

Council

October 8, 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 Deputy Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members participating except Councillors Gamble and Keaveney. Alternate Councillor Ross Kentner was participating on behalf of Councillor Keaveney.

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

The following staff members were participating:

Kevin Wepler, 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; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; 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.

Dr. Arra was also in attendance to update Council on Board of Health matters.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC78-20 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated September 24, 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented.

Carried

CC79-20 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the Long-Term Care Committee of Management minutes dated September 22, 2020 and the following resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented:

- i. That LTCR-CM-25-20 Long-Term Care Operational Report to the Committee of Management for the period of June 15, 2020 – August 14, 2020 be received for information.**
- ii. That report LTCR-CM-26-20 regarding the Provincial Long-Term Care Funding Announcement and Impacts be received for information.**
- iii. That report LTCR-CM-27-20 regarding a Long-Term Care COVID-19 Status Update be received for information; and That Infection Prevention and Control resources be included in the 2021 Long Term Care Budget for Council’s consideration.**
- iv. That staff be directed to retain a consultant to provide an assessment report of housing build options for the Durham property, including initial capital and estimated long-term operating requirements; and That the consultant costs not exceed \$75,000 and be funded from the Redevelopment Reserve Fund**

Carried

CC80-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That the CAO Performance Evaluation Committee minutes dated September 24, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

CC81-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Potter

That the Committee of the Whole closed meeting minutes dated September 24, 2020 and the Committee of Management closed meeting minutes dated September 22, 2020 be adopted as provided to County Council.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There was no closed meeting held.

Reports

Board of Health

CC82-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That the Board Report dated September 2020 and the Board of Health minutes dated August 28, 2020 be received for information.

Carried

Delegation – Councillor Sidney Nadjiwon, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Chief Lester Anoquot, Saugeen First Nation

Councillor Sidney Nadjiwon and Chief Lester Anoquot addressed Council on the land settlement between Grey County and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). The settlement offer from Grey County was acknowledged and the benefit of moving forward together in the spirit of cooperation was noted. SON looks forward to working collaboratively in the future. This is a historical event in cooperation and reconciliation.

Deputy Warden Hicks noted the significance of the day and thanked both Chief Anoquot and Councillor Nadjiwon for attending today's meeting.

By-Laws

CC83-20 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That By-Laws 5095-20 and 5096-20 be introduced and that they 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.

5095-20 A By-law to Implement a Litigation Settlement with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) and the Authorize the Transfer of Certain Lands to SON

5096-20 A By-law to Amend Schedules N, O, P and U of By-law 4788-13, being a By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the Grey County Roads System

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Mackey noted that the Chatsworth arenas are scheduled to be open shortly.

Councillor Desai noted that the Flesherton arena will be opening soon as well. The Municipality is looking to move to a hybrid approach to Council in November. Councillor Desai further updated Council on business activities in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Councillor Clumpus noted that the virtual Meaford International Film Festival (MIFF) begins tonight. There will be a soft grand opening for the new library on October 24th.

Councillor Kentner noted that the community has raised over \$800,000 locally in support of the new Meaford library, surpassing its goal.

Councillor Boddy noted that the Toronto Star has done a write up on Emily Kewageshig, a local artist whose work is on display at Tom Thomson Art Gallery. An article was also published on Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr. Arra, and the efforts of the Grey Bruce Health Unit's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Councillor Boddy further noted that the fish are jumping in the Sydenham River. Concerts are happening from Wednesday-Friday at the renewed Owen Sound Farmer's Market. There is also a significant amount of building occurring in the City.

Councillor Woodbury noted that the Township is running out of industrial lands. There is a lot of development going on in the area.

Councillor Soever noted that The Blue Mountain Village Association Golf Tournament raised \$46,000 for the Blue Mountain Village Foundation. The Association has announced there will be both a fall and spring grant program targeted towards organizations that need Covid relief. Further, the Senior's Centre Without Walls Program has been launched. It is a free telephone-based activity and information program that is available to seniors with access to a phone but not a computer. It is designed to address the isolation that is imposed by Covid restrictions and a way to keep seniors connected and active in the community. The South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre received a \$75,000 grant from FedDev Ontario for its digital mainstream program.

Councillor Potter noted that Bruce Street Technologies applied under the Province's Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) program and are working in partnership with local apple growers on an irrigation project. This project will deliver irrigation to new apple farms and will extend fibre optic cable and broadband.

Councillor Robinson noted that Grey County Transit Route 6 along Grey Road 4 from Flesherton to Walkerton was launched on October 5th, complete with an inaugural transit ride. She noted that transit is available for Grey County residents. West Grey is

hosting a drive through Hallowe'en party. It was further noted that West Grey and Grey Highlands recently held a joint Council meeting with respect to Rural Economic Development (RED) funding and the social enterprise initiative. This week is also fire prevention week.

Councillor Hicks thanked County staff for their efforts during a recent fire in Hanover that affected many individuals. Supports and resources from Grey County to the affected individuals came very quickly.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Burley and Hutchinson, Council adjourned at 10:17 AM to the call of the Warden.

Selwyn Hicks, Deputy Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk