



Corporation of the County of Grey County Council Minutes

County Council Minutes April 3, 2012

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building. The County Clerk called Council to order and Warden Duncan McKinlay assumed the Chair.

The Warden invited members of Council to join him in prayer or observe a moment of silent reflection.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillors Fitzgerald and Richardson.

Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer, Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services and Heather Morrison Deputy Clerk/Records Manager were also in attendance.

The following staff members were in attendance for the presentation of their respective reports:

Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long Term Care; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development; Mike Muir, Director of Emergency Management Services and Sandra Shipley, Human Resources Manager.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

THAT the minutes of the March 6, 2012 Session of Grey County Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

Communications and Correspondence

The Clerk presented correspondence and recommendations for its disposition as follows:

- City of Kingston regarding the Government of Canada adopt a transparent public process regarding the Canadian-European Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement
- The Blue Mountains regarding a request to the Province to review the accreditation of aqueous film-forming foam for fire suppression
- Note of thanks:
 - Grey County Federation of Agriculture for support of public speaking competition
 - Congratulations from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for completion of mandatory emergency management program elements

Received for information

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the disposition of Council correspondence as recommended by the Clerk be approved.

Carried

Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion was given by Councillor Wright regarding support for a residential hospice in the Grey Bruce area.

Presentation and Adoption of Reports

Board of Health

Council considered the minutes of the Board of Health and the Report of the Board.

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Councillor Jack

THAT the minutes of the Board of Health dated February 17, 2012 and the Report to the Board dated March 16, 2012 be received.

Carried

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

Council considered the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated March 22, 2012 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Planning and Community Development Committee

Council considered the minutes of the Planning and Community Development Committee.

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the minutes of the Planning and Community Development Committee dated March 20, 2012 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Council recessed briefly and reconvened with Warden McKinlay in the Chair.

Governance Task Force

Council considered the minutes of the Governance Task Force.

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

THAT the minutes of the Governance Task Force dated March 6, 2012 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Social Services Committee

Council considered the minutes of the Social Services Committee.

Councillor Burley declared a pecuniary interest in regards to resolution SSC23-12 surrounding renovations to an accessible unit within a county owned housing unit and left the meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated March 14, 2012 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Councillor Burley re-entered the meeting.

Corporate Services Committee

Council considered the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee.

Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee dated April 3, 2012 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

By-Laws

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT By-Laws 4763-12 to 4764-12 inclusive be introduced and that they be taken as read a first and second time and that Council go into Committee of the Whole on these By-Laws.

Carried

Councillor Bell assumed the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Warden McKinlay Committee arose and Council resumed with Warden McKinlay in the Chair.

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

THAT the following By-Laws as passed in Committee of the Whole be taken as read for a 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.

4763-12 A By-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute a funding and service agreement between the Corporation of the County of Grey and the Minister of Education for the provision of child care services

4764-12 A By-law to adopt amendment No. 102 to the County of Grey Official Plan affecting lands described as part of lots 33 and 34, Concession 2 East of the Garafraxa Road (EGR), Township of Southgate (Geographic Township of Egremont)

Carried

Motion to Introduce

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

Whereas the residents of Grey and Bruce counties are entitled access to a range of End of Life care services similar to those available in other communities, and committed to the region by the Ontario government;

AND WHEREAS in 2003, Grey Bruce Regional Health Services made a decision to close six palliative care beds at the Owen Sound hospital site, affecting access to End of Life care services for patients in Grey and Bruce Counties;

AND WHEREAS in response to that decision and as part of a province wide announcement to ensure End of Life care services remained available to patients in the community, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care in 2005, invited the region of Bruce-Grey to initiate planning for a free standing residential hospice;

AND WHEREAS at the time of the announcement, annualized funding was committed to the project and was immediately provided to the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) serving the South West region including Grey and Bruce until such time as a residential hospice became operational;

AND WHEREAS for the past seven years funding has continued to be provided to the CCAC as no plan for a residential hospice has been submitted;

AND WHEREAS for the past seven years those funds have not been used to directly fund improved End of Life services in Bruce and Grey counties;

AND WHEREAS for the past seven years, no consensus has been reached on a free standing residential hospice due in part to a lack of community, patient and physician consultation;

AND WHEREAS because there has been no consensus, the South West Local Health Integration Network is considering repurposing the funds committed to the free standing residential hospice;

AND WHEREAS a Board of 12 directors representing Grey and Bruce counties with experience in End of Life care has come forward and initiated planning for a ten (10) bed residential hospice combined with outreach services;

AND WHEREAS the Board is committed to repatriating the funds committed by the Ontario government, allocated for the operation of a free standing residential hospice, and currently not being utilized for their intended purposes in Grey and Bruce counties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grey County Council supports in principle, the initiative of the Board to establish and operate a non-profit residential hospice to be sited in Grey-Bruce, and urges the South West Local Health Integration Network to honour the commitment and funding for a residential hospice for Grey-Bruce by supporting the work of this Board and requesting the submission of a formal plan as intended.

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Council was apprised of good news and celebrations occurring within the County.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor McQueen, Council adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to the call of the Warden.

Council closed with the signing of O Canada.

Duncan McKinlay, Warden

Sharon Vokes, County Clerk