

Council

April 23, 2020

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 9:30 AM through electronic means. The Clerk called Council to order and Warden Paul McQueen assumed the Chair. Warden McQueen recognized the victims of the tragic shooting in Nova Scotia over the past weekend.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members participating.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator were also participating.

The following staff members were also participating:

Kevin Weppler, Director of Corporate Services; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture; Grant McLevy, Senior Manager of Human Resources; and Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Delegation

David White on behalf of Walker Aggregates Inc. – County Quarry Land Exchange

David White participated in the meeting on behalf of Walker Aggregates to address Council on the proposed county quarry land exchange. Mr. White noted that the County is leaving over \$1,000,000 on the table and this excludes any value associated with changing the licence to extraction below the water table.

Mr. White noted that representatives of Sutherlands met with staff to discuss aggregate extraction licensing, rehabilitation, valuation, and licensing surrender requirements and also provided a draft extraction lease agreement to work with. Sutherlands was under the impression it would have the opportunity to participate in a public process. Mr. White expressed concern that at a later point in the process, the County no longer responded to communications about the County owned quarry. Further, Sutherlands had purchased land beside the County owned quarry in preparation of making a very competitive bid.

Mr. White suggested that the two transactions associated with the land exchange should be separated. The valuations that the County is relying on have not been verified and there is a huge range in values. Mr. White further suggested that the County does not require the extra land that it is proposing to purchase and is purchasing it without knowing what is going to be done with it.

Mr. White noted that Walker Aggregates is prepared to donate sufficient land on the 1st Concession for the Rockwood Terrace redevelopment. He noted that there would be planning work that would need to be undertaken to bring it within the settlement boundary for Durham. The County could acquire land for free and still have an asset to dispose of.

He noted that Sutherlands was in a position to make a competitive bid for the County owned quarry. He expressed concern that Grey County has not treated Sutherlands fairly and is not acting in the public's interest or in good faith. Mr. White is requesting that Council refer the by-law back to staff to undertake a public process to dispose of the quarry lands.

Mr. White addressed questions from Council regarding the valuation of the properties and the correspondence that was undertaken with staff about the quarry lease.

Adoption of Minutes

CC45-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated April 9, 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented.

Carried

CC46-20 Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That the Committee of the Whole closed meeting minutes dated April 9, 2020 be adopted as provided to County Council.

Carried

CC47-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That the Long-Term Care Committee of Management minutes dated April 9, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

By-Laws

CC48-20 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That By-Law 5082-20 be introduced and that it be taken as read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law book.

5082-20 A By-law to Authorize the Disposition of the County-owned Quarry and Enter into a Land Exchange Agreement for Long-Term Care Redevelopment

CC49-20 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That County Council does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended regarding:

- i. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose**
- ii. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 10:06 AM.

Council rose from closed session at 10:31 AM.

Councillor Gamble entered the meeting during the closed meeting.

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

Resolution CC48-20 and By-law 5082-20 was then voted on and Carried.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors O'Leary and Robinson, Council adjourned at 10:46 AM to the call of the Warden.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk