

Committee of the Whole

January 12, 2023

Grey County Council met on the above date at the County Administration Building. Warden Milne assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:41 AM with all members present, except for Councillors Kentner and Bordignon. Councillor Bartley attended as an alternate for Councillor Kentner.

Motion to Amend the Agenda

CW12-23 Moved by: Councillor Nielsen Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That the Council of the County of Grey shall receive a delegation that does not relate to a matter listed on the agenda due to the time-sensitive nature of the delegate's topic as per Section 24.10 of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

Carried

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Herb Shields, External Engagement Lead – TC Energy – Ontario Pumped Storage Update

Herb Shields, External Engagement Lead, presented to the Committee regarding the hydro-pumped storage project, which aims to provide an environmentally friendly solution to address gaps and stabilize the energy grid. The delegate reviewed the project needs, objectives, and proposed location in Meaford, Ontario. Herb Shields reported the proposed transmission corridor, consideration of feedback from members of the public, and the construction process. The delegate explained the proposed timeline, described potential economic development benefits, and shared project supporters.

In response to questions from the Committee, the delegate discussed community feedback regarding proposed transmission corridors and confirmed current plans are for a buried cable

bed pending the regulatory process. Herb Shields also described direct benefits, including County infrastructure and road improvements after the construction window, and indirect benefits, such as investments from vendors, suppliers, and employment opportunities. Further, the delegate spoke about the supply mix of Ontario power generation and transmission, the challenges and opportunities to de-carbonize the energy grid, and confirmed additional economic development reports and forecasts would be prepared regarding the project's impact.

Marcelina Salazar, Board Secretary – Eat Local Grey Bruce – Fundraising Campaign

Marcelina Salazar presented to the Committee regarding the fundraising efforts to save Eat Local Grey Bruce from insolvency. The delegate explained factors impacting the cooperative's financial health, including the pandemic and facility relocation. The delegate described the history and growth of the cooperative and shared the cooperative's service through the pandemic to strengthen the food system by connecting residents and producers. The delegate requested consideration for financial support from the County.

In response to questions from the Committee, the delegate confirmed their warehouse is currently located in Meaford and costs \$5,000 per month. The crowdfunding campaign was ongoing until January 25, 2023, and aimed to raise \$115,000. Further, the delegate confirmed their willingness to share past financial statements. The delegates described Eat Local Grey Bruce as a non-profit cooperative serving 50 farms and food businesses and 950 eater households. The delegates reported how wholesalers fill gaps in goods, but that membership consists of local producers and eaters.

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:33 AM.

Consent Agenda

CW13-23 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

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.

- a. **That the correspondence from SWIFT regarding nominations to the board of directors be received for information; and,**

That Warden Milne be appointed on behalf of the County of Grey as a Municipal Director to the Board of SWIFT for a two-year term ending in 2025.

- b. **That the correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario regarding nominations to the AMO board of directors be received for information.**

- c. **That the correspondence from Peter Ferguson regarding a position paper about Talisman and Escarpment lands be received for information.**
- d. **That report FR-CW-02-23 regarding 2022 Housing Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts be received; and**

That the recommended write offs in the amount of \$86,465 as outlined in the report be approved.

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

CSR-CW-01-23 - Transfer Payment Agreement Early Learning and Child Care

CW14-23 Moved by: Councillor Nielsen Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That staff report CSR-CW-01-23 pertaining to the transfer payment agreement for Early Learning and Child Care be received; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement for the 2023 Early Years and Child Care funding with the Ministry of Education; and

That action be taken prior to Council approval as per Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

Carried

CSR-CW-03-23 - Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Contribution Fund Agreement

CW15-23 Moved by: Councillor Greig Seconded by: Councillor Bartley

That staff report CSR-CW-03-23 pertaining to contribution funds through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation for 14th Street Supportive Housing project be received; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation for \$600,000 in National Housing Co Investment Funds/Contribution Fund; and

That action be taken prior to Council approval as per Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

Carried

CSR-CW-04-23 - Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) Funding Agreement

CW16-23 Moved by: Councillor Dickert Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That staff report CSR-CW-04-23 pertaining to contribution funds through the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative for 14th Street Supportive Housing project be received; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the Province for \$505,495 in Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative funding; and

That action be taken prior to Council approval as per Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

Carried

HRR-CW-03-23 - 2023 Workplace Safety Insurance Board Insurance Renewal

CW17-23 Moved by: Councillor Dobreen Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That report HRR-CW-03-23 regarding Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Insurance be received; and

That the Chubb Insurance Company of Canada policy for excess indemnity insurance through Marsh Canada Limited for the period of December 31, 2022, to February 1, 2024, at a premium of \$316,213.20 including provincial sales tax be approved.

Carried

PDR-CW-02-23 - Request to the Municipality of West Grey regarding Off-Road Vehicles By-law Number 20 - 2016

Main Motion – As Outlined in the Staff Report

Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That report PDR-CW-02-23 regarding the Municipality of West Grey Off-Road Vehicles By-law Number 20-2016 be received; and

That staff be directed to request the Municipality of West Grey modify its Off-Road Vehicles By-law Number 20-2016 to prohibit Off-Road Vehicles from traveling down portions of Hamilton Lane, Concession 8, and an unopened road allowance; and

That this report be shared with the Municipality of West Grey as the County's request.

Motion to Defer – Taking Precedence

CW18-23 Moved by: Councillor Greig Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That report PDR-CW-02-23 be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole; pending additional information being prepared by staff regarding stakeholder consultation, possible enforcement measures, and other possible solutions to trail damage.

Carried

TR-CW-01-23 - Capital Purchase Prior to 2023 Budget Approval – Road Construction and Facilities

CW19-23 Moved by: Councillor Nielsen Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

That report TR-CW-01-23 regarding Capital Purchase-Construction Prior to 2023 Budget Approval be received; and

That staff be authorized to issue the tenders for the Grey Road 7 Pulverize and Pave Rehabilitation (2.8 km north of Grey Road 13 to Sideroad 22B), Grey Road 7 Reconstruction (Meaford shared project - Muir Street to Hwy 26), Grey Road 7 Pulverize & Pave Rehabilitation (Grey Road 40 - 4 Sideroad), Grey Road 18 Pulverize & Pave (Grey Road 11 - Grey Road 29), Grey Road 28 (Grey Road 4 to Saugeen River Bridge), Kimberley Salt Dome Replacement, Removal and Replacement of Underground Fuel Storage Tanks at Clarksburg; and

That the tenders be issued prior to 2023 budget approval due to tender constraints in accordance with Sections 3.3 (c), 10.0 and 10.1 f) of the Purchasing Policy.

Carried

PSR-CW-01-23 - Mechanical Compression Device Capital Purchase Before Budget Approval Request

CW20-23 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report PSR-CW-01-23 regarding the pre-budget approval for the capital purchase of Mechanical Compression Devices be received; and

That staff be authorized to procure 11 Mechanical Compression Devices; and

That the procurement begins prior to 2023 budget approval in accordance with Sections 3.3 (c), 10.0 and 10.1 f) of the Purchasing Policy.

Carried

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 1:04 PM.

FR-CW-03-23 - 2023 Budget Overview

Main Motion – As Outlined in the Staff Report

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That report FR-CW-03-23 regarding the 2023 Budget Overview be received;
and**

**That staff be directed to prepare the detailed budget package on the basis
of the overview figures.**

Primary Amendment

CW21-23

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

**That the motion be amended to direct staff to prepare the detailed budget
package on the basis of a total levy increase net of new growth of
\$1,000,000 from \$2,450,000 as was proposed in Report FR-CW-03-23**

Councillor Nielsen requested a recorded vote on the primary amendment

In Favour: Mackey 4, McKay 3, McQueen 6, Dickert 3, Bartley 6, Keaveney 5, Boddy 8, Greig 8,
Eccles 6, Hutchinson 6

Opposed: Carleton 6, Pringle 5, Nielsen 5, Paterson 4, Milne 4, Dobreen 3, Matrosovs 7,

Absent: Bordignon 7

The motion was Carried 55-34.

Main Motion – As Amended

CW22-23

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That report FR-CW-03-23 regarding the 2023 Budget Overview be received;
and**

**That staff be directed to prepare the detailed budget package on the basis
of a levy increase net of new growth of \$1,000,000.**

Carried

CCR-CW-03-23 - Terms of Reference

CW23-23

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**That Report CCR-CW-03-23 regarding Terms of Reference for new
committees and task forces be received; and**

That the following new committees and task forces be established:

- **Community Services Committee**
- **Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee**
- **Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force**

That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for each of these committees and task force as presented and that these Terms of Reference be reviewed and considered by the respective committees/task force at the first meetings of each of them.

Carried

CW24-23 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

That the following appointments be endorsed:

- **Community Services Committee:**
 - Councillor Kentner
 - Councillor Matrosovs
 - Councillor Dobreen
 - Councillor Nielsen
 - Councillor Mackey
 - Councillor Dickert
 - Warden Milne

- **Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee:**
 - Councillor Hutchinson
 - Councillor Nielsen
 - Councillor Bordignon
 - Councillor Boddy
 - Councillor Dickert
 - Councillor Carleton
 - Councillor Keaveney
 - Councillor McKay
 - Warden Milne

- **Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force:**
 - Councillor Greig
 - Councillor Eccles
 - Councillor McQueen
 - Councillor Carleton
 - Councillor Matrosovs
 - Councillor Mackey
 - Warden Milne.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW25-23 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That Committee of the Whole does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss:

- i. **A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality (Potential land disposal); and**
- ii. **Labour relations or employee negotiations (Union bargaining).**

That the following staff remain in attendance:

Kim Wingrove, Randy Scherzer, Michael Letourneau, Jennifer Cornell, Jennifer Moreau, Geraldine Cole, Scott Taylor, Natalie Mechalko, Tara Warder, Rob Hatten, Sarah Goldrup.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 1:57 PM.

Council returned to open session at 2:37 PM.

The Warden confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed.

Other Business

Councillor Bartley requested an update on Bridges 21 and 22, located in Meaford. Randy Scherzer confirmed a report on this topic was scheduled to be brought to Council for the February 9, 2023, meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Notice of Motion

There was no notice of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Nielsen and McKay, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:40 PM to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk