

Committee of the Whole

January 28, 2021

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:00 AM through electronic means. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Good News and Celebrations

It was noted that Good News and Celebrations was missed during County Council and with Council's permission it was included here.

Councillor Soever noted that the Blue Mountain Village Association is issuing an early intake of one of its grant programs, which is directed towards smaller organizations who may be struggling with funding. The application opens this week and it is a good opportunity for these organizations to top up their funding.

Councillor Keaveney noted that the Municipality of Meaford recently hosted a public meeting for the former Knight Flooring Company property. The development involves proposed apartments and townhomes overlooking Georgian Bay, as well as a hotel.

Delegations

Twan Peeters, CEO/President – Eh!tel - Update on Eh!tel's SWIFT Project

Mr. Peeters provided an overview of Eh!tel and an update on the organization's SWIFT project. The mandate has been and continues to be to improve connectivity to rural residents.

The upcoming project is focused in Southgate and West Grey with an anticipated completion of December 2021. The project will see 145 km of fibre installed with the first services starting in May 2021 with the rest to follow shortly after. 700 premises will be served with 50/10 wireless.

He provided an overview of SWIFT coverage map.

Eh!Tel is also committed to fibre expansion on its own budget. More fibre will be coming in the future.

It's an open access network and people will be able to connect at any point.

There are requirements from SWIFT to connect as many homes as possible for the least amount of money and the network is designed to expand into other areas.

Councillor Potter noted that the Town of the Blue Mountains is in the midst of planning a public meeting on February 16, 2021 at 3:30 PM for residents to see what is available in terms of high speed internet. For further information, contact Councillor Potter.

Jon Farmer, Coordinator - Violence Prevention Grey Bruce - Update on the Snapshot Initiative – Trends, Lessons and Implications

Jon Farmer attended County Council to update the Committee on the Snapshot Initiative by Violence Prevention Grey Bruce.

He provided an overview of Violence Prevention Grey Bruce, whose goal is to bring the various sectors working to prevent gender based violence together. Gender based violence includes all violence that is motivated because of gender or sex.

Mr. Farmer provided an update on recent activities and events, including a recent anti human trafficking event.

Mr. Farmer reviewed relevant statistics and it was noted that the incidences of violence have been increasing during the pandemic.

He then reviewed how municipalities can support violence prevention and what Grey County has been doing to assist in this regard.

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 – Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force minutes dated January 11, 2021 and January 15, 2021; c – SWIFT Project Update and Monthly Dashboard; e – Letter of Support for Blue Mountain Resort Village Association and Snow Resorts Association of Ontario Reopening Guidelines

Consent Agenda

CW25-21 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

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 Climate Change Task Force minutes dated January 7, 2021 be adopted as presented.**

- ii. **That the County of Grey prepare a letter of support for Xplornet's application to the Federal Universal Broadband Fund which will support high speed internet projects in Grey County.**
- iii. **That Report PSR-CW-01-21 regarding paramedic winter coat donation be received; and**
That staff be directed to donate coats to individuals in need through Grey County charitable organizations.
- iv. **That Report HRR-CW-01-21 regarding Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) Insurance be received; and**
That the Chubb Insurance Company of Canada Policy for excess indemnity insurance through Marsh Canada Limited at a premium of \$216,164.16 be approved for 2021.
- v. **That Report HRR-CW-02-21 regarding the 2021 employee group benefit program renewal be received; and**
That the insurance policy with Sun Life Financial be renewed for the period of January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 at the proposed premium level.

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

EDTC-CW-03-21 Clean Energy Frontier Program

CW26-21 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That Report EDTC-CW-03-21 regarding the Clean Energy Frontier Program be received; and

That Grey County join Ontario's Clean Energy Frontier Program; and

That staff bring forward regular updates for approval on the direction, tactics and messaging from the Program to ensure Council's ongoing support.

Carried

PSR-CW-02-21 Ambulance Service Review Final Report

CW27-21 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Potter

That Report PSR-CW-02-21 regarding ambulance service review results be received for information.

Carried

PSR-CW-03-21 Grey County Community Paramedic Program Expansion

CW28-21 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That Report PSR-CW-03-21 regarding the Grey County Community Paramedic Program expansion (CPLTC) be received for information.

Carried

Addendum to CCR-CW-17-19 Updated Code of Conduct

CW29-21 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That Addendum to Report CCR-CW-17-19 regarding the updated Code of Conduct for Members of Council be received; and

That the updated Code of Conduct for Grey County Council be endorsed, and a by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Carried

PDR-CW-07-21 Development Charges Steering Committee Terms of Reference

CW30-21 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That Report PDR-CW-07-21 regarding the Terms of Reference for the Development Charges Steering Committee be received; and

That the Terms of Reference be endorsed as presented; and

That the following Members be appointed to the Development Charges Steering Committee:

- **Councillors Carleton, Keaveney, Woodbury and Soever**
- **Warden Hicks**

Carried

HDR-CW-02-21 Loan Agreement Owen Sound Housing Company

CC16-21 on February 11, 2021 amended CW31-21 as follows:

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Discussion meeting minutes dated January 29, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented; and

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting dated January 28, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as amended, with the third clause of Resolution CW31-21 being amended by striking out “which agreement shall include the registration of a charge against the project and the provision of other security to the County to secure its repayment”.

CW31-21 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That Report HDR-CW-02-21 be received and that financial assistance be granted to Owen Sound Housing Company for the further development of the “Odawa Heights” units located at 2239 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound by way of a short term loan in the amount of \$4,000,000 for a two-year term with an interest payable at an annual rate of 2.00%; and

That resolution CW101-20 be rescinded due to a change in loan amount of \$3,250,000 for a maximum of a one-year term with an interest payable at an annual rate of 2.00% resulting from an increase in construction costs; and

That an agreement be prepared between the Owen Sound Housing Company Limited and Grey County in respect of this loan, which agreement shall include the registration of a charge against the project and the provision of other security to the County to secure its repayment; and

That a by-law be brought forward for County Council’s consideration.

Carried

Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force minutes dated January 11, 2021 and January 15, 2021

CW32-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That the minutes of the Hanover – Owen Sound Task Force meetings dated January 11, 2021 and January 15, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

SWIFT Project Update and Monthly Dashboard

CW33-21 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That the correspondence from SWIFT regarding a Project Update and the Monthly Dashboard be received for information.

Carried

Letter of Support for Blue Mountain Resort Village Association and the Snow Resorts Association of Ontario – Proposed Reopening Guidelines

CW34-21

Moved by: Councillor Soever

Seconded by: Councillor Potter

That the County of Grey prepare a letter of support for Blue Mountain Resort Village Association and the Snow Resorts Association of Ontario's proposed reopening guidelines to ensure a safe reopening of ski resorts once the stay at home order is lifted.

Carried

Other Business

There was no other business.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Potter, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:52 AM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk