

Council

June 10, 2021

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 Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

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

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

The following staff members were in attendance:

Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; 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; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Jennifer Moreau, Director of Human Resources; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology; and Olivia Yale, Communications Officer.

Land Acknowledgement

Warden Hicks read the land acknowledgement statement.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC49-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated May 27, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.

Carried

CC50-21 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That the Board of Health minutes dated April 23, 2021, the Board of

Health Special Meeting minutes dated April 28, 2021 and May 12, 2021 and the Board of Health Executive meeting minutes dated May 7, 2021 and May 10, 2021 be received for information.

Carried

Councillors Potter and Boddy entered the meeting during the Board of Health update.

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Robinson shared that the Province announced natural gas expansion to Neustadt.

Councillor Mackey congratulated and acknowledged Chatsworth native and athlete, Bayleigh Hooper. Hooper and the rest of her crew are preparing to travel to Tokyo for the Paralympic Summer Games at the end of August after winning the final at the World Rowing's Paralympic Qualification Regatta in Italy.

Councillor Soever announced that July 3rd will be the second annual drive-through Lobsterfest at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. All proceeds go to The Town of The Blue Mountains Grants and Donations Committee. The proceeds of wine sales will be going to the Royal Canadian Legion, Clarksburg.

Hindle's Clarksburg Hardware, an old-style hardware store, is celebrating their 50th anniversary in business.

Councillor Clumpus showed the National Municipal Innovation Award that the Municipality of Meaford received for their "Report A Concern" Website Portal. The portal monitors and tracks customers' concerns.

Councillor Boddy announced that June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. The naming of the newly constructed bridge on 10th Street and a dedication ceremony at the bridge will occur that day. The new name for Owen Sound's 10th Street bridge is Gitche Namewikwedong.

Councillor Desai remarked that although not good news or celebration, there was a need to acknowledge the 215 lives British Columbia and the four lives in London, Ontario, taken due to differences in culture. He noted that although the finding appropriate words is often difficult, Councillor Desai acknowledged that silence in the face of injustice is complacency. Even though it's hard to know what to say, we need to do a better job of speaking for the underserved and underrepresented.

CAO Wingrove called on staff members to report on various good news and celebrations

Kevin McNab spoke about the food drive initiative that the Grey County Paramedics held during the recent paramedics' week. This year, \$7697 was raised.

Jody MacEachern advised that Grey County's Information Technology (IT) Department were awarded an excellence award at the recent Municipal Information Systems Association (MISA) conference for Municipal 511, a web-based GIS application for managing and communicating issues on the road network. Grey County IT staff have been leaders in this initiative. Data is feeding into InterDev's database which is available to paramedics live in their trucks. This allows paramedics to adjust their routes and/or be more aware of what is happening on the ground. CAO Wingrove congratulated Jody MacEachern on his appointment to the MISA board.

CAO Wingrove recognized and celebrated the contribution of Mr. Bob Alexander, who was a dedicated volunteer at Grey Roots Museum & Archives for over 30 years. He had several terms as chair of the Grey Roots Museum board. Among his top achievements, Mr. Alexander was instrumental in the creation, development, and interpretation of the Bluewater garage, and was supportive of Grey Roots' efforts to honour local veterans. Mr. Alexander was honoured with a 2015 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for lifetime achievement and the Owen Sound cultural award for volunteer of the year among others. Mr. Alexander was wonderful with all the students who came to Grey Roots to help them to learn and understand their history. Grey Roots and all Grey County have benefited immensely from Bob's generosity of spirit, unwavering dedication, and profound knowledge. We are all better for having known him and the sadness we feel at his loss is only a measure of his greatness.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Milne and Burley, Council adjourned at 10:06 AM to the call of the Warden.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk