

Committee of the Whole

April 23, 2020

Grey County Council met on the above date at 10:46 AM through electronic means. Warden Paul McQueen assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members participating.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW76-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

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 Report FR-CW-09-20 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 1 of 2020 be received for information.**
- b. **That Report PDR-CW-19-20 regarding an extension request for a draft approved subdivision known as Beaver Valley Village be received and that approval is given for a five year extension of draft approval for Plan of Subdivision File 42T-2007-16 to May 10, 2025 under Section 51(33) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

EDTC-CW-09-20 COVID-19 Impact on Grey County Businesses

CW77-20 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Report EDTC-CW-09-20 regarding COVID-19 Impact on Grey County Businesses be received for information.

Carried

FR-CW-10-20 2020 Tax Policy

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Report FR-CW-10-20 regarding 2020 property tax policies be received; and

That as a result of the current pandemic and state of emergency that the 2020 tax policies remain the same as 2019 for:

- **Tax Ratios**
- **Tax Reductions for Mandated Subclasses of Vacant Lands**
- **Tax Reductions for Farmland Awaiting Development Subclasses**
- **Optional Classes of Property; and**

That the County utilize all of the optional capping tools available in order to move as many commercial properties as possible towards full current value assessment (CVA) based taxation; and

That the necessary By-laws be drafted for Council's consideration and approval.

Amendment

CW78-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Potter

That the second clause of the motion regarding tax ratios be amended by reducing the farm tax ratio to 0.218 from 0.24.

Councillor Soever requested a recorded vote on the amendment.

In Favour: S. Mackey 3, B. Gamble 3, P. McQueen 5, A. Desai 5, S. Keaveney 5, J. Woodbury 3, B. Milne 3, A. Soever 7, R. Potter 6, C. Robinson 6, T. Hutchinson 5

Opposed: D. Burley 6, S. Carleton 5, S. Paterson 3, S. Hicks 3, B. Clumpus 6, I. Boddy 8, B. O'Leary 8

The motion was Carried 51-39.

Councillor Desai put forward a motion to amend the main motion to reflect that the County begin phasing out of the Vacant Unit rebate program after the COVID-19 pandemic recovery. No seconder was received and the motion was therefore withdrawn.

Main Motion as Amended

CW79-20 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Report FR-CW-10-20 regarding 2020 property tax policies be received; and

That as a result of the current pandemic and state of emergency that the 2020 tax policies remain the same as 2019 for:

- **Tax Ratios, save and except for the Farm tax ratio which is to be reduced to 0.218;**
- **Tax Reductions for Mandated Subclasses of Vacant Lands**
- **Tax Reductions for Farmland Awaiting Development Subclasses**
- **Optional Classes of Property; and**

That the County utilize all of the optional capping tools available in order to move as many commercial properties as possible towards full current value assessment (CVA) based taxation; and

That the necessary By-laws be drafted for Council's consideration and approval.

Carried

The Committee recessed, then reconvened.

FR-CW-11-20 – Preliminary Overview of Potential Financial Impacts of COVID-19

Staff noted that RFT-TS-09-20 Structure Replacement on Grey Road 9 has been postponed until 2021.

CW80-20 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Report FR-CW-11-20 regarding Preliminary Overview of Potential Financial Impacts of COVID-19 be received for information.

Carried

TR-CW-11-20 Additional Funding for Structural Monitoring

CW81-20 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Report TR-CW-11-20 requesting additional funding for structural monitoring be received; and

That \$100,000.00 be allocated for structural monitoring of Structure 013-092, to be funded from the Transportation Services General Reserve; and

That Struct-Sure Infrastructure Monitoring Solutions be sole sourced to provide monitoring services.

Carried

TR-CW-12-20 Award of RFT-TS-08-20 Grey Road 9 Rehabilitation

CW82-20 Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**That Report TR-CW-12-20 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-08-20
Grey Road 9 Road Rehabilitation be received; and**

**That Cox Construction Ltd. be awarded the Tender for a total amount of
\$2,280,051.20, excluding HST.**

Carried

Other Business

There was no other business.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Desai provided a notice of motion regarding support for the resolution from the Township of Mapleton regarding a request to the Province of Ontario to review the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Burley and Robinson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:07 PM to the call of the Chair.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk