
October 7, 2014

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:00 AM at the County Administration Building. The County Clerk called Council to order and Warden Brian Milne 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.

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; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long Term Care; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development and Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Hazel Lynn was also in attendance.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC129-14 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the minutes of the September 2, 2014 Session of Grey County Council be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Communications and Correspondence

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

- City of Kingston regarding training and role of Crown Attorneys
- Letter for Response from the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Foods regarding Wild Chervil
- Letter Confirming approval of Truvist for control of Wild Chervil from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Letter of congratulations from AMCTO recognizing Kathryn MacMurdo's 20 years of membership
- Letter from Grey Bruce Health Services regarding Markdale Hospital
- Note of thanks:
 - For expression of sympathy-Heather Morrison (Clerks) passing of mother-in-law
 - To Lystek for the tour provided in September, 2014

Received for information

CC130-14 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor Bell

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

Carried

Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion was given by Councillor Burley noting a potential motion related to the presentation on Rural Transportation Study. Councillor McKinlay provided a notice of motion related to rural broadband.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

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Forestry Video Launch

Sarah Morrison, Intermediate Planner, Grey County attended the session to launch the video series “Our Forest” created by OSC Media which spotlights Grey County Forests in three separate videos: sustainable forest management, recreational opportunities and landowner involvement in forest management.

The videos were shown to County Council and will be launched on the Grey County YouTube site as well as other social media platforms over the next several days.

Presentation and Adoption of Reports

Board of Health

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

CC131-14 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

THAT the minutes of the Board of Health dated August 22, 2014 and the Report to the Board dated September, 2014 be received.

Carried

Corporate Services Committee

Council considered the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee.

CC132-14 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee dated September 9, 2014 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

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

CC133-14 Moved by: Councillor Jack Seconded by: Councillor Wright

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated September 18, 2014 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.

CC134-14 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

THAT the last clause of resolution SSC64-14 regarding the Investment in Affordable Housing 2014 Extension Agreement and Program Delivery Plan be amended to delete “approved to be expensed in 2014” and add “be received and expensed as per the Municipal Funding Agreement.”

Carried

CC135-14 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated September 10, 2014 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as amended and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Planning and Community Development Committee

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

CC136-14 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT the minutes of the Planning and Community Development Committee dated September 16, 2014 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

By-Laws

CC137-14 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT By-Laws 4866-14 and 4871-14 to 4874-14 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 Barfoot assumed the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Councillor Jack, Committee arose and Council resumed with Warden Milne in the Chair.

138-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor White

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.

4866-14 A By-law to amend By-law 4765-12 being a by-law to establish procedures governing the sale and acquisition of land

4871-14 A By-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute a municipal funding agreement between the Corporation of the County of Grey and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Investment in Affordable Housing Program 2014 Extension.

4872-14 A By-law to regulate smoking in or near municipal property in the County of Grey

4873-14 A By-law to adopt Amendment No. 98 to the County of Grey Official Plan affecting lands described as Lot 45, Concession 3, South of the Durham Road (Geographic Township of Glenelg) Municipality of West Grey

4874-14 A By-law to amend Schedule "O" of By-law 4788-13 being a by-law to regulate traffic and parking on highways within the Grey County road system

Carried

Business on Motion

CC139-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS Industry Canada has proposed changes affecting rural internet service in the *Consultation on Public Policy Changes in the 3500 MHz band (3475-3650 MHz) and a New Licensing Process in Rural Areas, DGSO-003-14* ("Consultation Paper"), dated August 19, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the proposed reclassification of the licensed areas would designate vast rural areas as “urban” areas resulting in all “urban” licenses being taken away from rural internet service providers (ISPs) even though the licenses are in use providing service to people today;

AND WHEREAS The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) has reviewed the Consultation Paper and find that any proposal would see a large number of rural Ontarians being designated “urban” and having fixed wireless internet service in their areas shut down and would not benefit “all regions of the country”;

AND WHEREAS ROMA goes on to say that the proposal would sacrifice the current needs of rural communities, take away economic and social benefits of the internet from rural residents and undermine all the hard work that rural areas have done to ensure they connect rural residents to high quality internet services;

AND WHEREAS internet services are critical to the economic vitality of Canada as a nation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Grey support ROMA’s position on the Consultation Paper;

AND THAT Council send a letter urging the Minister of Industry and Industry Canada to reject the flawed proposals in the Consultation Paper and leave the licenses in place for spectrum that are in use today that provides service to Ontarians;

AND FURTHER THAT if the changes contained within the Consultation Paper are implemented that there be an exemption put in place for the currently used licensees that are delivering high speed fixed wireless internet services today from any requirement to depart from this spectrum.

Carried

Other Business

Councillor Fitzgerald brought up concerns related to the Feversham Dome. He noted that the fabric has developed a significant rip in the top by the south vent. Councillor Fitzgerald provided background information on the installation of the fabric roof of the dome and the issues that arose at various times throughout this process.

Director of Transportation Services, Michael Kelly noted that the roof was installed in September, 2014. He stated that staff have expressed concerns to the company involved in the installation and is awaiting contact to discuss these concerns. Mr. Kelly also noted that the engineering report is still pending. Warden Milne noted that staff understands the urgency of the matter and the issues, options and resolutions will be dealt with by staff in a timely manner.

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Rural Coordinated Transportation Project

Mr. Steve Lough, Founding Partner and Mr. Tony Yu, Consultant, Lough Barnes Consulting Group attended County Council to provide an update on the rural coordinated transportation project, including the history of transportation usage, vulnerable groups and recommendations.

Mr. Lough noted that people living in poverty and the youth are not currently well served by rural transportation. Mr. Lough stated that the findings conclude that there is capacity in the current transportation system, there is currently no coordination among service providers and through a coordinated model, service capacity can be cross leveraged and services expanded to serve those who are currently underserved.

The recommendations coming from the study include a single access point for residents requiring transportation services, a collaborative model for service provision, broadening eligibility and joint procurement efforts to realize cost efficiencies. The report also includes a high level implementation plan and preliminary costs associated with the recommendations.

CC140-14 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

WHEREAS Grey County initiated a Rural Transportation Study to investigate rural transportation services currently being offered throughout Grey County and to identify options to enhance and coordinate existing services to residents of Grey County;

AND WHEREAS the consultant hired to complete the study, Lough Barnes Consulting Group, has concluded its review and has provided recommendations, including estimated costs associated with improving rural transportation in Grey County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report prepared by Lough Barnes on rural transportation issues in Grey County be received;

AND THAT Council supports in principle the recommendations contained within the consultant's report;

AND FURTHER THAT staff provide the incoming Council with a report outlining the recommendations and associated implementation costs for consideration and direction.

Carried

New Business

Councillor Anderson provided information to County Council which was included in a newsletter sent out by the Blue Mountains Ratepayers Association related to the amount of funding sent to Grey County and how it is allocated. The newsletter indicated that the amount of funding coming from the Town of the Blue Mountains of 25.8% was covering 70% of the total cost of the construction and maintenance of County roads. Director of Finance Kevin Wepler indicated that those numbers could not be substantiated and in actuality each municipality in Grey County provides its apportionment to each service provided by the County.

CC141-14 Moved by Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT a media release be provided indicating the misinformation distributed and the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association be respectfully requested to retract the misinformation and that accurate information from the County be provided.

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

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

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Pringle, Council adjourned at 12:33 PM to the call of the Warden.

Council closed with the singing of O Canada.

Brian Milne, Warden

Sharon Vokes, County Clerk