



Minutes

Council

May 13, 2021

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 9:30 AM through electronic means. The Clerk called Council to order and Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; and Kathie Nunno, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator were also participating.

The following staff members were in attendance:

Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Jennifer Moreau, Director of Human Resources; Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology; and Katrina Peredun, Communications Officer.

Land Acknowledgement

Warden Hicks read the land acknowledgement statement.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC40-21 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated April 22, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.

Carried

CC41-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the minutes of the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Task Force minutes dated May 6, 2021, be adopted as presented; and

That the following resolution contained therein be endorsed:

- i. That Report CAOR-RP-07-21 Award of LTC Redevelopment Project Management Services RFP LTC-05-21 be received; and**

That the Taskforce recommend the award of the project management services contract to Colliers Project Leaders Inc. as the successful bidder for the amount of \$899,000 plus HST to be taken from the redevelopment reserve; and

That staff be directed to negotiate an agreement with Colliers Project Leaders Inc. and the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement.

Carried

Reports

Board of Health

CC42-21 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That Board of Health minutes dated March 26, 2021, the Board of Health Executive Committee minutes dated April 8, 2021, the Board of Health Special Meeting minutes dated April 16, 2021, and the Board of Health Executive Committee minutes dated March 19, 2021 be received for information.

Carried

By-Laws

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That By-Laws 5112-21, 5113-21, 5114-21 and 5115-21 be introduced and that they be taken as read a first, second and 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.

- 5112-21 By-law To Provide for the Cancellation of Tax Increases for the Purposes of Relieving Financial Hardship**
- 5113-21 A By-law to Appoint a Treasurer for the County of Grey**
- 5114-21 By-law to Adopt Municipal Options Related to Part IX of The Municipal Act, 2001; Limitations on Taxes for Certain Property Classes**
- 5115-21 By-law to Establish Tax Policy and Levy Taxes for Upper Tier Purposes for the Year 2021**

Amendment to Main Motion

CC43-21 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That By-law 5112-21 be deferred to the May 27, 2021 meeting pending a staff review regarding the inclusion of additional language.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CC44-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That By-Laws 5113-21, 5114-21 and 5115-21 be introduced and that they be taken as read a first, second and 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.

5113-21 A By-law to Appoint a Treasurer for the County of Grey

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5115-21 By-law to Establish Tax Policy and Levy Taxes for Upper Tier Purposes for the Year 2021

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Desai advised that the hospice fundraiser provided over \$12,000 for the Chapman House hospice and added that Hike for Hospice continues until May 31.

Councillor Desai expressed appreciation to Grey County residents for their commitment of both time and money for this cause.

Councillor Potter said that the RABIT Task Force public meeting launched the speed test challenge asking people to sign on to the Canadian Internet Registration Authority website: cira.ca, and conduct an internet speed test to see how fast their internet is, especially in rural areas. He also noted the impact related to a lack of internet in rural areas. Councillor Potter thanked participants, Warden Hicks and Councillor McQueen.

Councillor Potter advised that there was a public meeting of the Institute of Southern Georgian Bay to discuss the role of municipalities post pandemic. There was good information sharing that led to a greater understanding of municipal role in the pandemic.

Warden Hicks congratulated The Town of Blue Mountains and Grey Highlands for broadband advocacy.

Councillor Keaveney announced that Meaford received national recognition for its “Report a Concern” website portal from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA). Councillor Keaveney extended congratulations to Meaford staff.

Councillor Desai noted that Markdale has been the subject of a documentary by local filmmaker Jesse McCracken called Grey Roads. The film will make its world premiere at this year’s virtual Hot Docs festival.

Councillor McQueen advised that Partnerships in Planning have conducted some visionary sessions focusing on the Beaver Valley area and downtown Markdale.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Hutchinson and O’Leary, Council adjourned at 10:12 AM to the call of the Warden.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk