatively with local partners to improve access to health care services and expand the prosperity base of the County;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County Council has previously approved funding contributions towards capital construction projects of hospitals;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County Council has previously approved that the maximum amount available towards capital construction projects of hospitals be a maximum amount available through the application of Resolution FP146-05, being ½ of 1% of own tax levy;**

**AND WHEREAS the 2013 budget contained the 5th installment of an annual contribution of $100,000 being set aside in a County reserve towards the funding of a capital grant of land and money in the total amount of $1,000,000 for the Centre Grey Hospital Campaign;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report FR-CS-23-13 regarding the request of a $1,000,000 commitment over five years from the Grey Bruce Health Services for its “The Hospital Campaign” to improve cancer and heart care in the region be received;**

**AND THAT the amount of $254,610, being ½ of 1% of own tax levy, be considered in the 2014 budget deliberations;**

**AND FURTHER THAT from this budgeted amount along with the allocation of funding from the County’s Health Care Initiative Reserve and/or the County’s One Time Funding Reserve, as required, a capital grant of $1,000,000 be provided to the Grey Bruce Health Services to fund the regional expenditures of this campaign and that this be paid over a period of five years.**

 Carried

Chair Pringle declared a short recess following which the meeting resumed.

*FR-CS-24-13 Draft Corporate Summery 2014-2018 Five Year Capital Forecast*

Kevin Weppler presented the above report detailing estimated future capital funding requirements and needs. Discussion ensued.

*CS68-13* Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**THAT Report FR-CS-24-13 regarding the Five Year Capital and Extra-Ordinary Expenditures Forecast for 2014-2018 be received;**

**AND THAT the corporate budget package of the Five Year Capital and Extra-Ordinary Expenditures Forecast for 2014-2018 be forwarded to the August 6, 2013 session of County Council for consideration;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the First Year of the 2014-2018 Capital Forecast be included in the County’s 2014 Budget for consideration by County Council and that it be used for planning purposes for the 2014 Budget;**

**AND FINALLY THAT as per the County’s Purchasing Procedures, staff be authorized to procure up to 50% of gross expenditures contained in the first year of the current Five Year Capital and Extra-Ordinary Expenditures Forecast, prior to the annual budget being approved, once Council has authorized these expenditures being procured via resolution.**

 Carried

## Reports – Information Technology

*ITR-CS-10-13 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Photocopier Purchase*

Geoff Hogan presented the above report identifying the need for the purchase of two photocopiers. Discussion ensued regarding moving toward a paperless environment although it was noted that the Province has certain requirements for services such as EMS.

*CS69-13* Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor White

**WHEREAS the Information Technology (IT) Department is responsible for corporate photocopiers;**

**AND WHEREAS two primary Emergency Medical Services (EMS) bases (Markdale and Owen Sound) require new photocopiers;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report ITR-CS-10-13 be received;**

**AND THAT that two (2) photocopiers be purchased at a cost of $4,980.00 each;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the purchase be funded from the IT Photocopier reserve.**

 Carried

## Quarterly Purchasing Reports

There are no purchasing reports requiring reporting for quarter two of 2013 for the Corporate Services Committee portfolio.

## Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

## Correspondence

*Resolution from the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards dated June 19, 2013*

*CS70-13* Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**THAT the County of Grey support the resolution from the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards in opposition of provincially imposed financial burden on rural municipal ratepayers for subsidization of the GTA transit system.**

 Carried

*Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario – OMERS Update June 28, 2013 – Necessary OMERS Benefit Reductions Fail to Pass*

*CS71-13* Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Jack

**THAT the correspondence from the Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario regarding OMERS Pension Reduction Fail to Pass update be received.**

 Carried

*Ministry of Labour – Interest Arbitration in the Public Sector dated July 4, 2013*

Warden McKinlay expressed that as chair of the Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus, he will compose a letter expressing disappointment with the Ministry’s response and provide a copy of the letter to Grey County Council.

*CS72-13* Moved by: Warden McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

**THAT the Warden respond to correspondence from the Ministry of Labour regarding interest arbitration in the public sector to express disappointment in the communication and request assurance that this will be a priority in the fall session of the legislature.**

 Carried

## Other Business

There was none.

## Next Meeting Dates

**August 13, 2013 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Burley, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

 Bob Pringle, Chair